



# *Pontifical North American College*

## **DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS'**

### **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

(This letter of recommendation is to be written by the Director of Seminarians/Vocations or whomever serves as the immediate diocesan Supervisor of the Applicant.)

#### *CONCERNING*

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*Applicant's Name*

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*(Arch)Diocese*

In assessing the applicant's preparedness to begin the Configuration Stage of formation, his Director of Vocations is asked to consider some of the following in his letter of recommendation:

1. Human Formation
  - a. Please speak to the applicant's character, level of maturity and relationship skills.
  - b. How has the applicant demonstrated self-discipline and maintained a healthy, well-balanced lifestyle?
  - c. What growth has the applicant shown during his time in seminary formation so far?
2. Spiritual Formation
  - a. How have you witnessed the applicant's growth in his commitment to his vocation?
  - b. Please speak to the applicant's life of prayer and his willingness to speak about it.
  - c. How would you evaluate the applicant's capacity and preparedness to embrace a life of celibacy?
3. Intellectual Formation
  - a. How would you rate the applicant's intellectual capabilities and his facility with languages?
  - b. Is the applicant committed to actively engaging the intellectual life?
  - c. Is the applicant able to make connections between his studies and pastoral ministry?
4. Pastoral Formation
  - a. How would you assess the applicant's connection to the diocese, its presbyterate and the other seminarians from the diocese?
  - b. Can you speak to the applicant's commitment to evangelization, to works of charity and/or to care for the less fortunate?
  - c. How has the applicant demonstrated growth in pastoral skills?
5. Do you believe the applicant has arrived at the requisite benchmarks for beginning the Configuration Stage of priestly formation?
6. What areas of growth would you like to see in the applicant during his time in formation at the North American College?

*Please include this letter and all other necessary application materials in the seminarian's application portfolio.*