



Bellarmino University
Theology Department
Master of Arts in Spirituality Degree

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

Applicant's name _____

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, you have the right, if you enroll at Bellarmine University, to review your educational records. The Act further provides that you may waive your right to see recommendations for admission. Please indicate whether or not you wish to waive this right and sign your name.

I () waive any right of access that I may have to this recommendation form

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(Signature) _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER:

Please complete this form and mail it in the envelope provided to you by the applicant. ***Please note: Early receipt of this recommendation is extremely important to the applicant.***

Respondent's Name: _____ Title: _____

Institution / Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Date: _____

Thank you for taking the time to help us evaluate this candidate for admission to Bellarmine University's M.A. in Spirituality program, in partnership with Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Your frank assessment will help us judge the person's capacity for graduate theological education. We believe that a good reference will point to the applicant's weaknesses and limitations as well as strengths.

Using a separate letter, the Admissions Committee asks you to tell us how long and in what roles you have known the applicant and share with us your impressions of the candidate concerning:

- 1) capacity for rigorous academic work
- 2) personal and vocational maturity
- 3) capacity to work closely and collaboratively with others
- 4) creativity and imagination
- 5) depth of spiritual concern and understanding
- 6) describe the applicant as a person: strengths, limitations, usual way of relating to others, usual means of coping with stress and deadlines

Please feel free to make any additional comments that you think would be helpful to our Admissions Committee. Return this form and your response in the enclosed envelope.

PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

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All applicants must submit the following:

- a. A completed graduate application form.
- b. A non-refundable application fee of \$25.00. (Make check payable to 'Bellarmino University')
- c. Official college transcripts of ALL graduate and undergraduate credits from accredited institutions.
- d. Three (3) letters of recommendation: two letters of recommendation from academic references; and one letter of recommendation from a pastoral reference or from a peer-in-ministry reference.
- e. A Spiritual Autobiography. (*See attached essay for a suggested method for writing your Spiritual Autobiography*). This typewritten (double-spaced) essay should be 8-10 pages in length. Each applicant will write a unique and personal essay to articulate the applicant's reflections on spirituality. The essay does not require or expect you to do research; you are not encouraged to posture or to imitate classic spiritual autobiographies.

A Spiritual Autobiography might include such topics as:

- What has been your most fulfilling experience in life, and why do you reverence it?
- What has been the most difficult hurdle in your life, and how did you work through it?
- Who have been important mentors in your spiritual growth, and what did they teach you?