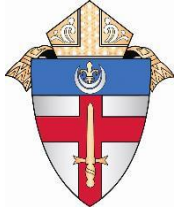


**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF COVINGTON**

APPLICATION FOR:

Sponsorship in a Seminary Program



Please attach
**Passport-size
Photograph**
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DATE _____

Please type or print clearly all information

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____
First Middle Last

Home Address _____
Number Street Apt. #

_____ City State Zip Code

How long have you lived at the above address? _____

Mailing Address *(if different from one above)*

_____ Number Street Apt. #

_____ City State Zip Code

Telephone Numbers & E-mail address *((please include area codes for phone numbers))*

Home _____ Cellphone _____ E-mail _____

Age _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **Place of Birth** _____

S.S.# _____ **D.L. #** _____

Home Parish _____ **Pastor** _____

Address _____

Your Pastor will be sent a form from the Diocese asking for his insights.

Part 1: Personal Information

Section 1: Catholic /Religious Background

A. Sacraments of Initiation *(Include a recent baptismal certificate)*

Date of Baptism _____ Church _____

Date of First Communion _____ Church _____

Date of Confirmation _____ Church _____

List parishes in which you haven been involved since age 14 _____

B. Parents' Marriage

Date _____ Church _____

City _____ State _____

If either parent or any relative is a member of an Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church,
please give details _____

C. Sacramental and Religious Practice

How frequently do you participate in the Holy Eucharist?

Do your parents practice their faith regularly? _____

Describe how you pray, _____

List the ways that you have been involved in your parish (*for example, as a server, reader, choir member, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, youth group member, Christian Service, Parish Council, etc*)

Please be specific. _____

Do you currently have a spiritual director, or someone with whom you regularly discuss your spiritual growth and vocational choice? _____

Do you have a regular confessor? _____

Do you have any relatives who are in the Priesthood or Religious Life? Please specify. Have any of them influenced your decision or directly invited you to consider priestly service?

D. Religious History

Are you a convert to Catholicism? _____

If yes, please give date of reception into the Catholic Church. _____

Church _____

City _____ State _____

Former Denomination/Religion _____

Years of Affiliation _____

Reason for Conversion _____

If you have always been Catholic, have you ever been away from the Church for a period of time? _____

If yes, please describe the situation in detail. _____

E. Previous experience in Religious Life

List any diocese in which you have resided for more than six months since age 14.
(include residence at school/college/seminary outside your home diocese)

If you have ever **applied** to a diocese or religious community and were not accepted as a candidate, please give the name of the diocese or community, pertinent dates, and your understanding of why you were not accepted. _____

If you have ever been **accepted** as a candidate for any other diocese or religious community, Please give the name of the diocese or community, the pertinent dates and your reason for leaving reasons presented to you, and the level you had reached when you left.

Have you ever bound yourself by any oaths, vows, or promises in any kind of religious organization, secret society or cults? _____
If so, please specify. _____

If you were professed in a Catholic Religious Community:

- a. The date of your vows. _____
- b. Were your vows temporary or perpetual? _____
- c. Have your vows expired or been dispensed? _____

If you were preparing for the Priesthood, were you ever installed as a reader or acolyte? _____
Were you ever ordained? _____

SECTION II: CANONICAL STATUS

The following are impediments to ordination which require a dispensation.

Please check where applicable to you:

- a. Severe Mental Illness (i.e. have you ever committed yourself or been committed to a psychiatric facility?) Yes___No___
- b. Apostasy, Heresy or Schism (i.e. have you ever publicly abandoned the Catholic Church; have you ever publicly advocated any views contrary to the teaching of the Catholic Church; have you ever joined another religious body by a formal act?) Yes___No___
- c. Existing bond (e.g.marriage) Yes___No___
- d. Private or Public Religious Vows Yes___No___
- e. Voluntary Homicide or Abortion (have you every been involved in the taking of another human life; have you ever helped someone procure an abortion, performed the abortion or positively cooperated in obtaining an abortion for another person?) Yes___No___
- f. Attempted suicide, self-mutilation or the mutilation of others? Yes___No___
- g. Ever impersonated a deacon, priest or bishop? Yes___No___
- h. Ever been excommunicated? Yes___No___

SECTION III: LEGAL STATUS

Are you a citizen of the United States?_____

If not, of what country are you a citizen?_____

Do you have a passport?_____Number_____Place of Issue_____

Expiration Date_____

Immigration Status_____

Are you a permanent resident of the United States?_____

Have you ever been arrested?_____If so, what were the charges?_____

Place and date of arrest (*give city, state, county*)_____

Age at time of arrest_____Disposition_____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony misdemeanor?(*other than civil infraction such as a traffic offense*)_____

SECTION IV: FAMILY BACKGROUND

A. Your Parents

Father
Name _____
Birthplace _____
Living _____

Mother
Name _____
Birthplace _____
Living _____

Father
If Deceased
Cause of Death _____
Age at Death _____
Year of Death _____

Mother
If Deceased
Cause of Death _____
Age at Death _____
Year of Death _____

If Alive:
Address _____

If Alive
Address _____

Telephone (____) _____

Telephone (____) _____

Highest Grade Completed _____
Occupation _____
Religion _____
Convert? Yes No ____

