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DIOCESE OF SCRANTON APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM OF PRIESTLY FORMATION

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PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

SECTION 1: CATHOLIC/RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

A. S	Sacraments of Initiation					
1.01	Date of Baptism	Church	Name		Сіту	STATE/COUNTRY
1.02	First Communion	Church	Name		Сіту	STATE/COUNTRY
	Confirmation					STATE/COUNTRY
	Parents Sacramental Inf					
1.04	Parents' Current Marital NEVER BEEN MARRIED	Status: Married Widowed Sepa	Date of M	Iarriage DIVORCED	How Long?_	
	If widowed or divorced,	has either parent re	emarried?	Yes	No	
	Stepfather's Name					
		e				
1.05	Church of Parents' Marr	riage:		Спу		STATE/COUNTRY
	If your parents were not	married in a Churc	ch ceremon	y, where we	ere they marrie	d?
1.06	If either parent or any relist their names, relation			`	/	·
	(Note: Applicant must also e	obtain and submit recei	nt copies of so	acramental re	cords. See Part II	I of this application.)
C. \$	Sacramental and Religi	ous Practice				
1.07	Check what best indicat	es the frequency of	Mass Atte	endance:		
	DAILY WEEKLY	MONTHLY Y	EARLY	DO NOT ATT	END	
1.08	Check what best indicat	es the frequency of	the Sacrai	ment of Red	conciliation:	
	WEEKLY MONTHLY_			BRATE		
1.09	Describe your religious	practices growing u	ıp.			

C	ity.			
	uy	State	Country	Mo. & Yr. to Mo. & Yr.
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a C	List the ways you have been involved in the time of involvement. (e.g. Altar Section Communion, Youth Group/Young Adult Group Education Volunteer, etc.)	rver, Reader/Lector,	Choir Member, Ex	ctraordinary Minister of Holy
	Oo you currently have a spiritual advis our spiritual and prayer life, as well as			om you regularly discuss
Y	Yes No			
	Describe any other current religious pro- Hours, Scripture and other Spiritual Reading		, ,	g. Recitation of the Rosary, Holy
	Do you have any relatives who are prie elationship to you.	ests or consecrate	d religious? If	so, please give their names
Re	ligious History			
.5 A	Are you a convert to Catholicism? Yes, when did you become Catholic?	s No		
a	. Church			STATE/COUNTRY
b	. Former Denomination/Religion		Y (ears of Affiliation
	. Reason for Conversion			

E. Previous Experience as a Seminarian and/or a Consecrated Religious.
1.17 Have you ever applied to the Diocese of Scranton or another diocese or religious community? Yes No
1.18 If yes to question 1.17, have you ever been accepted as a candidate for any other diocese or religious community? Yes No If yes, please give the name, pertinent dates and your reason for leaving, and the level you had reached when you left.
1.19 If yes to question 1.17, have you ever been rejected after completing an application for another diocese or religious order? Yes No If yes, please give the name of the diocese or religious order, the date of non-acceptance, and your understanding of why you were not accepted.
1.20 Have you ever been involved with or ever bound yourself by any oaths, vows or promises in any kind of religious organization, secret society or cult? (e.g. Freemasonry, Jehovah's Witness, Scientology, Taoism, Zen Buddhism, Unitarianism, Tarotology, Witchcraft, New Age-Druid or Celtic Spirituality, etc.) Yes No If yes to any, briefly explain, noting your age (range).
1.21 If you were professed in a Catholic Religious Community:
a. Date of your vows:
b. Were your vows perpetual or temporary? c. Have your vows expired or been dispensed?
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1.22 If you have ever previously studied for the priesthood, did you ever receive: Candidacy? If yes, give the date.
Ministry of Lector or Reader? If yes, give the date.
Ministry of Acolyte? If yes, give the date.
Were you ever ordained a Transitional Deacon ? If yes, give the date.
1.23 Are you willing to release all pertinent information from an (arch)diocese or religious order with whom you previously applied or were accepted? Yes No

SECTION 2: CANONICAL STATUS

(Depending on the actual circumstances, the following may apply as impediments to ordination which require a dispensation. If needed, please seek clarification from the Director of the Office of Vocations prior to answering this section).

