The 9 Keys
Church Documents

Second Vatican Council Documents:
• Optatam totius (Decree on the Training of Priests, 1965)
• Presbyterorum ordinis (Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests, 1965)

Papal Documents:
• Ad Catholici Sacerdotii (Encyclical Letter on the Catholic Priesthood, Pope Pius XI, 1935)
• Sacerdotalis Caelibatus (Encyclical Letter on the Celibacy of Priests, Pope Paul VI, 1967)
• Pastores dabo vobis (Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on the Formation of Priests in the Circumstances of the Present Day, Pope John Paul II, 1992)
• Ordinatio sacerdotalis (Apostolic Letter on Reserving Priestly Ordination to Men Alone, Pope John Paul II, 1994)
• Vita consacrata (Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on the Consecrated Life and its Mission in the Church and the World, Pope John Paul II, 1996)
• Ecclesia in America (Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on the Church in America, Pope John Paul II, 1999)
• Novo millennio ineunte (Apostolic Letter at the Close of the Great Jubilee of the Year, Pope John Paul II, 2000)

Other Documents of the Holy See:
• Instruction Concerning the Criteria for the Discernment of Vocations with regard to Persons with Homosexual Tendencies in view of their Admission to the Seminary and to Holy Orders (Congregation for Catholic Edu., 2005)
• Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis (The Gift of the Priestly Vocation, Congregation for the Clergy, 2016)

USCCB Documents:
• Program for Priestly Formation, 5th ed. (2006)
• Guidelines for Receiving Pastoral Ministers in the U.S., 3rd ed. (2014)
• Guidelines for the Use of Psychology in Seminary Admissions (2015)

Additional documents can be found at usccb.org.