Highest Grade Completed _____
Occupation _____
Religion _____
Convert? _____ Yes No ____

Parents Marital Status _____
If Divorced, has either parent remarried? _____
Stepfather's complete name _____
Stepmother's complete name _____

B. Brothers and Sisters

Name	Age	Occupation	Marital Status	Practicing Catholic?
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Briefly describe your home life as a child. Please describe the quality of all the relationships in your family (e.g. between parents and each child, between children) _____

C. Other Items

Name and address of person(s) to be notified in case of emergency

Relationship _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Your ethnic background _____

SECTION V: GENERAL MEDICAL INFORMATION

A. General Health

How was your health as a child? _____

Did you suffer from any serious illnesses? _____

If yes, describe what and when briefly. _____

How was your health as an adolescent? _____

Have you ever had any serious illnesses, accidents, surgeries, handicaps or physical limitation?
Please describe briefly. _____

Do you have any past medical concerns, e.g. insomnia, weight problems, high blood pressure,
persistent colds, heart ailments, indigestion, diabetes, asthma, poor appetite, headaches, tiredness,
allergies, etc? _____

Do you have a history of substance abuse/chemical dependency (drugs, alcohol, etc.) _____

If yes, give details. _____

Have you ever been involved in a chemical dependency or substance abuse program? _____

If yes, list when and where. _____

Have you ever been in a treatment program for abuse of any kind? _____

If yes, list when and where. _____

Is there any history in your family of mental illness, alcoholism, drug abuse or sexual abuse? _____
If yes, please give details. _____

Have you ever been the victim of physical or sexual abuse? _____
If yes, please give details. _____

B. Counseling/Therapy

List any experience with counseling therapy. _____

C. Your Physician

Name of personal Physician _____

Address _____

Telephone (____) _____

*Please note: Applicant must submit (a) Physical Examination Form
(b) Dental Examination Form*

SECTION VI: EDUCATION BACKGROUND

A. Grade Schools (*List in order the schools you have attended*) Catholic? Yes ___ No ___

Name	City/State	Date
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B. Secondary Schools (*High schools*) Catholic? Yes ___ No ___

Name	City/State	Date
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Date of Graduation _____ Grade Average (GPA) _____

C. Catholic Education

If you did not attend Catholic Schools, please indicate the extent of your religious education
(*e.g. parish, CCD, religious education, school of religion, etc.*)

D. Colleges, Universities, Seminaries

School	Location	Dates Attended	Major
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E. Degrees

Please list degrees earned and details
(*school, location, major, GPA and honors, if applicable*) _____

F. Extracurricular Activities; Honors and Awards

Please list extracurricular activities and organizations in which you are/were involved.

Name of Group	Type of Activity	Positions Held
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Honors and Awards _____

G. Other Educational Background Information

Which studies did you like best in high school? In college? _____

Which did you like least? _____

If your college major was not philosophy, please indicate any philosophy courses you have taken. _____

Please indicate any credits you have earned in theology. _____

Do you have any abilities in foreign languages? Please indicate language, years of study and level of competence to read, write and speak. _____

List class offices held. _____

In which skills or areas of education do you have special training qualifications? _____

Have you ever been dismissed or voluntarily withdrawn from any school? _____
If yes, please explain. _____

Would you describe yourself as a poor, average or above average student? _____

SECTION VII: EMPLOYMENT/FINANCIAL STATUS

A. Employment History

List chronologically any paid work (*full or part time*) that you have done.

Give dates, type of work, duration, likes and dislikes about the work, reason for leaving and any other helpful comments (*use separate sheets if needed*). _____

Your current or most recent job

Name of your employer _____

Address _____

Job Title _____ Duration _____

Describe your duties in detail. _____

Please list the volunteer work you have done, start with what you are currently involved with and work back, please include dates also. _____

B. Indebtedness

Are you currently in debt (e.g. with credit cards, bank loans, or personal loans)?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please indicate to whom you are indebted and the amount of debt(s).

_____ - \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

Have you incurred any Government Student Loans? Yes _____ No _____

If so, please indicate.

Bank/Agency Holding Loans	Interest Rate	Years Incurred	Amounts

SECTION VIII: MILITARY SERVICE

Have you registered for the Selective Service? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is your classification? _____

If no, please explain. _____

If you have served in the military

Branch of Service _____ Enlistment Date _____
Rank at Discharge _____ Discharge Date _____
Type of Discharge _____ Combat _____
Service Duties _____
Reserve Status _____

If you have been discharged from Military Service, please provide us with a copy of your DD-214.

Are education benefits available to you from the military? Yes _____ No _____

Explain _____

SECTION IX: PERSONAL DATA

Describe your free time apart from school and/or work.

