



Diocese of Dodge City

Office of Priestly Vocations
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Dodge City, KS 67801
620-227-1533

DATE: _____

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name _____
 First Middle Last

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How long have you lived at the above address? _____

Cell Phone _____ Other Phone _____

E-mail _____

2. Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

3. Social Security Number _____

4. Your Parish _____ Pastor _____

FAMILY BACKGROUND

5. Father

Name_____

Birthplace_____

_____ Living _____ Deceased

Date of birth_____

If living:

Address

Phone ()_____

Religion:_____

Occupation:_____

Convert?: Yes No

6. Mother

Name_____

Birthplace_____

_____ Living _____ Deceased

Date of birth_____

If living:

Address

Phone ()_____

Religion:_____

Occupation:_____

Convert?: Yes No

7. Parents' Marital Information:

Date of parents' marriage_____ Location_____

Parish

City

State

Parents' Current Marital Status:_____

If divorced, has either parent remarried? Yes No

8. Brothers and Sisters:

Boys_____ Their Ages_____

Girls_____ Their Ages_____

9. Do you have any relatives in the priesthood or religious life? Yes No

If yes, please specify:_____

PERSONAL DATA

10. How much free time do you have apart from work or school, and how do you spend that time?

(include hobbies and other interests such as sports) _____

11. What school, community, or parish organizations have you belonged to? _____

12. Have you exercised any type of leadership role in any of your free-time activities? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

13. Have you dated? Yes No

How frequently have you dated? _____

Are you currently dating? Yes No

Have you ever been engaged or seriously considered marriage? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

14. Have you ever been married (in church, civilly or common law)? Yes No

15. Do you have a relative or other person dependent upon you financially? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

PHYSICAL HEALTH BACKGROUND

16. Do you have a personal physician? Yes No If yes:

Physician's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone number () _____

17. Date of last physical examination: _____

18. Have you received treatment for an ongoing medical problem? Yes No

If yes, specify _____

19. Have you ever been hospitalized for a serious injury or illness? Yes No

If yes, explain _____

20. Are there any limitations on your diet or physical activity? Yes No

If yes, describe _____

21. Do you drink alcoholic beverages? Yes No

If yes, what do you usually drink? _____

How often do you drink? _____

22. Do you smoke or chew tobacco? Yes No

If yes, how much? _____

23. Do you take prescription drugs? Yes No

If yes, please list: _____

24. Have you ever been chemically dependent? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

25. Have you ever been involved in a chemical dependency or substance abuse program? Yes No

If yes, list where and when: _____

26. Have you ever been in a treatment program for abuse of any kind? Yes No

If yes, list where and when: _____

27. Is there any history of mental illness in your immediate family? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

28. Is there any history of substance abuse in your immediate family? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

29. Have you had any counseling or treatment for emotional problems? Yes No

If yes, please give details and diagnosis: _____

30. Do you exercise? Yes No

If yes, how? _____

How often? _____

31. Do you currently have medical (health) insurance? Yes No

If yes, please give the carrier/company _____

How long will this be available to you? _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

32. List in order the schools you have attended:

Elementary and/or Junior High:

Name	City/State	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

High Schools:

Name	City/State	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Date of Graduation _____ Grade Point Average _____ ACT/SAT Score _____

33. If you did not attend Catholic schools, please describe the extent of your religious education.

(e.g., CCD, Youth Group, Newman Center) _____

34. List in order the Colleges/Universities/Seminaries you have attended.

School	Location	Dates	Major	Degree
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Approximate GPA in College: _____

Which High School/College studies did you like the best? _____

Which High School/College studies did you like the least? _____

Did you fail any courses? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, specify _____

35. Indicate your ability to:

Speak Spanish: ___ None ___ Little ___ Moderate ___ Proficient ___ Fluent

Read Spanish: ___ None ___ Little ___ Moderate ___ Proficient ___ Fluent

Write Spanish: ___ None ___ Little ___ Moderate ___ Proficient ___ Fluent

36. Other foreign languages (specify language, years of study and current ability):

37. What is your desire to learn Spanish? _____

38. If your college major was not philosophy, indicate any philosophy courses you have completed:

39. List any Extra-Curricular Activities or Organizations you are/were involved in:

Name of Group	Type of Activity	Your Position
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

40. Faith life:

How often do you attend Sunday Mass? _____

How often do you attend daily Mass? _____

How often do you receive the Sacrament of Penance? _____

41. Have you ever been away from the practice of the Catholic faith for a time? Yes No

If yes, why? _____

When did you return to the Catholic Church? _____

42. Have you ever belonged to a church or religious body other than the Catholic Church? Yes No

If yes, what denomination? _____

Date of entry into the Catholic Church _____

Did you participate in the R.C.I.A.? Yes No

43. Indicate the usual religious practices in your home: _____

44. List any ways you have been involved in your Parish (e.g., Altar Server, Choir Member, Lector,

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion): _____

45. List any (arch)diocese(s) in which you have resided for six months or longer after 14 years of age.

46. Have you ever applied and **not** been accepted as a candidate by any other (arch)diocese or religious

community? Yes No

If yes, please list the (arch)diocese(s) and/or religious communities:

