

Appendix 6 **Application Forms**

- 1) “The Application form is a very important document that should include the following headings: General Biographical Information, Family Background, Physical, and Medical Background, Educational Background, Military Service, Employment, Leadership Experience, Financial Status and Resources, Personality Functioning, Sexual History and Potential to Live Chaste Celibacy, Religious Background, Canonical Status, Vocation to Priesthood, and Legal Status. ...an autobiography that includes references to family life, relationships outside the family, education and employment, outlook on life, major satisfactions and problems experienced, prayer and faith experiences, and priesthood and ministry.”¹
- 2) Forms should include questions that ascertain freedom from the more common canonical impediments that require dispensation.²
- 3) Duplication in requests for information should be limited and intended for cross validation.³
- 4) Canonical and other legal expertise may be helpful in determining the nature and extent of appropriate credit, criminal and other background checks.

¹ Cf. Ethical Understandings and Legal Constraints In the Retention and Maintenance of Records

² Cf. The Code of Canon Law, cc. 1040-1049

³ “The Need to Know and the Right to Privacy: Issues of Internal and External Forum”; Third Consultation for Vocation Directors, March 21-22, 2000; St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Center for Continuing Formation.