What are your interests and hobbies? _____

Do you like to read? In what particular fields? _____

Describe the kinds of books you read, give the titles of two or three books you have read recently, and the names of the magazines/periodicals that are part of your regular reading. _____

List any neighborhood, civic, social and service organizations to which you belong and describe your roles in each. _____

Describe your relationship with your friends: who are they, what do they do together, how long have you been friends, how do you give and receive support? _____

Who are the most important people in your life? _____

Have you ever dated? Yes _____ No _____

Are you currently dating? Yes _____ No _____

How old were you when you had your first date? _____

Have you ever had a serious relationship?
(one in which you were seriously considering marriage) Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever gone steady? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been engaged? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been married? (*In a church, by the state, or by "common law"*) Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please answer the following:

To whom? _____

When _____ Where _____

Before whom? (*J.P., Priest, Minister, etc.*) _____

Is your former spouse deceased? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, give date of death _____

Have you received a civil divorce? Yes _____ No _____

Grounds _____

Have you received a Church annulment? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please specify.

Diocese _____ Date of Annulment _____ Protocol # _____

Do you have any children? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how many and what ages? _____

Do you have any dependent relatives? _____

Are you at ease in the presence of others? _____

Do you characterize yourself as a person who enjoys helping others? _____

State some instances where you feel you have helped others. _____

What do you regard as your particular talents? _____

Is there anything else you would like to say about yourself? _____

SECTION X: VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

How old were you when you first thought of becoming a priest? _____

Has it been over a long period of time or just occasionally? _____

Discuss your interest in the Priesthood. _____

Who, besides yourself, contributed most to your consideration of the Priesthood. Why? _____

Has anyone suggested that you may have a vocation to the Priesthood? If so, why?
Has the suggestion been advanced often? _____

Do your parents approve of your preparing for the Priesthood? Please comment. _____

What talents, skills and experiences will you bring to your work as a priest? _____

Why do you want to join our diocese as a priest? _____

What kind of assignments would you be most interested in as a priest? _____

What is your current understanding of the following:

a. a priest's obedience to his bishop _____

b. a priest's promise to be celibate and chaste _____

c. a priest's need to live simply and in the midst of his people _____

d. a priest as a prayerful person _____

e. the difference between diocesan and religious order priests _____

f. the Sacraments _____

g. Sacred Scripture _____

h. the Holy Eucharist _____

What apprehensions do you have about your decision to enter the Seminary and begin preparing for priestly life and ministry? _____

What attracts you most to the Priesthood? _____

If you become a priest, what do you think you will be able to contribute, from the perspective of your talents, experiences, and other personal qualities? _____

In applying for admission, do you make this application of your own free will? _____

DIOCESE OF COVINGTON, KY

RELEASE FORM FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

I, the undersigned, understand that investigative background inquiries are to be made on myself including consumer, criminal, driving and other reports. These reports will include information as to my character, work habits, performance, and experience along with reasons for termination of past employment from previous employers. Further I understand that you will be requesting information from various Federal, State and other activities relating to my driving, credit, criminal, civil, and other experiences as well as claims involving me in the files of insurance companies.

I authorize, without reservation, any party or agency contacted by the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky to furnish the above-mentioned information.

A photocopy, or any other copy, of this instrument bearing my signature shall be equally legally valid as the original.

PRINT FULL NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

SOCIAL SEC. NO. ____/____/____ DATE OF BIRTH** _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____ WITNESS _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE _____ STATE _____

WHERE YOU LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE IN THE PAST 10 YEARS? IF YES, PLEASE ADVISE STATE AND DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER.

** Date of Birth is being requested in order to obtain accurate retrieval records.

Please attach a copy of your driver's license and social security card.

Please list all addresses you lived at for the past seven (7) years. Include the year you moved to this address and the year you moved out.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

The Vocation Office has given you the telephone number of the Psychologist to arrange for required psychological testing and interview. Please do not delay in pursuing this testing. A block of your time will be needed in order to complete all that will be involved.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND ESSAYS

Please compose a detailed autobiography of your life that gives an insight into who you are. It would be good to include the following areas:

- † Chronological history of your life
- † Your personal and family life
- † Your personal relationships with your parents and siblings
- † Your experience of the Church
- † Your prayer life and faith experiences
- † Your personal lifestyles and relationships
- † Your attitude toward sexuality and celibacy
- † Your physical and psychological health
- † Your view of the world and society
- † Your leadership ability
- † Your satisfactions and accomplishments
- † Your academic abilities
- † Your vocation and how you arrived at applying to the seminary

Please include the above in this application form

If possible, name one priest, besides your pastor, who knows you.

Name _____ Parish _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____

Give names and addresses of two persons other than your immediate family who could recommend you as a student for the priesthood.

Name _____ Parish _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____

Name _____ Parish _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____

Applicant will read and sign the following statement:

To the best of my knowledge the statements in this application are complete and accurate.

Signature of Applicant

Date



Send all requested information to:

Rev. Conor Kunath
Vocation Promoter
Diocese of Covington
1125 Madison Ave.
Covington, KY 41011