

Identify your *qualities* as a husband and a *challenge* you and wife have faced. What moral or spiritual values helped you or guided your decisions? What did learn about yourself from the challenge?

Civil marriage(s), divorce(s), and annulment(s), convalidation: provide name(s) of spouses, dates of events, and explain causes for the failure of the relationship(s). *How have these events affected your spiritual life?*

### Children

Describe your *qualities* as a father and *relationship* with each child. What are your *qualities* as spiritual leader of your family?

### Health

Describe *physical well-being* - any significant illnesses, chronic conditions (eg diabetes, migraines, etc) or *surgeries* - *Addiction and Recovery Experiences*

### Education

Describe *educational experiences, achievements, difficulties* and *challenges* you may have faced in elementary - middle school - high school - college - graduate work - or theological studies.

### Successes and Failures in Life

Describe *achievements, failures, or disappointments* in education, athletics, business, employment, military, or use of talents and how this has affected your spiritual development.

Victim of Crime: Describe effect it has had on your spiritual life.

Accidents or tragedies: Describe effect it has had on your spiritual life.

### Spiritual Development

Describe the *quality* and *quantity* catechesis you received in Sunday school, CCD, or parochial school, RCIA.

Describe any *conversion experiences* in ACTS retreats, marriage or engaged encounters, Cursillo, Eucharistic adoration, or scripture study.

Describe a *spiritual* or *moral challenge* you have faced in life.

Describe any *community service* (eg: scout leader, civic organization, etc) or *parish ministry experiences* (eg: parish council, lector, Eucharistic minister, choir, ACTS teaming, visitor to the sick, prison ministry, RCIA, or scripture study programs, etc).

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## Aspirant Application for the Class of 2015

Applications must be submitted by March 6, 2010

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ E-dress \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Parish \_\_\_\_\_ yrs Lived in Archdiocese of San Antonio \_\_\_\_\_ yrs

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Church Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Children Names Ages \_\_\_\_\_

CITIZENSHIP USA \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Immigration Status \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION

High School \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Diploma \_\_\_\_\_ GED \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Theological Institute \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

### MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge \_\_\_\_\_ Achievements \_\_\_\_\_

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### EMPLOYMENT Last 10 yrs, Company, Job Description, Dates

The information I have provided is true. Any misrepresentation or omission is cause for rejection of the application. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

**Baptismal Certificate** from Parish of baptism issued within 30 days of the application

**Age** Applicants must be at least 35 y/o and not older than 60 y/o at the time of the application

**Criminal Background Check** Applicant's must provide background check from parish.

### **Marital Status**

**Married applicants** must be a partner in a stable Catholic-validated marriage of five years or more.

**Applicant's wife** must express consent, support, and a willingness to participate in the formation program in a letter of recommendation.

Applicants must provide a **certificate of marriage** from the church where they were married.

Applicants must provide **licenses and divorce decrees** for any marriage(s), whether civil or sacramental.

If applicant has had a marriage annulled, they must provide the **decree of annulment**.

**Single applicants** must be willing to commit to a celibate life.

### **Children**

Applicant's youngest child must be at least 16 y/o at the time of the application.

### **Citizenship**

Applicant must be US Citizen or have legal immigration papers.

**Education** High School Diploma or GED required.

### **Language**

Applicant must have a college level reading, writing, and speaking ability in English. All courses are taught in English. Spanish speaking only applicants should take English as a second language courses to develop abilities.

### **Applicants Transferring from other Diocesan Deacon Formation Programs**

Applicant must present a transcript of courses taken and an evaluation from the Director of the Diaconate Program. Each case is evaluated individually.

### **Applicants with degrees in theology from Roman Catholic Universities or Roman Catholic Schools of Theology**

Applicants must present transcripts and diplomas for consideration of ways they might complete formation requirements prior to ordination. Applicants must spend at least two years in Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Program before petitioning for Holy Orders.

### **Letters of Recommendation**

Applicant must present letters from their Pastor, Spouse, a Parish Council Member, a permanent deacon, and a priest-friend attesting to applicant's virtue, marital and family stability, and leadership skills.

### **Autobiographical Essay**

Present a **five-page, single-space, typewritten** autobiography.

**The essay is evaluated** for your sense of professionalism, language ability, ability to follow directions, clarity of thought, and logic as well as your ability to reflect on your family relationships, life experiences, successes, failures and spiritual life.

Make a separate **Bold-Face Title** for each subject heading.

**Provide information** below in a story form with an emphasis on how your life experiences have effected your spiritual development.

### **Outline of Autobiographical Essay**

#### ***Family of Origin***

Place of Birth - Number of Siblings, step-siblings, and or half-siblings - Your Birth Order

Parents Married in Church? Married \_\_\_?\_\_ years

Father's Religion - Occupation, Mother's Religion - Occupation

Death of Father - Cause, applicant's age at time of father's death and *effect this had on your spiritual life*.

Death of Mother Cause, applicant's age at time of mother's death and *effect this had on your spiritual life*.

Parent's Divorce Cause, applicant's age at time of divorce and *effect this had on your spiritual life*.

Describe *quality* of relationships in family of origin with father, mother, and siblings and *effects this has had on your spiritual life*.

#### ***Marriage***

Age at time of marriage, length of engagement, cohabitation before marriage - *explain reasons and moral readiness for marriage*.