



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus

Application to the Program of Priestly Formation

This printed application can be completed using blue or black ink. Please answer all questions truthfully and as completely as you can, then return directly to Father Paul Noble at the Vocations Office. If additional space is needed for questions, reference the question number and complete on a separate sheet(s) of paper. An electronic version can be requested through the Vocations Office and submitted via e-mail.

Human Formation

*"...the candidate is someone who makes of gift of himself and is able to receive the gift of others."
Program of Priestly Formation, USCCB*

Personal History and Identity

Full name: _____
Last, First, Middle

Address: _____
Street, City, State, Zip

Phone contact: _____
Daytime Evening Cell phone

E-mail: _____

Current age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____
mm/dd/yy City, State

Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ If no, what is your legal status? _____

Have you ever been married? _____ If yes, what type of union? (civil, church, common law) _____

Do you have any children? _____ If yes, list names and ages. _____

Are you a primary caregiver? _____ If yes, list names and ages. _____

Are you currently dating? _____ Are you currently or have you ever been engaged? _____

1. Have you ever been associated with a crime, arrested or convicted? If yes, please explain:

2. Have you ever had, or currently have, a restraining order against you? If yes, please explain:

3. Has anyone ever accused you of abuse, molestation or sexual harassment? If yes, please explain:

4. Do you currently have any debt or legal obligations? If yes, please explain:

Family History and Relationships

Father's name: _____

Natural father Step father Married to your mother Widowed Divorced Remarried

Living? _____ Cause of death? (if applicable) _____

Address: _____
Street, City, State, Zip

Phone contact: _____
Daytime Evening Cell phone

E-mail: _____

Date of birth: _____ Religion: _____ Occupation: _____ Highest education level: _____

Mother's name: _____

Natural mother Step mother Married to your father Widowed Divorced Remarried

Living? _____ Cause of death? (if applicable) _____

Address: _____
Street, City, State, Zip

Phone contact: _____
Daytime Evening Cell phone

E-mail: _____

Date of birth: _____ Religion: _____ Occupation: _____ Highest education level: _____

5. Please list your siblings, oldest first (Name, Age, Occupation, Marital Status):

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

6. Please list any relatives in the Priesthood or Religious Life (Name, Diocese/Order, City, State):

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

7. What is your family's response to your decision to enter seminary?

Work and Life Experience

8. Please list the different places you have lived over the last ten years (City, State, Country, Specify Dates):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

9. Please explain your work experience as detailed below, starting with your most recent employer first:

Employer's name: _____
Address: _____ Telephone: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of employment: _____ Salary: _____
Description of work: _____
Reason for leaving: _____

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Have you ever been fired from a job? If so, why?

10. What did you enjoy most from your work experience or what kind of work do you most enjoy?

11. What did you enjoy least about your work experience or what kind of work do you least enjoy?

Did you serve in the Armed Forces? _____ Branch? _____ Rank? _____

Enlistment-discharge dates: _____ Honorable Discharge? If not, explain. _____

Description of duties: _____

Reserve status: _____ Do you currently receive compensation? _____

12. What did you enjoy most about the Armed Services?

13. What did you enjoy least about the Armed Services?

14. Do you perform any volunteer work? If so, please describe and include what you learned from the experience(s).

Mental and Physical Health

15. Are you in good physical and mental health? If not, please describe any conditions for which you are or have been treated and include specific prescription medications that you are taking.

16. Do you suffer from or have you suffered from any addiction to drugs, alcohol, pornography, gambling or other compulsive behavior? If so, please explain the circumstances and where you are in the recovery process.

17. Have you used or are you using “recreational” drugs? If so, please describe the circumstances, frequency, duration and intensity of use.

18. Do you drink alcohol? If so, please describe the circumstances, frequency, duration and intensity of use.

19. What do you believe is the role of a man in our current society?

20. How should a man, particularly a seminarian, relate to female friends and co-workers?

Social Network and Personal Time

21. How much free time do you have and how do you spend it? Please include all social and volunteer outlets, hobbies and interests.

