

DIOCESE OF YAKIMA



PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR POSSIBLE SEMINARIANS

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*Preliminary Application
For Possible Seminarians*

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PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

(For those requesting consideration as a Seminarian for the Diocese of Yakima)

Please type or print and return to: Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Diocese of Yakima
5301 Tieton Drive Suite A
Yakima, WA 98908

Date: _____

I. PERSONAL DATA:

1. Name: _____
First Middle Last

2. Address: _____
Mailing Address/P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

3. Phone: _____
Home Work Cell

4. Social Security Number: _____

5. E-mail Address: _____

6. Date & Place of Birth: _____
Date City State/Province Country

7. Parish Attended: _____
Name & Address Telephone #

8. Please give the name of a Priest who knows you well:

Name Position

Address Phone

9. Sacraments Received:

Baptism: _____
Date Church City, State Country

Confirmation: _____
Date Church City, State Country

Did you participate in the R.C.I.A. process: Yes ___ No ___

10. Student Information:

School being attended

Present grade/Class level

Major or Career goal orientation

II. EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND:

Are you presently employed? Yes____ No____

If yes, please fill out the following information:

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| Employer | City, State |
|----------|-------------|

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Your particular work | Years/months at this job |
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III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

1. _____

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Elementary School | City, State | Span of Years |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| High School | City, State | Which Years | G.P.A. |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|

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|---------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| College | City, State | Which Years | G.P.A. |
|---------|-------------|-------------|--------|

Area(s) of Study _____

2. Indicate which philosophy courses, if any, you have taken: _____

3. Indicate your ability to communicate in Spanish (check one):
None____ Little____ Moderate____ Proficient____

4. Indicate any other foreign languages you speak and your ability to speak them:

5. For non-native speakers of English, how many years of English have you studied? _____

IV. LEGAL STATUS:

1. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes____ No____

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

2. Are you a permanent resident of the U.S. (Green Card Holder)? Yes____ No____

3. Have you ever had any USA visa, for example a tourist visa, even if expired?

Yes____ No____

If yes, what kind of visa, for example, a tourist visa? _____

What is/was the period of validity of that visa? _____

4. Have you ever entered the U.S.A without a visa? Yes____ No____

If so, when?

5. Have you ever been arrested? Yes____ No____ Age at time of arrest: _____

Place and date of arrest: _____
City County State Date

If so, what were the charges? _____

Outcome: _____

V. MILITARY SERVICE:

1. Have you ever served in the military? Yes____ No____

Branch of Service: _____ Date of Enlistment: _____

Date of Discharge: _____ Type of Discharge: _____

VI. FINANCIAL STATUS:

1. Are you currently in debt (credit cards, bank loans or personal/government/student loans, etc)? Yes____ No____

If yes, please indicate the amount you owe and to whom it is owed: _____

2. Do you have a regular income? Yes____ No____ Annual Estimate: _____

VII. RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND:

1. List the church-related activities in which you have been engaged in during the last three years:

a. _____

- b. _____
- c. _____

2. Have you ever stopped the regular practice of your Catholic Faith? For example, not attending Sunday Mass. Yes___ No___

If so, for how many months or years? _____ Months _____ Years

3. Have you ever formally renounced you Catholic Faith? Yes___ No___

If yes, for how long? _____

Why? _____

When did you return to the Catholic Church? _____

4. Have you ever belonged to a Church or religious body other than the Catholic Church? Yes___ No___

VIII. HEALTH BACKGROUND:

1. Date of last physical examination: _____

2. Date of last dental exam: _____

3. Date of last eye exam: _____

4. Chronic illnesses or permanent disabilities? _____

5. If there is any history of mental illness in your immediate family, please give details:

6. Have you ever been in a treatment program of any kind? Yes___ No___

If so, list where and when: _____

7. Please list any hospitalizations in the last three (3) years. Give dates and reasons for treatment:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

8. Do you drink alcoholic beverages? Yes___ No___

Which one(s)? _____ How often? _____

9. Do you take prescription medications? Yes___ No___

If yes, which ones: _____

10. Have you ever been chemically dependent? Yes___ No___

Which drugs? _____

11. Have you ever been involved in a chemical dependency or substance abuse program?
Yes___ No___

IX. VOCATIONAL CHOICES:

1. Have you ever applied for admittance to another diocese as a seminarian?
Yes___ No___

Name of Diocese(s) How many Years?

Address(es) Telephone(s)

A. If so, were you accepted? Yes___ No___ What year? _____

B. How long were you a seminarian? _____

C. Ministries Received (eg. lector, acolyte, etc.):

Acolyte? Yes___ No___ What year did you receive it? _____

Lector? Yes___ No___ What year did you receive it? _____

D. Did you leave? Yes___ No___

E. Why did you leave? _____

2. Have you ever submitted an application to a religious community? Yes___ No___

A. If yes, which one? Name: _____

Address City, State Country

B. Were you accepted? Yes___ No___ What Year? _____

C. Vows Professed? Yes___ No___ Did they expire? Yes___ No___

D. Ministries Received (lector, acolyte, etc.):

Which ones? What year did you receive it?

