

Diocese of Scranton Program of Priestly Formation

DIRECTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

- the autobiography must be current and chronological
- it should be typed, double spaced, no more than 4 pages
- Include your name and the page number to each page in the "footer" section

Please include the following topics in the autobiography:

- The quality of your relationships with:
 - Family
 - Friends
 - Romantic partners
 - Coworkers
- Significant/impactful life events
- The development of your relationship with God throughout your life
- The essay must also include your perceptions of readiness for seminary formation and the major strengths and limitations you possess as a potential seminarian.

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QUESTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT'S PRIESTHOOD ESSAY

- it should be typed, double spaced, no more than 4 pages
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Based on your experience as a Catholic, describe your understanding of priesthood and how your particular gifts and skills match those needed for priestly ministry. You may pay special attention to the following areas:

- Prayer
 - Liturgical Prayer
 - Personal Prayer
- Pastoral ministry to the People of God
- Teaching
- Celibacy
- Obedience to the Bishop
- A life of simplicity
- Concern for the poor and vulnerable