

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF LOUVAIN



Application Form Seminary Program of Priestly Formation

Philosophy and Theology

SEMINARY PROGRAM OF PRIESTLY FORMATION

Application Form

Since 1857 The American College of the Immaculate Conception, under the governance of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has been preparing candidates for priesthood as well as providing ongoing academic formation of those already ordained. Today The American College, in association with the Catholic University of Louvain (Leuven), provides intensive personal, spiritual, pastoral, and academic formation to young men dedicated to becoming faithful, zealous, and learned pastors. Thank you for taking the time now to complete the following application.

PLEASE TYPE OR USE BLOCK LETTERS!

PERSONAL DATA:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Work Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail Address 1: _____

E-mail Address 2: _____

Birth Date (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

City of Birth: _____ State/Province: _____ Country: _____

Passport Number: _____ Nationality: _____

Social Security Number: _____

In case of emergency, contact person(s):

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

ECCLESIASTICAL DATA:

Home Diocese: _____ Bishop: _____

Diocesan Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Home Parish: _____ Pastor _____

Parish Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____, Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Director of Vocations/Seminarians: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ State/Prov: _____

Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Baptism (dd/mm/yyyy): _____ Place of Baptism: _____

Date of Confirmation: _____ Place of Confirmation: _____

(Please submit recently issued certificates of Baptism and Confirmation with application.)

If Religious, Dates of Profession: Temporary (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

Final: _____

Name of Congregation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Religious Superior: _____

LIFE SITUATION DATA:

What has been your work experience over the past five years (i.e., what, when, where)?

Have you ever applied to, but not entered, a seminary or religious community? []Yes []No

If yes, please explain in detail (i.e., what, when, where):

Were you ever in a seminary or religious community? []Yes []No

If yes, please indicate where and when and the name of your rector/superior at the time you left.

Have you ever married or attempted to marry, either civil, ecclesiastical, or common law? []Yes []No

If yes, please explain. Has this marriage been annulled? Please include recently issued copy of your annulment decree. Are you fulfilling your moral and civil obligations to your former wife?

Do you have any children? []Yes []No

If yes, please explain. Are you fulfilling your legal and moral obligations towards them?

Selective Service number: _____ Have you been in military service? []Yes []No

If Yes, what years? _____

(Please provide a copy of your discharge certificate, if applicable)

What is your first language? _____

If English is NOT your first language, what is your proficiency level in English?

Speaking/Listening: []Basic []Intermediate []Fluent

Writing: []Basic []Intermediate []Fluent

Have you recently taken a TOEFL examination? What was your score? _____

(The Catholic University of Louvain requires a minimum score of 550 or 213 on a computer-based TOEFL test. If you have taken the TOEFL within the last three years, please include a copy of your TOEFL results.)

In what other languages do you have some proficiency?

Language: _____ Proficiency level: _____

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Language: _____ Proficiency level: _____

Have you ever been arrested? []Yes []No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? []Yes []No

If yes, please explain:

HEALTH DATA:

Do you have any physical disability? []Yes []No

If yes, please explain:

Have you received psychological testing within the last two years? []Yes []No

(Please include this psychological report with the application in a sealed envelope indicating its contents. Mark the envelope "Confidential." If you have not had a psychological report done within the past two years, please arrange to do so and indicate to the psychologist that it is required for admission to this seminary.)

Have you ever been under psychiatric care? []Yes []No

(If yes, please explain under separate cover addressed to the Rector; mark the envelope "Confidential").

Have you been diagnosed with any learning disabilities? []Yes []No

If yes, please identify:

Have you had a physical examination within the last year? []Yes []No

Did the examination include a test for HIV? []Yes []No

(If yes to either question, please include copy of the report with this application. If no to either question, please arrange to have a physical examination as soon as possible, including a test for HIV, and have the report included with this application or post it to the rector.)

Are you willing and able to live a fully celibate life as an integral part of your formation for priestly ministry in this seminary? []Yes []No

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

For which academic program are you applying:

[]Philosophy BA []Philosophy MA

(Must have completed two years of a BA program elsewhere)

[]Theology STB []Theology & Religious Studies MA []Theology STL

(Must have completed a four-year BA program elsewhere)

Secondary school attended _____

Date from: (mm/yyyy) _____ Date to: _____

College/University attended _____

Date from: (mm/yyyy) _____ Date to: _____

College/University attended _____

Date from: (mm/yyyy) _____ Date to: _____

College degree(s) granted: _____ and date(s) received _____

College major(s): _____ minor(s): _____

How many credits do you have in philosophy? _____

How many credits do you have in theology/religious studies? _____

Do you have experience in writing substantial research papers? []Yes []No

If "yes" please briefly describe one such paper.

REFERENCES:

The American College needs a **letter of sponsorship** from your bishop or major superior. Please arrange to have this letter sent under separate cover. Indicate the name and address of the person who will write.

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Zip/Postal Code: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Country: _____
Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

The American College also needs a **letter of recommendation** from your Vocation Director or Director of Seminarians. Please arrange to have this letter sent under separate cover. Indicate the name and address of the person who will write.

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Zip/Postal Code: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Country: _____
Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Please arrange to have a **letter of recommendation** from your rector, if you are presently attending or have recently attended a seminary. Please indicate the name of the person who will be writing:

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Zip/Postal Code: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Country: _____
Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Please arrange to have your present or most recent parish pastor send a **letter of recommendation**. Please indicate the name and address of the person who will be writing.

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Zip/Postal Code: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Country: _____
Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

How do you intend to fund your seminary program of priestly formation and living expenses while at The American College?

To whom should bills for tuition, room and board be sent?

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Country: _____

Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

PLEASE SEND:

- 1) One copy of this completed and signed application form.
- 2) Two copies of completed and signed print-out of the online Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL) application form.
- 3) Copies of sacramental certificates.
- 4) Two passport-size photos.
- 5.) Photocopy of first page of your passport
- 6) If pertinent, a copy of your military discharge paper.
- 7) A 500-word autobiographical essay, touching on your family and personal history, your interest in ordained ministry, and your reasons for wanting to attend The American College of Louvain.
- 8) A copy of your psychological report written within the past two years, sent to the Rector in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential."
- 9) Your post-secondary school transcripts.
- 10) If pertinent, a copy of your TOEFL results, if taken within the past three years.
- 11) \$375 administration fee, made payable to the American College

Signed: _____ Date: (dd/mm/yyyy) ____/____/____

To enable us to continue processing your application, please sign and date this application form above and send it and the other requested documents to:

The American College of Louvain
Director of Admissions
Naamsestraat 100
3000 Leuven
BELGIUM

(This form is available in Spanish upon request. Este formulario está disponible en español.)