



Recommendation
Dominican Center for Religious Development
Certificate Program in Spiritual Direction
at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, Michigan

Name of applicant for internship program _____

Name of person completing this recommendation _____

Address _____

Relationship to applicant _____

Number of years you have known applicant _____ Today's date _____

The applicant who has sought your recommendation is applying to the Dominican Center for Religious Development's *Certificate Program in Spiritual Direction* at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, Michigan. This program is an intensive advanced program in a specialized area of ministry. Those applying for admission into this program should be above average in personal and ministerial maturity. They should also be capable of engaging in a demanding program of theological study. The responsibilities of spiritual direction are serious. Those who participate in this program need a high level of spiritual maturity and competence. You can assist us in our selection of applicants by taking the time to respond to the following items using a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the highest). If you have any other comments or would like to supplement your ratings, please use the space provided at the end or an appended page. Once the Admissions Committee has read your recommendation, it will be destroyed.

Intellectually

- _____ satisfactory achievement in degree work
- _____ manifests the ability to think independently and to be challenged by different areas of concentration
- _____ has the ability to articulate, question, discuss and challenge
- _____ has an eager attitude toward reflection, study and research

Ministerially

- _____ shows potential for creative developments in pastoral ministry in general and spiritual direction in particular
- _____ has satisfactory interpersonal relationships
- _____ has the ability to work well with groups
- _____ has the ability to deal with persons on a one-to-one basis

- _____ satisfactory demonstration of responsible behavior
- _____ satisfactory demonstration of responsible leadership potential
- _____ has a vision of ministry in spiritual direction that would embrace a variety of lifestyles (not restricted to members of their own congregation) and geographic locations as well as a variety of persons: men, women, educated and uneducated, middle class and poor, including the Third and Fourth World.
- _____ availability of the applicant for work as a spiritual director after the completion of studies

Psychologically

- _____ is open, honest and frank in relationships with peers
- _____ demonstrates maturity of thought, attitudes and feelings
- _____ has regard for persons and their development and growth as well as his/her own personal growth
- _____ has the ability to talk about his/her feelings
- _____ has the ability to stop talking about his/her feelings
- _____ has a self-confidence that is radiated rather than asserted
- _____ has the potential for change of attitudes, ideas, ways of living, ways of relating to people

Spiritually

- _____ shows evident faith dimension in his/her life
- _____ has ability to talk about his/her faith life
- _____ shows stability in his/her vocation
- _____ shows an eagerness to grow in prayer and relationship to God

Physically

- _____ satisfactory condition of health
- _____ demonstrates stamina and physical fitness

Further Comments

1. Would you send a member of your family to this candidate for spiritual direction after they graduate from this program? Why or why not?

2. Would you go the candidate for spiritual direction after they graduate? Why or why not?

3. Do you have any additional observations or comments?

Signature _____

Any questions may be directed to:

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