

St. Mary's Seminary

9845 Memorial Drive

Houston, TX 77024

Application for Admission

Please write clearly or print clearly all information. If more space is needed, use another sheet of paper.

1. Studying for (Arch) Diocese of Date
2. Name
Last First Middle
Name student goes by
3. Home address
Street

City State Zip
4. Home telephone Mobile phone
5. Date of birth Birthplace
Diocese of birth
6. Social security number
7. Email address
8. Year of Formation (circle one) 1st Pre-Theology 2nd Pre-Theology 1st Theology 2nd Theology 3rd Theology 4th Theology
9. Passport number Date of expiration
10. I-94 date of expiration I-20 date of expiration
 (if applicable) (if applicable)
11. Will you bring a car on campus for personal use? Yes No If yes, list make, model and license plate number:

Please attach
current photo

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FAMILY BACKGROUND

12. Father

Name

Address

Birthplace

Living: Yes No

If no, cause of death

Highest grade completed

Occupation

Religion

Mother

Name

Address

Birthplace

Living: Yes No

If no, cause of death

Highest grade completed

Occupation

Religion

13. Parents' marital status Was either parent in a previous marriage Yes No

14. Brothers/Sisters

Name	Age	Occupation or School	Marital Status	Practicing Catholic
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15. Emergency contact

Name

Address

Relationship

Telephone

16. Do you have any close relatives who are in the priesthood or religious life? Yes No

If yes, please specify

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

17. High School(s)

City & State

Dates Attended

If you did not attend Catholic schools, please indicate the extent of your religious education (e.g., Parish, CCD, or school of religion)

18. College/University Attended	City & State	Dates Attended	Major	Grade/Degree Completed

19. Approximate GPA in: High school College

20. What studies did you like best? Least?

21. What courses, if any, have you failed?

22. Extra-curricular activities (social and athletic):

23. Honors, awards, and elected positions:

24. Modern foreign languages? If any, specify fluency in speaking and writing:

25. If your major was not Philosophy in college, indicate which philosophy courses you have taken:

26. College-level Theology courses taken:

27. In what skills or areas of education do you have special training or qualifications?

28. Have you ever been dismissed from any school or seminary? If yes, give a full explanation on a separate sheet.

WORK EXPERIENCE

29. List chronologically to the present any paid work that you have done. Give dates, type of work, duration, and which, if any, you especially liked or disliked.

Employer & Location	Dates (from/to)	Type of Work	Comments

30. Concerning your present or most recent fulltime job:

Employer & Location	Dates (from/to)	Job Title
Reason for Leaving	Salary Per Month	

Describe duties in detail:

What did you like most about this work?

What did you like least about this work?

31. Have you ever been terminated from a job? Yes No
If yes, why?
32. Have you performed volunteer work? If so, list:
33. Do you belong to any professional organizations? Yes No
If yes, list them:
34. What have you learned about yourself from having to meet school or job responsibilities?

PERSONAL DATA

35. Approximately how much free time do you have apart from school and/or work, and how do you spend it? (include hobbies and interests)
36. What types of books do you prefer reading? Give two titles of books that you have read recently:
37. What periodicals do you read regularly?
38. Do you have a Facebook account? Yes No
39. What neighborhood, civic, social or service organizations do you belong to?
40. Have you exercised any type of leadership in any of your free-time activities? If yes, describe:
41. Are you currently dating? Yes No How old were you when you had your first date?

42. Have you gone steady? Yes No Been engaged? Yes No Married? Yes No
 Do you think you would make a good husband? Yes No A good father? Yes No
43. If you have any near relative(s) who is dependent upon you financially, please give details:
44. Are you in serious debt, such that it would cause you anxiety during your seminary formation? Yes No
45. Have you ever been arrested? Yes No If yes, how old were you at the time?

RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

46. Sacraments	Date	Church	City & State
Baptism	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Communion	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Confirmation	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Parents' Marriage	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

47. Does either parent belong to an Oriental Rite of the Church? Yes No
- Father: Mother:

48. Current church parish and address:
- Pastor: Assistant Pastor:

Indicate the frequency of the following for yourself and each of your parents:

	Yourself	Father	Mother
Mass Attendance	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Reconciliation (confession and penance)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

49. Have you ever been away from the Church for a period of time? Yes No
50. If yes, when? Time returned to church:
51. Have you ever belonged to a church other than the Roman Catholic Church? Yes No
- Denomination: Time of conversion:
52. Indicate the usual religious practices in your home:
53. List the ways in which you have been involved in the Church (e.g., acolyte/server, choir member, reader, religion teacher, youth group, retreats, etc.):
54. List the dioceses in which you have resided for six months or longer after 14 years of age (including residence at a school/college seminary outside your home diocese):

55. If you have ever applied for or been accepted as a candidate for any other diocese or religious order, or secular institute, please give the following:

Name of Diocese, Order, Institute	Dates Entering/Leaving	Level at Time of Leaving

56. Did you leave on your own accord, or were you asked to leave? Yes No If so, why?

57. Have you ever bound yourself with oaths, vows or promises in a religious organization? Yes No

If yes, specify: Date

Were they temporary or perpetual? Have they expired or been dispensed?

