

ALLIANCE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS

Member Organizations:
Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions
National Association for Lay Ministry
National Association of Pastoral Musicians
National Conference for Catechetical Leadership
National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry

SUPERVISING PASTOR (OR EQUIVALENT) RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicants for the Alliance's national certification process are required to secure three recommendations, including one from a supervising pastor (or equivalent). Be assured that your responses will be held in the strictest confidence. The National Certification Standards are based on the framework established by the USCCB and articulated in Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord, USCCB Publishing, 2005.

Thank you for your responses to the following:

1. Name of applicant for admission to the Alliance certification process:

First	Middle	Last
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2. Your name:

First	Middle	Last
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3. Your title: Father Sister Brother Mr. Mrs.
 Miss Ms. Dr.

Other _____

4. Parish or institution: _____

5. How long have you known this person professionally? _____

Personally? _____

6. If you do not have sufficient knowledge of the applicant to complete this form please initial here and leave the remainder of the form blank. Initial here: _____

7. May we contact you to follow up if necessary? yes no

8. Your mailing address:

9. Phone: (_____) _____

10. E-Mail Address: _____

11. Fax: (_____) _____

Please respond to the following, using extra paper as necessary to be thorough:

1. Describe your supervisory relationship with the applicant, including how long you have supervised him/her.

2. List ministries in which you have observed this applicant serve. Address the level of responsibility (director/co-director/team member/etc.) and leadership skills demonstrated by the applicant in each ministry listed; e.g., *As director of faith formation, N. demonstrated great skill in engaging a team of volunteers and shepherding them through a formative process, utilizing adult pedagogy to create a volunteer staff of trained, enthusiastic catechists at every level of faith formation.*

3. What have you observed in the applicant's spirituality, pastoral abilities, human qualities, and intellectual knowledge and skill (capacity for abstract thought and critical analysis) that would indicate that this person is competent for ministry? Please be specific and descriptive.

4. Describe some of the applicant's strengths you have witnessed in the ministerial setting, specifically highlighting areas of leadership, pastoral abilities, and intellectual knowledge and skill.

5. How might the applicant further develop in ministry, especially in the areas of spirituality, pastoral abilities, leadership skills, intellectual knowledge and skills, and human qualities?

6. Concerns or reservations you have about the applicant:

7. Additional comments about the applicant:

Choose one:

- Highest recommendation
- Strong recommendation
- Recommend with no reservations
- Recommend with reservations (please explain)
- Do not recommend (please explain)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for completing this form. It will become part of the applicant's application for admission to Alliance certification process. Please send this form to the national office of the national organization corresponding to the lay ecclesial ministry for which the candidate is seeking certification:

Director of Worship:

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions
415 Michigan Avenue NE, Suite 70
Washington, DC 20017

Pastoral Associate or Parish Life Coordinator:

National Association for Lay Ministry
5401 S. Cornell, Rm. 210
Chicago, IL 60615

Director of Music Ministries:

National Association of Pastoral Musicians
962 Wayne Avenue, Suite 210
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Catechetical Leader:

National Conference for Catechetical Leadership
415 Michigan Avenue NE, Suite 110
Washington DC 20017

Youth Ministry Leader:

National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry
415 Michigan Avenue NE, Suite 40
Washington, DC 20017