47. Have you ever been accepted as a candidate for any other diocese, religious community or secular institute? Yes No

If yes, please list the (arch)diocese(s), religious communities, and/or secular institutes:

Why did you leave? _____

VOCATIONAL GOALS AND ATTITUDES

48. How old were you when you first thought of becoming a priest? _____

49. Do your parents and family support your studying for the priesthood? _____

50. What skills and experiences do you have which may be valuable in your ministry as a priest?

51. What apprehensions do you have about your decision to be a diocesan priest? _____

52. Which duties of a priest do you find most appealing? _____

53. What motivated you to apply for the Diocese of Dodge City?

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

55. In one or two sentences, comment on the following areas:

Obedience to your Bishop: _____

Personal Prayer: _____

Women in Ministry: _____

Sharing ministerial responsibilities with lay people: _____

Sacraments: _____

Sacred Scripture: _____

The Holy Eucharist: _____

Ministering in a rural church: _____

Living a celibate life: _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

56. Please list your present or most recent full or part-time employment:

Name of employer: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Job Title: _____ Duration: _____

Your supervisor's name: _____ Phone: _____

Describe your duties: _____

57. List the past four paid positions you have held:

Employer	Position	Dates of Employment	Reason for leaving
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58. Were you ever terminated from a job? Yes No

If so, why? _____

59. Please list any volunteer work you have done: _____

FINANCIAL STATUS

60. Please list any debts you have:

	Amount due
Car loan: _____	\$ _____
Mortgage: _____	\$ _____
Credit Card: _____	\$ _____
Student loans: _____	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____

Please itemize any student loans:

Agency _____	Rate _____	Year(s) incurred _____	\$ _____
Agency _____	Rate _____	Year(s) incurred _____	\$ _____
Agency _____	Rate _____	Year(s) incurred _____	\$ _____

61. If in college, do you currently receive any financial aid? If yes, please itemize:

62. Do you gamble? Yes No

If yes, how frequently? _____

LEGAL STATUS

63. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No

If no, of what country are you a citizen? _____

64. Have you ever been arrested? Yes No

If yes, what were the charges? _____

Place and date of arrest: _____
City County State Date

Age at time of arrest: _____ Disposition: _____

65. Have you ever been convicted of a crime of sexual abuse, physical abuse, sexual harassment or sexual exploitation? Yes No

66. Has any civil or criminal complaint ever been made against you relating to sexual abuse, physical abuse, sexual harassment or sexual exploitation? Yes No

67. Have you ever terminated your employment or had your employment terminated for reasons relating to allegations or complaints of sexual abuse, physical abuse, sexual harassment or sexual exploitation? Yes No

68. Have you ever received medical, physical or psychological treatment for reasons involving sexual or physical abuse, sexual harassment or sexual exploitation of others? Yes No

CANONICAL STATUS

69. The following are impediments to ordination which require a dispensation, please check where applicable:

a. Insanity (i.e., have you ever committed yourself to or been committed to a psychiatric facility?)

Yes No

b. Apostasy, heresy or schism (i.e., have you ever publicly abandoned the Catholic Church; have you publicly joined another religious body by a formal act?) Yes No

c. Is there any existing marriage bond (i.e., a former marriage that is not annulled)?

Yes No

d. Have you made private or public religious vows? Yes No

e. Have you been involved in the taking another human life? Yes No

f. Have you have you helped someone procure an abortion, performed an abortion or cooperated in obtaining an abortion for another person? Yes No

g. Have you ever attempted suicide, self-mutilation or mutilation of others? Yes No

h. Have you ever impersonated a deacon, priest or bishop? Yes No

i. Have you ever been excommunicated? Yes No

MILITARY SERVICE

70. Have you ever served in the armed forces? Yes No

71. If you have served in the Armed Services:

Branch of service: _____ Date of enlistment: _____ Rank at discharge: _____

Date of discharge: _____ Type of discharge: _____ Combat: _____

Service duties: _____ Reserve status: _____

72. Are you presently eligible to receive funds for your education? Yes No

DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE VOCATION DIRECTOR

1. References:

- Reference forms can be obtained from the Vocations Office or from www.dcdiocese.org/vocations. One is specifically for your pastor, and two forms are for people who know you well. Examples would be a parish member, a teacher or professor, a coach, or an employer. Please give them the appropriate form and ask them to complete and return it directly to the Office of Priestly Vocations.