2.01	Severe Mental Illness (c. 1041.1) Have you ever committed yourself or been committed to a psychiatric facility?	Yes	No
2.02	Apostasy, Heresy or Schism (c. 1041.2) Have you ever publicly abandoned the Catholic Church? Have you ever, in a public capacity, advocated any views contrary to the teaching of the Catholic Church or ever joined another religious body by a formal, public act?	Yes	No
2.03	Bond of Marriage (c. 1041.3) Have you ever been married civilly or in a religious ceremony, Catholic or non-Catholic?	Yes	No
2.04	Private or Public Religious Vows (c. 1041.3) Are you bound to a private or public religious vow? If yes, present document(s) demonstrating proper release or dismissal.		No
2.05	Voluntary Homicide or Abortion (c. 1041.4) Have you ever been involved in the taking of another human life? Have you helped someone procure an abortion, performed the abortion or cooperated in obtaining an abortion for another person?	Yes	No
2.06	Suicide, Self-Mutilation (c. 1041.5) Have you ever made a serious attempt at suicide or seriously and maliciously mutilated yourself?	Yes	No
2.07	Performed an act that is reserved to bishops or priests (c. 1041.6) Have you ever impersonated a priest or bishop presiding at the Eucharist, granting absolution for sins or administering the sacrament of the anointing of the sick?	Yes	No
2.08	Excommunication Have you ever been excommunicated from the Church? If yes, attach documentation indicating this fact.	Yes	No
SEC	TION 3: CIVIL LEGAL STATUS		
3.01	Are you a citizen of the Unites States of America? Yes No		
3.02	If not, of what country are you a citizen?		-
	a. Are you a permanent resident of the U.S.A.? Yes No Effe	ective Dat	e
	b. Do you have a Visa? Yes No Type Date of the Attach Copy)	of Expirati	on
3.03	Do you have a Passport? Yes No Number		
	Place of Issue Date of	Expiration	n
	Immigration Status		

3.04	Have you ever been arrested? Yes No If yes, on what charges?
	a. Your age and date of arrest(s)
	b. Place of arrest(s) (Include city, state and country).
3.05	Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? Yes No If yes, briefly explain.
3.06	Have you ever been placed on probation? Yes No Date Probation Concluded
3.07	Has a civil complaint, including internal complaints given to management or supervisors at places of employment or volunteer service, or a criminal complaint ever been filed against you which alleged involvement in any form of harassment or sexual misconduct? Yes No
	If yes, briefly explain. Include the date, nature, and place of the incident leading to the complaint, where the complaint was filed, the resulting action(s), and the name and title of the person(s) who investigated the complaint.

SECTION 4: FAMILY BACKGROUND

A. Parents Information

Name	r	4.02 Mother
INAME		MAIDEN NAME
BIRTHPLACE		BIRTHPLACE
LIVING AGE DECEA	ASEDAGE	LIVING AGE DECEASED AGE
HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED _		HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED
WHERE COMPLETED		WHERE COMPLETED
OCCUPATION		OCCUPATION
RELIGION		Religion
CONVERT?		CONVERT?
IF FATHER IS DECE	EASED:	IF MOTHER IS DECEASED:
CAUSE OF DEATH		CAUSE OF DEATH
DATE OF DEATH		DATE OF DEATH
IF FATHER IS AL	IVE:	IF MOTHER IS ALIVE:
Address		Address
PHONE		PHONE
rothers and Sisters		
List all of your siblings, o		
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List all of your siblings, of their name, and/or step brother NAME	r(s) and sister(s) with a AGE	an "S ".). Occupation Marital Status Practicing Catholic
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4.05	Name		Relationsh	ip to You		
	Address	dress				
		Number		STREET		APT. #
		Сіту			STATE	ZIP CODE
	Phone			Other Phor	ne	
SEC	TION 5. C	ENEDAL MEDIC	NAL INCODM	ATION		
		ENERAL MEDIC	AL INFURMA	<u>ATION</u>		
					ies or physical limi	tations? If so list your age
5.02		istory in your fam fly explain.	ily of any men	ntal illness, alco	hol, or drug addict	ion? Yes No
5.03	Have you ethey last us		rugs? Yes	No	If yes, which drug	s, how often and when wer
5.04	What is yo	ur weekly alcohol	consumption?)		
5.05	Do you hav	ve an allergy to wl	neat products (sensitivity to gl	luten) Yes N	No
B. Pa	ast Counsel	ling or Therapy				
5.06	treat chemi (e.g. privat	ical dependency, s	ubstance/drug	abuse, eating d	ipy, or participated isorders or sexual a OA, SA, etc.) Yes	

