



DIOCESE OF JOLIET

**School of Spiritual Direction
Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, IL 60403**

Personal Reference

Applicant Name _____

The above-named person has made an application for admission to the Diocese of Joliet School of Spiritual Direction and requests that you complete this reference form.

In order for us to consider his application, it is necessary for you to submit this reference form. Your honest and candid evaluation will be very much appreciated. **Your comments will be held in strict confidence by the DOJ School of Spiritual Direction program and will not be shared with the applicant.**

Please complete this form and mail it to the above address as soon as possible. You may also scan and email the form to layformation@dioceseofjoliet.org. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

(Please type or print legibly)

How long have you known the applicant? How well and in what context do you know the applicant?

What is/was your relationship to him (e.g., relative, employer, fellow worker, neighbor, friend, etc.)?

How well do you know the applicant's spiritual journey and what can you say about it?

Do you have any concerns about the applicant's ability to fulfill their responsibilities as a spiritual director without harming their marital and/or family life?

Is there anything about the applicant's history that concerns you regarding their ability to function as a representative of the Catholic Church? _____

What is your understanding of the applicant's prayer and sacramental life?

Do you know of any history of emotional disorders, substance abuse, abusive relationships, or criminal arrests/indictments/convictions that might impede or hinder the applicant's ability to serve as a representative of the Catholic Church? _____

What special talents, capabilities and/or strengths does the applicant possess which would be of value to the Church? _____

What limitations or weaknesses, if any, does the applicant have that might hinder their ability to perform in service to the Church? _____

How would you rate the applicant on the following characteristics? (Please circle one answer for each category)

Honesty/Integrity	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Reliability	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Ability to Listen	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Human Relations Skills	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Intelligence	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Speaking Skills	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Moral Values	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Faithfulness in Practicing The Catholic Faith	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Confidentiality	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Ability to Handle Life Situations	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know

Considering all that you know about the candidate and their personal characteristics, family life and motivation for becoming a spiritual director, what is your overall evaluation of the candidate? The candidate is _____ (Please choose one)

Top notch _____ Very good _____ Acceptable _____ not recommended _____

(Please explain below)

Your Name _____

Your Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

Date _____