



# *Pontifical North American College*

## PASTOR'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

(This page is to be given to the home pastor whom the applicant has asked to write a letter of recommendation.)

### *CONCERNING*

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*Applicant's Name*

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*(Arch)Diocese*

In the letter of recommendation, you are asked to address some of the following:

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. How well do you know the applicant and his family?
3. What is the applicant's reputation in the parish and local community?
4. In what kinds of parish activities has he been involved?
5. Can you speak to the applicant's commitment to evangelization, to works of charity and/or to care for the less fortunate?
6. How would you assess the applicant's connection to the diocese and its presbyterate?
7. Do you have any concerns about the applicant beginning the Configuration Stage of priestly formation at the Pontifical North American College?

*Please give your letter either to the applicant in a sealed envelope or to the Diocesan Director of Vocations to be forwarded to the Pontifical North American College. This letter will be included in the seminarian's application portfolio.*



# *Pontifical North American College*

## RECTOR'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AND/OR FINAL SEMINARY EVALUATION

(One letter of recommendation is to be written by the Rector(s) of all seminaries the applicant has attended prior to this application to the Pontifical North American College.)

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*Applicant's Name*

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*(Arch)Diocese*

The North American College hopes to ascertain from the Rector his opinion concerning the applicant's preparedness to begin the Configuration Stage of formation. He is asked to consider some of the following in his letter of recommendation and/or final seminary evaluation:

1. Human Formation
  - a. Does the applicant approach priestly formation with accountability, openness and transparency?
  - b. Please speak to the applicant's character, level of maturity and relationship skills.
  - c. How has the applicant demonstrated self-discipline and maintained a healthy, well-balanced lifestyle?
  - d. 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 in formation.
  - 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 the other dimensions of formation?
4. Pastoral Formation
  - a. Can you speak to the applicant's commitment to evangelization, to works of charity and/or to care for the less fortunate?
  - b. In what ways has he manifested leadership skills in the seminary?
  - 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 recommend for the applicant during his time in formation at the North American College?

*Please send your letter, and/or the applicant's Final Seminary Evaluation, directly to the applicant's Diocesan Director of Vocations to be forwarded to the Pontifical North American College. It will be included in the seminarian's application portfolio.*



# *Pontifical North American College*

## FORMATION ADVISOR'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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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 formation advisor is asked to consider some of the following:

1. Human Formation
  - a. Does the applicant approach priestly formation with accountability, openness and transparency?
  - b. Please speak to the applicant's character, level of maturity and relationship skills.
  - c. How has the applicant demonstrated self-discipline and maintained a healthy, well-balanced lifestyle?
  - d. 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 in formation.
  - c. How would you evaluate the applicant's capacity and preparedness to embrace a life of celibacy?
3. Do you believe the applicant has arrived at the requisite benchmarks for beginning the Configuration Stage of priestly formation?
4. What areas of growth would you recommend for the applicant during his time in formation at the North American College?

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*Pontifical North American College*  
PHILOSOPHY OR THEOLOGY  
PROFESSOR'S LETTER OF  
RECOMMENDATION

(This letter of recommendation is to be written by a teacher who is not a Spiritual Director, former or present, of the applicant.)

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*Applicant's Name*

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*(Arch)Diocese*

In the letter of recommendation, you are asked to address some of the following:

1. What do you consider to be the applicant's assets, skills, talents, interests, personal qualities?
2. Does the applicant have any significant limitations?
3. How would you rate the applicant's intellectual capabilities and his facility with languages?
4. Is the applicant committed to actively engaging the intellectual life?
5. Is the applicant able to make connections between his studies and the other dimensions of formation?

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