C. Emergency Contact Information

5.07 Have you ever been treated or hospitalized for a serious mental or psychological illness, including depression? Yes No If yes, briefly explain including when and where.
5.08 Please provide name(s), address(es) and phone number(s) for any counselors, therapists, psychologists or psychiatrists with whom you have previously seen or been treated along with the date(s) (range) of treatment.
5.09 Are you willing to release all pertinent information from a counselor, therapist, psychologist or psychiatrist with whom you previously been treated by? Yes No
C. Current Health Status
5.11 Height: Weight: Vision: Hearing: Date of last Physical Exam
5.12 Describe your present general health.
5.13 How many days of work or school did you miss last year due to illness, and what was the cause?
5.14 Do you exercise? Yes No
D. Physician and Medical Insurance
5.17 Name of your personal physician
Address
Phone ()
5.18 Do you presently have medical insurance? Yes No If yes:
a. Please indicate your insurance company and type of policy/coverage.
b. If you are accepted as a seminary candidate, how long will this medical coverage be available to you?
c. Who is currently financially responsible for your medical insurance premiums and/or your general medical costs?

SECTION 6: EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

	CITY/STATE	DATES ATTENDED	GRADE COMPLETED
1 If you did not complete a forma G.E.D. (General Equivalency I			
Catholic Religious Education (e	0		sinstruction
PARISH OR HOME SCHOOLED	CITY/STATE	DATES ATTENDED GRADE	COMPLETED
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		Doctorate)	
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(Note: Applicant must also obtain official school/college transcripts. See Part III of this application.)

Plea	se list any extracurricular activities you p	articipated in during the course of you	our studies.				
G. C	Other Educational Background Informa	ation					
6.02	2 Do you speak, read or write any foreign languages ? If so, please list, indicating your years of formal study and level of competence.						
6.03	Are you trained in any other skills or tra	ides that are not indicated on your tra	anscript? If so, please list.				
	Employment and Financial Status						
A. I	Past Employment History						
7.01	Excluding your current or most recent en last three full or part time jobs you have		g with the next most recent) the				
	EMPLOYER/TYPE OF WORK	CITY/STATE	DATES				
	1						
	2						
	3						
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R (Current or Most Recent Employment						
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7.02	Name of Current or Most Recent Emplo						
	Address	Street					
	Спу	STATE	ZIP CODE				
	Phone						
7.03	Are you Self-Employed? If not, give the name of your immedia	te supervisor.					
	Phone						
7.04	Vour Present Joh Title	Dates of Employment					

F. Extracurricular Activities (High School, Undergraduate, Post-Graduate)

7.05	Describe your employment duties and responsibilities.		
7.06	List any Non-Church/Parish affiliated volunteer work, not previously mer have done or are currently doing along with the date(s) (range) of service.		e, that you
7.07	Are you involved in any sort of profit-seeking venture (e.g. business owns an interest in continuing if accepted in seminary? Yes No If	er, internet sa yes, explain.	les) with
Curi	rent Financial Indebtedness		
7.08	Excluding education loans, do you currently have any personal debt? Yes If yes, please indicate to whom you are indebted, the type of debt (e.g. car to personal loans) and the current outstanding debt amount.		
		CURRENT PAY	OFF AMOUNT
	1.	\$	<u> </u>
	2	\$	_
	3	\$	<u></u>
	4		
	TOTAL (Personal Debt) \$		
7.09	Do you have any government, or privately secured college student loans? Are you the co-signer for someone else's loan? If yes, list the holding bank or agency and the outstanding payment amount Bank or Holding Agency	Yes	No
	1.	\$	
	2.		
	3.		
	4.		
	TOTAL (College Loan Debt) \$		

