



The Pontifical North American College

Admissions Policy Web Release

Introduction

In order to provide an objective prioritization of student applications such that the Admissions Committee can expeditiously communicate the acceptance or non-acceptance of applicants in a timely manner based upon the available number of rooms in a given year, the College will be integrating new admissions policies regarding incoming applications. The goal of these policies is to enable the Admissions Committee to communicate to the individual dioceses regarding the status of their applicants as early as possible.

With the increased enrollment in recent years at the North American College, it has become necessary to develop criteria by which the Admissions Committee will be able to prioritize the acceptance of applicants to the College. Rather than setting a maximum number of students or “cap” to the enrollment, the prioritization of applications by these criteria will enable the College to accept as many students as the College can accommodate from year to year.

Criteria

The following is a summary of the criteria from which the Admissions Committee will establish a prioritized list of applicants each year:

- **Program for Priestly Formation:** The requirements of the PPF will have the greatest weight in determining an applicants status.
- **Diocesan Equitability:** Those dioceses and Ordinaries who have been exceptionally generous in promoting and supporting the College will be given special consideration. The number of applications received from each diocese in a given year will also be taken into consideration, such that as many dioceses as possible will be represented at the College.
- **International Students:** In recognition of the valuable presence of the Australian students at the seminary, the College will continue to accept students from Australia. However, a maximum of 7% of the incoming class each year will be open to applicants from Australia.
- **Wait List:** An applicant may be given “Wait List Status” at the discretion of the Admissions Committee for academic, psychological, or any other reason that indicates the applicant might have serious challenges in successfully participating in formation at the College.
- **Application Deadlines:** The Admissions deadlines will be taken into account when considering applications.
- **Transfer Students:** Applicants seeking acceptance into 2nd or 3rd theology will be given “Wait List Status”
- **Likelihood of Success:** The Admissions Committee will take into consideration the likelihood for a given applicant to do well in Rome at the College as a factor in determining their acceptance status.

Procedure

The Admissions Process will be carried out as follows. A **First Admissions Deadline** and a **Second Admissions Deadline** will both be specified by the College such that two “waves” of admissions will take place. The College will also specify a **First Acceptance Date** and a **Second Acceptance Date**, by which the applicants will either be granted acceptance or given their status on the waiting list. A prioritized **Acceptance List** will be generated on the basis of the above-listed considerations and the deliberations of the Admissions Committee. Applications received after the first deadline but prior to the second will be considered together in a second deliberation by the Admissions Committee after the second deadline. Acceptable applicants from this “second wave” will be listed after those remaining from the “first wave,” but before those given “Wait List Status.” Any applicants who are given “**Wait List Status**” will be considered for acceptance only after those who have not been given such status have been accepted regardless of the date of receipt of the applications. Any applications received after the second deadline will be acted upon as space permits.