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| Which ones? | What year did you receive it? |
| Name of Religious Community(ies) | |
| Address(es) | Telephone(s) |
| E. Did you leave the Community? Yes_____ No_____ What Year? _____ | |
| F. If yes, why did you leave? _____ | |

X. VOCATIONAL ATTITUDES:

1. Which aspects of priestly life do you find most appealing? _____

2. Which aspects of priestly life do you find most challenging? _____

3. In one or two sentences comment on the following:
 - A. Obedience to the Bishop: _____

 - B. Personal Prayer: _____

 - C. Celibate Chastity: _____

 - D. Women as parish leaders or helpers with Sunday worship: _____

 - E. Having lay people as co-workers: _____

 - F. Ministry to non-English speaking people: _____

XI. Marital Status:

1. Have you been married? Yes ____ No ____
2. If yes, please provide the following information:
 - A. Number of years of marriage: _____
 - B. How did the marriage end, death or divorce? _____
 - C. In which diocese did the marriage occur? _____
 - D. List the names and ages of any children:

| | | | |
|------|-----|------|-----|
| Name | Age | Name | Age |
| Name | Age | Name | Age |
| Name | Age | Name | Age |
 - E. If the marriage ended in divorce, did it ever receive a declaration of nullity from the Catholic Church? Yes ____ No ____
 - F. If yes, in which (Arch) Diocese was this granted? _____
Date of Annulment: _____
 - G. In which diocese does your former wife live? _____

XII. CANONICAL STATUS:

The following are canonical impediments which would require a dispensation before ordination, please check where applicable:

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|--|-----|----|
| a. Severe mental illness (i.e. have you ever committed yourself 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 advocated any views contrary to the teaching of the Catholic Church; have you ever joined another religious body by a formal act?) | Yes | No |
| c. Have you made public religious vows? | Yes | No |

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| d. Have you been involved in the taking of another human life; have you helped someone procure an abortion, performed an abortion or positively cooperated in obtaining an abortion for another person? | Yes | No |
| e. Have you ever attempted suicide, self-mutilation or mutilation of others? | Yes | No |
| f. Have you ever impersonated a deacon, priest or bishop? | Yes | No |
| g. Have you ever been excommunicated? | Yes | No |

DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE VOCATION DIRECTOR AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE, INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY

1. Birth Certificate
2. Background check: the form is available from the pastor of your parish.
3. Church Documents:
 - A. Recently issued copy of your Baptismal certificate (issued in the last six months by the Church of your baptism).
 - B. Copy of your Confirmation certificate.
 - C. Divorce / Annulment decree if applicable.
4. Education Documents:
 - A. Official copies of all high school, college and graduate school transcripts (Contact each school for an official transcript to be sent directly to Vocation Director).
5. Copy of results of physical examination, including immunization record & HIV testing.
6. Immigration Documents, if applicable:
 - A. Copy of biographical page of your passport.
 - B. Copies of any visas to enter the U.S. you may have received.
 - C. Copies of any I-94 Arrival/Departure cards you may have (front & back)
 - D. Copy of Resident Alien (Green Card)
 - E. Copy of Certificate of U.S. Naturalization or Certificate of U.S. Citizenship.
 - F. Copies of any U.S. immigration-related documents you believe may be helpful to the Vocational Director, (i.e., relative immigrant petitions filed and pending on your behalf, etc.)
7. Autobiography (maximum of 6 typed pages)
 - A. What do you believe have been significant relationships, events and milestones in your life until now?
 - B. What do you consider the most meaningful facts of your life? (e.g. family; educational background; significant relationships and friendships; professional/work experiences, etc.)
 - C. Please, also include your thoughts about the following topics: What the priesthood means to me and how I understand living a life of celibate chastity as a priest.

XIV. REFERENCES:

Besides the priest you named on page 1, list two people who know you well and can be contacted:

1. _____
 Name Occupation

 Address Phone

2. _____
 Name Occupation

 Address Phone

PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I attest that the information submitted to the Vocation Office pertinent to this Application is true and completed to the best of my knowledge.

I recognize that the information requested by the Vocation Office will be held in the strictest confidence and will become property of the Diocese of Yakima. It will not be accessible to me. I understand that the decision for me to be accepted or not as a seminarian for the Diocese of Yakima will be made at the discretion of the Vocations Director, the Bishop of Yakima, and Seminary Personnel and that there is no obligation on their part to report to me the reasons for any or all decisions regarding this application.

I also agree to authorize the Vocation Director to release any and all information regarding my application to those deemed necessary in the application process.

Should I be accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Yakima, I understand that my application documents will become part of a file that will be established in my name and maintained for the duration of my time as a seminarian, This file will be held in confidence and I understand that only those authorized by the Bishop of Yakima or the Vocation Director will have access to its contents.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____