



## Vocations Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

The Vocations Advisory Committee assists the Vocations Office in selecting candidates for the seminary, forming and evaluating seminarians, and assisting the Archbishop in admitting men to Holy Orders.

### A. Membership and Terms

Besides the Archbishop and the Director of the Vocations Office, the Committee consists of six (6) other diocesan priests.

The Committee members serve at the invitation of the Archbishop, but are recommended for the Archbishop's consideration by the Director of the Vocations Office. The Committee members normally serve for a term of two (2) years. This term may, with the Archbishop's approval, be renewed.

In accordance with the provisions of ecclesial and civil law, the Committee members are required to sign an "Oath of Secrecy", thereby promising to observe strict secrecy in perpetuity in connection with any work of the Vocations Advisory Committee that requires confidentiality by its nature.

The Committee is chaired by the Archbishop.

The Director of the Vocations Office is an ex-officio member of the Committee.

The Committee will meet monthly from September to June.

### B. Purpose

1. To consider with a greater objectivity than may be possible for the Vocations Director alone, the suitability of candidates for the priesthood and to make judgements on the same based on the information provided by the candidate's Application Packet, the personal conclusions of the Vocations Director, and the conclusions of the lay members of the Vocations Interview Committee.
2. Once candidates have been accepted as seminarians, to make judgements on the course of their formation.
3. To review the progress of current seminarians and make judgements about the next steps in their formations.
4. To provide input regarding the current initiatives of the Vocations Office, and to suggest new ones.