



In partnership with Franciscan University  
of Steubenville School of Spiritual Direction

**Pastor/Religious Superior  
Assessment of Applicant**

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Applicant's name

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you know the applicant? (CHECK ONE)  **Very Well**  **Somewhat**  **Hardly at all**

How long has the applicant been a member of your parish or religious order? \_\_\_\_\_

Share your perceptions of the applicant's faith life, participation in the sacraments, and prayer life.

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Share your perceptions of (1) the applicant's understanding of who God is and (2) the applicant's views of Church teaching.

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Please describe the applicant's level of involvement in the parish or religious community. Specify the activities and length of involvement. \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you rate the applicant on the following traits? (Circle 1 answer for each category).

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

Please describe the applicant's psychological stability . \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you think the applicant desires to become a spiritual director? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please comment on the applicant's ability to listen to another's story and ask questions. \_\_\_\_\_

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To the best of your knowledge, does the applicant have any history of alcohol/drug abuse, spouse or child abuse, allegations of sexual misconduct involving minors, accusations of crime, indictments, arrests, convictions, or mental illness? (Check one)  **Yes**  **No** If yes, please describe.

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What additional comments would you like to make about this candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

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Considering all you know about the applicant's personal character, family life, and motivation for becoming a spiritual director, what is your overall evaluation of the candidate?

<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant is a top-notch candidate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant is a very good candidate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant is an acceptable candidate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have reservations about the applicant being a spiritual director. (On the lines below, explain why you have reservations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would not recommend the applicant. Explain your reason(s) on the lines below).

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Submitted on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Name**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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