

**Application for
MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY AND SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM
REGIS COLLEGE**

Referee Evaluation Form

Note to Referees:

The Master of Arts in Ministry and Spirituality program is designed for women and men with active ministerial experience who seek to expand and deepen a social and spiritual vision through theological study and reflection on the personal and societal dimensions of work and service in a post-modern culture. It emphasises a deepening of theological understanding as well as training in specialized pastoral skills. This program may be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis. Students may select one of two streams.

(1) The Pastoral Praxis stream fosters spiritual and emotional maturity for men and women desiring effective ministerial practice and authentic witness in church and society.

(2) The Ministry of Spiritual Direction stream is for women and men discerning a vocation and for those seeking formation in spiritual direction ministry.

Students pursuing either stream graduate with the Master of Arts in Ministry and Spirituality, which combines a first theological degree with the opportunity to develop skills foundational to the art of spiritual direction or other methods of transformative preparation for ministry. Candidates are expected to have considerable life experience and a high level of maturity. Candidates bring a capacity for genuine self-awareness to a reflective process of supervision. These studies take place in a context of Ignatian spirituality that invites and promotes ecumenical community, effective ministerial practice and authentic witness.

Please place the completed reference form into an envelope, seal and sign at the back, and address it to:
The Registrar, Regis College, 100 Wellesley Street W., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 2Z5.

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Person Completing Reference: _____

In what capacity do you know the candidate? _____

How long have you known the candidate? _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone number(s) _____

Please mark with “X” to describe the candidate with respect to the following skills, characteristics, aptitudes and capacities.

<i>5 = an area established strength</i>	<i>4 = proven ability</i>	<i>3 = some ability</i>	<i>2 = show aptitude</i>	<i>1 = would need to overcome obstacles to develop in this area</i>	<i>0 = unable to judge</i>
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Communication, Learning

academic ability						
offers constructive feedback						
writing skills						
speaks well in public						
able to solve problems						
listening skills						
able to revise a position						

Faith

faith is a part of daily life						
prayerful						
appreciates the gifts of others						
concerned about injustice						
accepts limitations of others						

Social, Pastoral

takes initiative						
empathetic to others						
relates well to other cultures						
able to receive criticism						
adapts well to change						
works well in team setting						
has a sense of humour						
sets realistic goals						
manages conflict well						
able to keep a confidence						
responsible						
seeks the advice of others						

Please respond to questions 1- 5 on a separate sheet of paper, with short comments.

1. What is your appraisal of the applicant’s personal, psychological maturity and ability for ministry?
2. Please mention at least one relevant area of the applicant’s life or work which you feel is in need of growth?
3. In your experience does this person have the maturity to work in small groups? Are they able to share their values, inner experiences, and effectively deal with conflicts ?
4. In your opinion is this candidate well suited for a graduate program in Ministry and Spirituality?
5. Is there any other comments you would like to mention about this applicant?

6. If the applicant is admitted, in my opinion he/she will be well-suited for studies in the

Pastoral Praxis stream

Ministry of Spiritual Direction stream

Please feel free to elaborate:

7. Do you recommend the candidate for admission into a ministry and leadership preparation program? Please check only one of the following and comment as necessary. Attach a separate sheet if you wish to comment further.

Yes, with no reservations.

Yes, with the following reservation(s).

Yes, but on the following condition(s).

No. Defer until the following is addressed.

No.

Signature: _____

Date: _____