7.10	Do you have any personal assets that you plan to liquidate to pay-off any debt mentioned above? Yes No				
7.11	If yes, please indicate the total value of these assets, which you plan to sell.				
Semithe a Scran	onal Seminary Expenses inarians are expected to finance personal expenses such as clothing, cell phone service, etc. Enclosed with pplication is the financial policy for seminarians enrolled in the formation program for the Diocese of inton. Please review it carefully and contact the Vocations Director if you have questions or concerns about icial matters.				
7.12	If accepted into our program of priestly formation, do you anticipate being able to cover the cost of personal expenses? Yes No				
7.13	Do you own a car, or have one, or are you in the process of purchasing one? Yes No				
	Auto Insurance				
	Auto insurance Company				
Sec	tion 8: Military Service				
8.01	Have you served, or are you currently serving in the military? Yes No If yes, please list:				
	Branch of ServiceEnlistment Date				
	Rank at DischargeDischarge Date				
	If discharged, please provide copy of your DD-214.				
	Type of DischargeCombat				
	Service Duties				
	Reserve Status				
8.02	Are education benefits available to you from the military? Yes No If yes, briefly explain.				

D. Personal Assets

SECTION 9: OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL INFORMATION AND INTERESTS

9.01 Please list any blogs, websites, or social media accounts that you maintain along with your account name or site address:

9.02	.02 List the titles and authors of two or three books that have impacted you.				
	1				
	2				
	3				
9.03		the names of the newspapers, websites, and magazines/periodicals that you read regularly (either prion or online):			
	1				
	2				
	4				
9.04	Have	e you ever dated? Yes No			
9.05	Are	you currently dating? Yes No			
9.06	Have	e you ever been in a serious romantic relationship? Yes No			
9.07	Have	e you ever been engaged? Yes No			
		If yes, how long were you engaged and how old were both of you?			
9.08	Have	e you ever cohabitated? Yes No			
9.09	If ye	e you ever been married? (Church, Civil, or "Common Law") Yes No es, please answer the following: To Whom?			
		When? Where?			
		By Whom? (Church, Justice of the Peace, Minister, etc.)			
	a.	Is your former spouse deceased? Yes No If yes, date of death			
	b.	Have you received a civil divorce? Yes No			
		Grounds			
	c.	Have you received a Church annulment? Yes No (Arch)diocese Date Protocol # (Note: Applicant must obtain and submit copies of the divorce and annulment decrees)			

9.10 <i>E</i> a	If yes, list their name(s) and present age(s)
9.11 I	s anyone dependent on you financially? Yes No If yes, briefly explain.
	ION 10: VOCATION DISCERNMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF PRIESTLY IDENTITY
	How old were you when you first thought of becoming a priest? Who, besides yourself, contributed most to your consideration of the priesthood? Why?
10.03	Has anyone suggested or invited you to consider a vocation to the priesthood? If so, why? Have you heard this often?
10.04	Do your parents support your pursuit of a priestly vocation? Please comment.
10.05	Do any family members or close friends not support your decision to pursue a vocation to priesthood? Yes No If yes, briefly explain who and to the best of your understanding their reasons why.

10.06	If you were not to become a priest, what other vocation and possible career choice do you think you might make?
10.07	In the Western (Latin) Church, in accord with Church discipline, a man who has an authentic vocation to the priesthood is called to fully embrace the God-given grace to live a chaste and celibate life, for the rest of his life. Understanding the necessary involvement and interactions that a priest has with many people, can you see or envision yourself living a lifelong calling of chaste celibacy? Yes No
10.08	Have you ever committed an act of child abuse or sexual misconduct with a minor (someone under the age of 18)? Yes No
10.09	Have you ever embraced a homosexual lifestyle, i.e. dating, cohabitating intimately with another man publicly referred to yourself as a homosexual or gay man, or participated in events within the gay community, i.e. rallies, marches, gay bars? Yes No

Describe the significance or your understanding of the following in one hundred words or less:		
10.18	The Mass.	
10.19	Sacred Scripture.	
10.20	The Second Vatican Council.	
10.21	The primary mission of the Church.	
10.22	The Church and secular society.	