2. Academic documents:

- One official copy of all high school (if applying for seminary college), college, and graduate school transcripts. Contact each school for one official transcript to be sent directly to:

Director of the Office of Priestly Vocations
Diocese of Dodge City
PO Box 137
Dodge City, KS 67801

- College Board Scores (SAT or ACT) for those entering seminary college.
- If applicable: Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores

3. Sacramental documents:

- A copy of your Baptismal Certificate (issued within the last six months) with notation of reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

4. Other documents:

- Your completed medical form (received separately from Vocations Office).

5. A detailed typed autobiography of approximately 2-3 pages to include the following:

- A description of your family and your relationships with them.
- A description of your education and school years, including high and low points.
- Relationships with peers, your dating history, and social life.
- Experiences and achievements in work, parish, and volunteer activities.
- A description of those events in your life that have most made you who you are.

6. A one page typed statement on "Why I Want to be a Priest". Include how you see your gifts and talents being used and what your limitations or weaknesses would be.

7. A one page typed statement on "How the Catholic Church has shaped my life."

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY

I, the undersigned, certify that the facts contained in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that falsified statements shall be grounds for disqualification or dismissal as a seminarian under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Dodge City. I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and release all parties from all liability for any damage that may result from furnishing such information or documents to you. I recognize that the information requested by the Diocese of Dodge City will become the property of the Diocese of Dodge City, and will not be accessible to me.

Applicant Name (Printed)

Witness Name (Printed)

Signature (Applicant)*

Signature (Witness)

Date

Place

*If the applicant is under the age of 19, the signature of a parent or guardian is required.

Signature (Parent)

Date

NOTICE OF INTENTION AND RELEASE FORM

I, the undersigned, hereby express my intention to make application to prepare for the priesthood as a seminarian under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Dodge City.

I give my permission to the Vocation Director of the Diocese of Dodge City, the staff of the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Dodge City, the Bishop of Dodge City, and/or their delegates, to conduct whatever investigation is deemed necessary for the consideration of my application. I understand and agree that any and all documents, letters, and other materials obtained or submitted in support of my application will be retained and used to conduct the investigation and that those documents, letters, and other materials will not be returned to me.

I understand and agree that if I am accepted to prepare for the priesthood as a seminarian under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Dodge City, the Vocation Director of the Diocese of Dodge City, the staff of the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Dodge City, the Bishop of Dodge City, and/or their delegates, are authorized to release the application information, documents, letters, and other materials to the Rector of the Seminary and/or his delegates to which I make application.

If I am not accepted to prepare for the priesthood as a seminarian under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Dodge City, or if for whatever reason I am no longer preparing for the priesthood as a seminarian under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Dodge City, I understand and agree that the Vocation Director of the Diocese of Dodge City, the staff of the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Dodge City, the Bishop of Dodge City, and/or their delegates may divulge any information, including confidential information, about me to the Rector or proper Superior of any other Seminary, Religious Order, or (Arch)diocese to which I may apply.

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Date

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Date

RELEASE FROM PROFESSIONAL SECRECY

I, the undersigned, hereby express my intention to make application to prepare for the priesthood as a seminarian under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Dodge City. To aid the Diocese of Dodge City in assessing my suitability as a potential seminarian, I do hereby release the Vocation Director of the Diocese of Dodge City from the obligation of professional secrecy regarding any professional consultation, evaluation or treatment given me of either medical or psychological nature only for the purposes described herein and only in connection with my application to prepare for the priesthood as a seminarian under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Dodge City.

I also give permission for the Vocation Director of the Diocese of Dodge City to release any and all records and/or documents pertaining to me to the staff of the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Dodge City, the Bishop of Dodge City, professionals consulted by the Vocation Director and/or their delegates, to evaluate my application to prepare for the priesthood as a seminarian under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Dodge City and, in connection therewith, I waive any privilege to the confidential nature of the contents of the above-mentioned records and/or documents. This consent, authorization and waiver shall not extend beyond revealing information to the Vocation Director of the Diocese of Dodge City, the staff of the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Dodge City, the Bishop of Dodge City, professionals consulted by the Vocation Director and/or their delegates, nor shall it be used for any purposes other than those stated herein.

However, should I be accepted to prepare for the priesthood as a seminarian under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Dodge City, I authorize the Vocation Director to release whatever records and/or documents pertaining to my application process in its possession to the Rector and/or his delegates of that Seminary to which I am applying for admittance. I give my permission to said Rector to share summaries prepared by him of the information contained in the above-mentioned records and/or documents with the Seminary's Formation Committee which the Rector may in his discretion consider necessary for the Seminary Formation process.

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Signature (Applicant)*

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Place

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Date

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