22. Describe your social life, including the amount of time and types of activities you enjoy doing with specific friends or groups of friends.

23. Do you enjoy reading? Please include three-four titles of books you have recently read and any periodicals to which you subscribe.

24. Is there anything in your past which might cause someone to object should he or she discover that you are planning to enter seminary?

Spiritual Formation

*"...live in intimate and unceasing union with God the Father through his Son, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit."
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25. To which parish do you belong, how long have you been a member and are you actively serving in the parish?

Who is your Pastor?

26. Are you in full communion with the Catholic Church? If not, please explain.

Sacraments received (Date, Church Name, City, State, Country):

Baptism _____

Holy Communion _____

Confirmation _____

Other (specify) _____

27. Did you ever belong to a church other than the Catholic Church? If so, which one and why did you convert?

28. Does anyone in your family belong to another faith? If so, were there any unusual religious practices in your home?

29. Since your confirmation, have you ever been away from the Catholic Church for a period of time? If so, please explain.

30. When did you first think you might be called to become a priest? Please explain the circumstances and who, if anyone, may have been most influential on your decision to pursue it.

31. Is this the first time you have spoken with a Vocation Director or applied for acceptance as a candidate to a diocese or religious order? If so, what prompts your decision to apply for the seminary program at this time? If not, please explain and provide the name of your contact person, diocese or religious order, date(s) of application and current status.

32. Have you ever been accepted as a candidate for any other diocese or religious order? If so, please provide the names(s), date(s), reason(s) for leaving, level of disaffiliation and circumstances surrounding the disaffiliation.

33. Have you ever bound yourself by oaths, vows or promises in any religious organization? If so, please explain and provide dates, whether commitments were temporary or perpetual and if they have expired or been dispensed.

34. What skills, aptitudes and experiences do you possess which may be valuable to you as a priest?

35. What are the things that priests do that you find appealing?

36. What apprehensions do you have about your decision to become a priest?

37. If you were not to become a priest, what other careers would you consider?

38. Why do you wish to serve in the Diocese of Columbus?

39. Assuming you are ordained, what type of assignment(s) most appeals to you?

40. What is your understanding of obedience to the Bishop?

41. What is your understanding of celibacy?

Intellectual Formation

“...seek to acquire a wisdom which in turn opens to and is directed towards knowing and adhering to God.”
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42. Please list all high schools attended, the one from which you graduated first (School Name, (Catholic, public, private), City, State, Attendance Dates):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

43. Please describe all high school extra curricular activities in which you were involved:

44. Please describe the extent of religious education you received at the high school level:

45. Please list all post-secondary education obtained, most recent first (College/University, City, State, Attendance Dates, Degree):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

46. Please describe all post-secondary education extra curricular activities in which you were involved:

47. Please describe the extent of religious education you received at this level:

48. What area of study do you enjoy most and what area of study do you enjoy least? Why?

49. Which languages have you studied? What proficiency level(s) did you obtain (speak, read, write)?

50. Please list any skills or areas of expertise that you possess as a result of special training, certification or qualification:

51. Have you ever been expelled or dismissed from high school or post-secondary education institution? If so, please explain.

Pastoral Formation

*“...true shepherds of souls after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, teacher, priest and shepherd.”
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52. What do you envision as the future for the Church and how do you want to serve?

53. How have you been involved in your local church community (parish, campus ministry, etc.)?

54. What do you believe is a positive aspect of the contemporary Church?

55. What do you believe is a negative aspect of the contemporary Church?

56. What current social issue(s) concern you and how do you think you and/or the Church can help?

57. Describe your experience with peoples of other cultures, in terms of church and social experiences?

58. How do you feel about a requirement to learn another language and become acquainted with other cultures within the Diocese?

59. Have you been a good steward over personal or other funds for which you were responsible? If not, please explain.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ FULLY THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AND SIGN BELOW

By signing below, I hereby affirm that the information that I have provided in this application and any other additional information that I submit to the Diocese of Columbus, is complete, accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that furnishing false or incomplete information on any part of this application or related materials may result in cancellation of acceptance.

Applicant's Full Legal Signature

Date