10.23	3 The role of the laity.		
10.24	4 The role of women in the Church.		
10.25	5 Ecumenism.		
	tify that, to the best of my knowledge, everything I plete. I further confirm that I make this application		on form is true and
S	Signature of Applicant	Date	
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PART II: MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND CRIMINAL HISTORY

SECTION 1: MEDICAL FORMS AND PERSONAL PHYSICIAN'S PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

(Paid for by the Applicant)

Please arrange for a physical examination with your personal physician as soon as possible. Please have your doctor complete the **Medical History and Physician Examination Form.** Please complete your portion of the form electronically then print it for your doctor to complete the rest.

Please sign the **Permission to Release Medical Evaluation Reports** included in the folder and return it with the completed application.

SECTION 2: PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION (Paid for by the Diocese of Scranton)

Please contact the psychologist (whose name and contact information has been provided to you.) Do not delay in arranging a mutually agreeable time for you to undertake the necessary psychological testing and interviews. The psychologist will forward results directly to the Office of Vocations. Please sign the **Permission to Release Psychological/Psychotherapy Notes/Records/Reports,** which is included in the folder, regarding your agreement to submit to a psychological evaluation by a professionally qualified person chosen by the Diocese of Scranton, and agreement, if requested, to submit to such future evaluations during your participation in our program for priestly formation. Return the signed release form with your application.

SECTION 3: CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS/CLEARANCES

Complete the Background Check Application form provided in the packet, sign, and return it with your application to <u>Rev. Alex Roche, Vocation Director, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503.</u> This will enable the Vocation Office to perform a **PA State Police Criminal History Check**.

Act 114 <u>FBI Clearance</u>: Follow instructions found in packet to register online (cost approximately \$22) and then go to a fingerprint site (list found online). Once you receive this clearance, submit original copy along with Reimbursement Form and the Diocese of Scranton will send you a check for the fee.

Act 33 <u>Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance</u>: Follow instructions found in packet to apply (no cost – complete online as "Volunteer"); once you receive this clearance, submit original copy to Vocation Office.

SECTION 4: DIOCESE OF SCRANTON YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAM

<u>Code of Pastoral Conduct Statement</u> (2 pages in packet): Read, sign, and return the second page with your application.

<u>Mandated Reporter Training</u>: Follow instructions found in packet to complete the training online at no cost (takes 3 to 4 hours total- you can save your work and go back to it). Certificate of completion must be printed and submitted to the Vocation Office.

<u>VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children®</u>: An applicant accepted into the formation program will complete the *VIRTUS* training with Diocesan officials before leaving for the seminary, and thereafter read and complete online monthly ongoing-training bulletins at www.VIRTUS.org and be sure to maintain his current email address on the VIRTUS site.

PART III: REFERENCES, AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND ESSAY, SACRAMENTAL RECORDS AND SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

SECTION 1: REFERENCES

Please obtain letters of recommendation from the following people:

- Current Pastor
- Another Priest or Religious Sister/Brother
- Recent Professor, Teacher or Academic Advisor (Counselor) (if applicable)
- Employer or Supervisor (if applicable)
- An Adult Sibling or another close friend

Included in the application packet are guidelines for the letters of recommendation. Please give them to those who are completing the letters. Please inform your references that their letters should be mailed directly to the Vocations Office.

SECTION 2: AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND ESSAY

You are asked to complete an autobiography and an essay on the Priesthood. Directions for both documents are included in the packet.

SECTION 3: SACRAMENTAL RECORDS AND SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

Please include with your application the following:

2 Baptismal Certificates (Must be dated/issued within the last three months; copies of original are **not** acceptable)

2 COPIES of your Confirmation Certificate (copies of original are acceptable)

2 COPIES of Parents' (Church) Marriage Certificate or (2) COPIES of Parents' (State) Marriage License (copies of original are acceptable)

OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

Do not enclose ~ Ask Registrar/School to mail the following directly to:

Rev. Alex J. Roche, S.T.L. Office of Vocations 300 Wyoming Avenue Scranton, PA 18503

or

Rev-Alex-Roche@dioceseofscranton.org

from your **High School**, *if you have not completed at least a Bachelor's Degree* from your **Undergraduate College(s)/University**, *if applicable* from your **Post-Graduate College(s)/University or Seminary**, *if applicable*