58. If you have received any of the following, give the pertinent information and include a copy of the certificate:

Ministry	Date	Place/City/State	Institution Bishop
Candidacy	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Reader	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Acolyte	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

VOCATIONAL GOALS AND ATTITUDES

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

60. Who, besides yourself, contributed most to your choice of this vocation?

61. Have you discussed your desire to enter the seminary with your pastor? Yes No

62. Do your parents approve of your studying for the priesthood? Yes No

63. What skills, aptitudes and experiences do you have which may be valuable in your ministry as a priest?

64. What motivates you to want to serve your particular diocese?

65. If you are ordained, what kind of priestly ministry would you like to do?

66. If you were not to become a priest, what other careers would you consider?

67. What is your understanding of priestly celibacy?

68. What apprehensions do you have about your decision to study for the diocesan priesthood?

69. What are some of the duties which priests perform that you find appealing?

70. What do you think might be the hardest thing for you in being a priest?

71. Would you be willing to serve as a priest in economically poor parishes? Yes No

72. If the Spanish language is important in your diocese, are you willing to learn Spanish? Yes No

73. Write a detailed autobiography on separate paper (with emphasis on experience rather than details) to include what is below. We would prefer this to be typewritten. If you have already written an autobiography for your diocese, which basically includes these elements, you may send it.

- (1) Family life and upbringing (2) important relationships outside of the family (3) school/work experiences
- (4) major satisfactions and problems experienced in life (5) experience in the Church (6) factors which led you toward priesthood and (7) how your personal relationship with God has grown (8) please include an autobiographical timeline (sample attached)

MILITARY SERVICE

74. If you have registered for Selective Service, give the following information:

Selective service number _____ Classification _____

Local board number _____

Street City/State/Zip

If you have served in the military:

Branch of service _____ Date of Enlistment _____

Rank at discharge _____ Date of discharge _____

Type of discharge _____ Combat Yes No

Duties (mode of service) _____ Reserve status _____

What did you like best about the service? _____

What did you like least? _____

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

75. Required documents:

- **Sacramental:** a copy of your *Baptism Certificate* (must be issued within the last 6 months by your church of Baptism); a copy of your *Confirmation Certificate*; a copy of your *parents' Marriage Certificate*
- **School:** *Official Transcripts* from high school and/or college study, and ACT or SAT scores should be sent directly to the Admissions Office, UST School of Theology, 9845 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024.
- **Reference Letters:** reference letter from a *priest* who knows you, preferably your *pastor or vocation director*, if applicable, reference letter from your *recent seminary Rector* or *work*
- **Medical History:** 1 completed *Seminary Medical History* form, signed by a doctor
- **Senate Bill 1107 REQUIRES** that **ALL INCOMING STUDENTS**, including transfer and graduate students, submit proof that they have been vaccinated against Meningococcal Meningitis.
 - In accordance with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, the bacterial meningitis vaccination must have been received **at least after the student's 16th birthday.**
 - This information DOES NOT apply to students 30 years and older or students enrolled only in online or other distance courses.**
- **Recent Formation Evaluation** (if applicable)
- **Typed Autobiography and Timeline**

76. Although your application to the University of Dallas/University of St. Thomas is a separate matter from application to Holy Trinity Seminary/St. Mary's Seminary, we are enclosing the application form for the University of St. Thomas, which we ask you to complete and forward to the Admissions Office, UST School of Theology, 9845 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024/

77. Mail this completed form and other required documents to:

**Rector's Office
St. Mary's Seminary
9845 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77024**

REMINDER: THESE DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE SEMINARY INTERVIEW!

- The completed St. Mary's application form
- The Vocation director's and/or rector's letter of recommendation
- The most recent evaluation, if applicable
- A typed autobiography, including timeline
- Psychological report

Autobiography Timeline

Please list the significant persons, places, and events in your life.

Family	Faith	Year	School/Work	Friendships/Relationships
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