**Spiritual Direction Internship Initiative Recommendation Form**

***[Empowering people through personal, professional and spiritual enrichment](http://www.spiritualdirectionii.org/" \o "Spiritual Direction Initiative)***

2024-2025

Name of person completing this recommendation:

Address: (Street, City, State, Zip)

Phone: (Home &/or Work) Email:

Your relationship with Applicant

*To the Applicant: Please enter your name in the space immediately below.*

To the person completing this recommendation:   
is applying for admission to the Certificate Program *Spiritual Direction Internship Initiative, SDII.*  This program is an intensive 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 concentrated study program and practicum. The responsibilities of spiritual direction are serious. 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). 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 studied all written materials, your evaluation will be destroyed.

**Intellectually**

satisfactory achievement in prior degree work

manifests ability to think independently and be challenged by difficult areas of concentration

has the ability to articulate, question, discuss and challenge

has an eager attitude toward reflection, study, research

**Ministerially**

shows potential for creative developments in pastoral ministry in general and in spiritual direction in particular

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 in spiritual direction that would embrace a variety of religious beliefs, sexes, sexual orientations, education, economic levels

**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, ways of relating with 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

**Physically**

satisfactory condition of health

lacks inhibiting handicaps

demonstrates stamina and physical fitness

**Further Comments**

Would you send a member of your family to this candidate for spiritual direction after the candidate graduates from the program? Why or why not?

Would you go to the candidate for spiritual direction after he/she graduates? Why or why not?

Do you have any additional observations or comments?

Please return this form as soon as possible to *Spiritual Direction Internship Initiative*, Att’n Joan M. McCarthy, CSJ at the address below.

Your signature:

Date:

Thank you.

Joan M. McCarthy, CSJ   
Co-Director of SDII  
Administrator of SDII