

## Letter of Reference & Confirmation of Prior Formation in a Religious Community/Diocese

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of religious community/diocese/seminary: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of applicant's affiliation in your community/diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

What status did the applicant have in your religious community/diocese? Please check all that apply:

Aspirant     Postulant     Novice     Temporarily professed     Seminarian

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Which ministries/orders were received? Please check all that apply:

Tonsure     Porter     Lector     Exorcist     Acolyte     Subdiaconate

1. How long have you personally known the applicant? Under what capacity?

2. What was the reason for the applicant's departure from your program of formation/discernment?

3. *Is there any evidence he left to avoid enforced dismissal? If so, please explain.*

4. *Did the applicant undergo any psychological consultation while in your program?*

5. *Did the applicant adapt to community life in your community/diocese/seminary?*

6. *Did the applicant show a proper understanding of sexuality and celibacy? Please explain if necessary.*

7. *To your knowledge, did the applicant come from another religious community/diocese before joining yours or did he join another after he left you?*

8. *Please describe his chief personality traits in terms of his integrity, judgment, temperament and emotional stability.*

9. *What seems to be his general attitude and outlook on life?*

10. *What evidence can you give that shows him to be a mature, responsible, and seriously motivated individual?*

11. What are his strengths? What does he do well?

12. *What would you consider to be his significant weaknesses or liabilities? Do you believe he is aware of them?*

13. *Please describe his personality with peers, subordinates, and authority figures.*

14. *What is your overall assessment of the applicant?*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I recommend the applicant without reservation.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I am unsure. (please explain on next page)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I have some reservation, but think he might be a good candidate for your community. (please explain on next page)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I am unable to recommend the applicant.*

*(Explanation for section 14):*

15. *Please add any additional comments or observations here that you believe will aid us in reviewing this applicant for our community.*

***Please sign and date the following page***

Name: Rev. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese/Religious community: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

***Please print the completed form and mail to:***

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary  
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