

## **Preapplication Interview Questions**

Name:

Date:

### **Vocational History**

-Have you been employed and in what capacity? If you've left a job, why did you leave?

-How long have you been thinking about the priesthood?

-How have you experienced priesthood as a possible "call" in your life?

-Do other people know about your discernment of the priesthood? How have they reacted (supportive, discouraging, etc.)?

### **Educational history**

-Describe your general educational background.

-Any significant struggles with grades during your education?

-How have you learned more about your Catholic faith (Catholic schools, CCD/Religious Education classes, self-study, parish adult education, etc.)?

## **Prayer**

-How would you describe your relationship with God?

-Can you give me an example of a powerful spiritual moment or prayer experience in your life? Perhaps a retreat experience or an experience with one of the sacrament?

-What are your current prayer habits? How are the sacraments part of your spiritual life?

## **Obedience**

-How long have you been Catholic? How has the Catholic Church been a part of your life? And part of the life of your family?

-How have you been involved in the life of a parish (or parishes)?

-Do you love being Catholic? Why or why not?

-Is there anything you would change about the Church?

-Are you open to going deeper in your relationship with the Church and being formed in a structured seminary environment?

## Celibacy

-What are the most important relationships and friendships you have experienced in your life?

-Family background?

-Dating history?

-Sexual activity? Within the past 2 years?

-Have you ever been married or had any children?

-Pornography use?

-Do you understand that you would not be allowed to date and/or pursue romantic relationships in seminary?

### **Financial History**

-Do you currently have any debt? How much and what kind (credit card, student, auto, etc.)?

-Have you had large amounts of debt or major financial problems in the past?

### **Physical Health**

-Any major medical issues currently or in the past?

-Any addictions? Drug use?

### **Emotional Health**

-Have you ever sought counseling or professional care for emotional issues?

-Any mental illness currently or in the past?

-Any history of mental illness in your family?

### **Background check**

-Any criminal history that I should expect to see during background checks?