

LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY CERTIFICATION



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of DETROIT

PRIEST REFERENCE FORM

Priest Name

Parish

Certification Candidate Name

Candidate role at your Parish

Please verify the following information about the candidate (check all that apply):

- ☐ Candidate has a current baptismal certificate on file with notations which verifies they are a fully initiated Catholic in good standing
- ☐ Candidate has a current background check on file at the parish and has completed Protecting God's Children
- ☐ I have met in person with the candidate to discuss their application for Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification

Candidate's Pastoral Formation

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The candidate demonstrates an appropriate understanding of theology to be effective in their ministry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The candidate demonstrates the human and spiritual gifts appropriate for someone in their ministry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The candidate is serious about continuing to grow in their gifts and knowledge of their faith	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The candidate demonstrates a fundamental love for those they are called to serve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How have you observed the statements described above?
Is there anything else you have observed?

Candidate's Spiritual Formation

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The candidate participates in the Sacramental life of the Church by way of regular mass attendance, regular confession and other sacramental celebrations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The candidate regularly participates in other opportunities for personal spiritual growth (spiritual direction, retreats, spiritual conferences)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The candidate demonstrates the earnest desire to be conformed to Christ and the Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Is there anything else you have observed?

Candidate's Human Formation

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The candidate is appropriately aware of their own gifts and strengths, as well as their challenges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The candidate regularly demonstrates the ability to engage in healthy relationships with those they serve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The candidate regularly demonstrates the ability to balance the various aspects of their personal life and their ministerial role	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Is there anything else you have observed?

Considering their formation and the ministry they have exhibited in our parish, I recommend this candidate for Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification:

☐ Enthusiastically ☐ Moderately ☐ Not at all

Priest Signature

Date

Parish Mailing Address

Parish City/State/Zip Code

Please scan and email this form to certification@shms.edu

OR

Mail the form to:
Ministry Certification - Office of the Registrar
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
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