Vocations Joint Advisory Committee
Terms of Reference

The Joint Advisory Board assists the Vocations Office in the Spiritual, Academic and Human formation of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

A. Membership and Terms

The committee consists of representatives from the Seminary of Christ the King who are actively involved in seminarian formation in all its aspects, as well as representatives from members of the Vocations Advisory Committee, thus providing a “joint” perspective on the progress of each seminarian.

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.

A chair will be selected by majority vote from among the Committee members on an annual basis.

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

The Committee will meet at least three (3) times per year.

B. Purpose

1. To ensure that there is good communication between those who are recommending priestly formation and those who are carrying it out.

2. To provide the Vocations Office with an assessment of each seminarian’s progress from those who are most intimately acquainted with it.

3. To review the progress of each seminarian and make judgements about the next steps in his formation.