

## AREAS TO BE EVALUATED DURING SEMINARY YEARS

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### PHYSICAL HEALTH AND MENTAL BALANCE

- Overall physical health
- Sufficient human maturity.
- Family history
- Mental health
- Alcoholism/ drug addiction.

### NATURAL VIRTUES:

- Honesty
- Spirit of hard work
- Prudence,
- Constancy
- Strength of convictions,
- Spirit of sacrifice and of service
- Ability to get along with others and work with them

### DOCTRINE:

- Knowledge of and adherence to Catholic doctrine
- Orthodoxy of faith,
- Firm convictions concerning positions contrary to the Magisterium
- Absence of Erroneous notions or radical ideologies
- Correction understanding of the Ordination of women.
- Correct opinions regarding sexuality, morality, and ecclesiastical celibacy.
- Understanding of the nature and purpose of the ecclesiastical ministry.

### STUDIES:

- Interest in ecclesiastical studies.
- Success in examinations in this field.
- Love for Sacred Scripture.
- Interest in formative reading
- Concern to know the documents of the Magisterium
- Ability to exercise the Ministry of the Word

### OBEDIENCE:

- Readiness to accept decisions of superiors
- Trust in the hierarchy of the Church
- Observance of Church laws

## **BEHAVIOR REGARDING MATERIAL GOODS:**

- Respect for the goods of the Church:
- Detachment from material possessions
- Moderation in use of own goods.
- Sensitivity to needs of the poor and those who suffer.

## **CELIBACY**

- Clarity of ideas on its nature and positive significance.
- Full acceptance of celibacy (not only as an unavoidable condition for receiving Orders)
- Sufficient affective maturity
- Clarity of male sexual identity
- Balanced behavior towards women
- Prudence
- Emotional self-control
- Propriety of behavior, language, and conversation
- Proper Balance regarding television, the web, or social media, video gaming

## **SUPERNATURAL VIRTUES:**

- Spirit of faith,
- Love for Jesus Christ and the Church
- Practice and spirit of prayer,
- Love of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Love for the Eucharist and daily participation at its celebration.
- Celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours.
- Recitation of the Holy Rosary.
- Regular recourse to the Sacrament of Penance.
- Apostolic zeal.
- Love of the liturgy.
- Spirit of self-denial and mortification

## **BALANCED JUDGMENT:**

- Ability to evaluate situations
- Can make practical decisions
- Capacity for rational planning.

## **COMMUNITY SPIRIT:**

- Ability to get along with others
- Work with others
- Readiness to accept rational planning of work.
- Sensitivity in the face of suffering and misery of others.

## **PRESENCE OF DEFECTS:**

- Duplicity
- Selfishness
- Avarice
- Ambition
- Lack of regard for celibate chastity
- Arrogance
- Lack of honesty
- Difficult character
- Laziness
- Lack of responsibility
- Stubbornness
- Socio-economic resentment
- Personal untidiness
- Excessively active
- Comfort-seeking
- Concern for material advancement of own family
- Aggressiveness
- Hypocrisy
- Alcohol or drug abuse
- Abnormal affective tendencies
- Effeminate manner
- Pride Individualism
- Failure to attend regular spiritual direction with a good spiritual director

## **OVERALL JUDGMENT REGARDING ADMISSION TO ORDERS**

How do these categories, when taken as whole indicate decision about admission to Holy Orders?