



**Recommendation**  
**Dominican Center for Religious Development**  
**Certificate Program in Spiritual Direction at**  
**St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Detroit, Michigan**

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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. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit, 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?

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

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3. Do you have any additional observations or comments?

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Any questions may be directed to:*

**Dominican Center for Religious Development**  
**(313) 387-9574 or [info@dominicancenter.org](mailto:info@dominicancenter.org)**

*Please return this form as soon as possible to:*

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