



VILLA SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FORMATION PROGRAM

Name of person
completing this recommendation: _____

Address: _____

Relation to Applicant: _____ Date: _____

To the Applicant: Please enter your name in the space immediately below, and give a stamped envelope addressed to the Villa Spiritual Direction Formation Program to your reference so that they may send it directly to us. Recommendations should be sought from your current Spiritual Director, Pastor/Minister, and someone you engage in a professional relationship, etc. Please do not ask immediate family members.

To the Person completing this recommendation:

_____ is applying for admission to the Villa Spiritual Direction Formation Program. This program is an intensive, advanced program in a specialized area of ministry. Those applying for admission into this Program should be above average in personal and ministerial maturity and be capable of engaging in a demanding program of study. The responsibilities of spiritual direction are serious. Those who participate in this program need a high level of spiritual maturity and competence. You can assist us in our selection of applicants by taking the time to respond to the following items. Please rate the applicant on each item using a scale of 1 to 10 [10 being the highest or N/A if not applicable]. If you have any other comments or would like to supplement your ratings, please use the space provided at the end or append an additional page. Once the Admissions Committee has read your evaluation, it will be destroyed.

Intellectually

_____ manifests an ability to think independently

_____ has the ability to articulate, question, discuss and challenge

_____ has an enthusiasm for learning

Ministerially

_____ shows potential for openness to growth

- _____ has satisfactory interpersonal relationships
- _____ has the ability to work well with groups
- _____ has the ability to deal with persons on a one-to-one basis
- _____ satisfactory demonstration of responsible behavior
- _____ satisfactory demonstration of responsible leadership potential
- _____ has vision of ministry that would embrace a variety of lifestyles and geographic locations as well as a variety of persons: men, women, educated and uneducated; middle class, poor and marginalized, and different religions.

Psychologically

- _____ is open, honest and frank in relationships with peers
- _____ is open, honest and frank with persons in positions of leadership
- _____ demonstrates maturity of thought, attitudes and feelings
- _____ has regard for persons and their development and growth as well as one's own personal growth
- _____ has the ability to talk about one's feelings
- _____ has the ability to stop talking about one's feelings
- _____ has a self-confidence radiated rather than asserted
- _____ has potential for change of attitudes, ways of living, ideas, and ways of relating to people

Spiritually

- _____ shows evident faith dimension in her/his life
- _____ has ability to talk about his/her faith life
- _____ shows stability in her/his life's vocation
- _____ shows an eagerness to grow in prayer and in relation to God

We would greatly appreciate your comments on the following:

Would you send others to this candidate for spiritual direction after the candidate completes the program? Why or why not?

Do you have any additional observations, comments, or concerns?

Please return this form as soon as possible to the:

Villa Spiritual Direction Formation Program
c/o Sr. Teresa Skierkowski, SCC
352 Bernardsville Road
Mendham, NJ 07945

Signature _____ Date _____