

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SIOUX FALLS

PHILOTHEA

SCHOOL OF FORMATION

Student Application

1. Read through the entire application before you begin.
2. Answer all the questions. Please type or print legibly.
3. Be honest, there are no right answers. We simply want to learn who you are.

Your Information	Parent/Guardian Information
Name _____	Father's Name _____
Address _____	Address (if different) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone (____) _____	Phone(____) _____ Alt(____) _____
Cell Phone (if you have your own) (____) _____	
Do you text? YES NO	Mother's Name _____
	Address (if different) _____
E-mail _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
	Phone(____) _____ Alt(____) _____
Parish Name: _____	
Parish City: _____	Parent(s) Email Address(es)
Pastor Name: _____	<i>Whoever wishes to receive correspondence for the program</i>
School _____	_____
Graduation Year _____	_____

____ I have read and understand the Philothea School of Formation program requirements

Applicant Signature

Parental Consent

____ I hereby give consent for my child to participate in the Philothea School of Formation as laid out in the Philothea School of Formation student manual. I understand that my child will be interacting through an online discussion forum and will begin the process of meeting regularly with a mentor that I approve.

Parent Signature

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Getting Started

How did you hear about the Philothea School of Education and why are you applying?

Parish Involvement

Please check all that apply

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> currently participate in religious education through my parish | <input type="checkbox"/> involved in a small group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> participate in youth group | <input type="checkbox"/> serve as an EM for Mass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> serve as reader, EM, altar server, choir member at a parish | <input type="checkbox"/> serve as an altar server |
| <input type="checkbox"/> currently serve on student leadership team | <input type="checkbox"/> active in other capacities |

Catholic Formation

Please check and fill in all that apply.

- I am baptized.
- I was confirmed in the Catholic Church at the age of _____.
- For the past 12 months I have met my obligation of attending Sunday liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation.
- I attended Catholic schools in grades _____.
- Other than in school, I attended religious education classes in grades _____.
- I attended youth ministry programs in junior high or high school grades _____.

Retreat Experiences

Please check all that apply and fill in the requested information.

- I have attended approximately _____ retreats as a junior high and/or high school student
- I have helped conduct _____ retreats at the age(s) of _____.

Please give a brief summary of the types of events and opportunities you've taken part in outside of regular religious education or youth ministry programs:

Areas of Focus

Please mark 2-3 areas of your life that you feel are most in need of “direction” or support right now:

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|--|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendships | <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Sin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identity (who are you?) | <input type="checkbox"/> Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Addiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discernment | <input type="checkbox"/> Loneliness | <input type="checkbox"/> Doubts About God / Catholic Church | |

Other (write any others here):

Please share a few thoughts about these areas and what you are desiring in them? (what questions do you have? What are your struggles, etc.)

Mentor Considerations

Please fill this out after you have read through the information on mentors in the handbook.

Which of these best describes your mentor considerations?

- I already have someone in mind and I've discussed this with them.
- I have someone in mind, but have not discussed it with them.
- I have some ideas but am still unsure.
- I don't have anyone in mind and would like some help finding someone.

If you have ideas, please list at least two adults that you would like to consider to be your mentor for this program:

Possible Mentor #1 Name: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Why and Why Not?

Possible Mentor #2 Name: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Why and Why Not?

Possible Mentor #3 Name: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Why and Why Not?

Short Essay

Please answer or complete the following questions.

1. Other than church related activities, what are your interests and hobbies?
2. Describe the role of your family in the development of your Catholic faith including prayer habits, Mass, etc.
3. What do you value about being Catholic?
4. Have you ever considered what state in life God is calling you, whether it be marriage, priest, religious brother, religious sister, or single? Explain your process of discernment.

Essays

On a separate paper, please answer the following questions in brief detail.

- Explain your pilgrimage of faith within the Catholic Church. (i.e. what was your faith life like growing up? When did you begin to start taking your journey of faith more seriously? What types of things happened that caused you to make your faith your own?)
- Describe your current life of prayer (when, how, what, etc.)
- Are there any teachings of the Catholic Church with which you have difficulty?

**** If you would like, please include a recent photo with the application.**

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