

Pastoral Ministry Leadership Formation Program Letter of Support

Applicant Name: _____

Authorization to Provide Reference

I authorize (Name of your reference writer) _____
to provide information related to my capabilities, skills, character traits or other
personal information in a written letter (or telephone follow-up) to the Office of
Pastoral Ministry Leadership Formation for the purpose of assisting me in
obtaining admission into the ministry formation program.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of support for the above named applicant. It will assist the Pastoral Ministry Leadership Formation Program Admissions Committee in selecting participants for the upcoming formation program. Please retain this authorization for your records. All information provided will be treated in strict confidence.

As you write your letter please use specific examples, based on your experience with or observation of this applicant, to support what you are relating about this candidate. Please address the following in your letter:

- How long have you known this applicant?
- In what ministerial areas have you observed this applicant?
- How long has this applicant been a member of and/or served in a parish?
- Can you summarize this applicant's strengths?
- Can you suggest areas of opportunity for this applicant?
- What else would you like us to know about this applicant?

Thank you for taking the time to give us your opinion of this applicant. Please return the letter to the applicant for submission with the application.