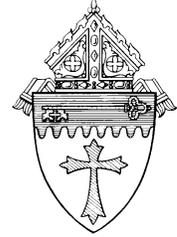


DIOCESE OF ERIE
PASTOR'S CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FORM
FOR A CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL



___ Catholic School Teacher / Catechist at _____
___ Other: _____

Dear Monsignor / Father:

Please provide a recommendation for _____. This individual is requesting to accept or is currently in a role of ministry (as noted above) in the Church. The responsibilities of this position, as noted above, are such that the person needs to be a practicing Catholic with a sound reputation. The Diocese of Erie relies on the judgment of pastors (or other priests who know the individual well) for this positive affirmation. For our purposes, practice of the faith is primarily manifested by participation in the sacramental life of the Church (Sunday Mass and valid marriages), formation of children in the faith, support for the teachings of the Church's Magisterium, and a life free of public scandal. Pastors are respectfully asked to not base such practice solely on the person's financial contribution or the "use of envelopes." For more detail, please see the second page.

Directions: Please affix your parish seal to this form. Mail directly to the school listed above OR place the form in a sealed envelope with your name signed across the flap, then give the form directly to the individual requesting it. Thank you.

_____ is a member of _____ Parish in _____ (city/town) as indicated by (circle any that apply) domicile, registration, and/or regular attendance/participation in this parish.

I have known this person for _____ years.

1. I am ___ very ___ somewhat ___ not very familiar with this person's *practice* of the faith.

Comments: _____

2. I am ___ very ___ somewhat ___ not very familiar with this person's *knowledge* of the faith.

Comments: _____

3. I am ___ very ___ somewhat ___ not very familiar with this person's *moral* character.

Comments: _____

4. Do you recommend the applicant for the position and why?

5. Do you have any reservations and why?

DATE: _____

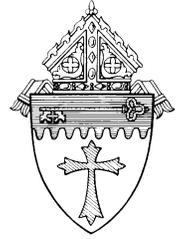
PARISH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARISH SEAL: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

SIGNATURE of PASTOR (or PRIEST designated by him)



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WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A PRACTICING CATHOLIC?

A practicing Catholic is a person who is in good standing with the Church and lives in accord with the teachings of Christ and the Church. The following list provides essential components of the practice of the faith:

- He/she participates in the sacraments of the Church
 - is fully initiated, i.e. has been baptized, confirmed and admitted to Holy Communion.
 - participates in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
 - celebrates the Sacrament of Penance as needed, but not infrequently.
- He/she is a registered member of a Catholic parish and supports the parish with time, talent and treasure, according to his/her ability.
- If married, he/she is in a marriage in accord with the laws of the Church, and is committed to raising children in the practice of the faith.
- If not married, he/she is living a life in conformity with single state.
- He/she is in agreement with and willing to impart the teachings of the Catholic Church as taught by the Church's magisterium.
- He/she will lead by example, encourage students to learn and practice the faith by word and example.
- He/she lives a life free of scandal, and is not bound by any ecclesiastical penalty.

Approved by Bishop Persico, March 15, 2013