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## Application for Admission to the M.A. Program

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This form must be submitted to the Academic Dean by April 1 of Theology II.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative G.P.A. \* \_\_\_\_\_

\*must be 3.5 or higher

Proposed Thesis Topic:

\*attach signed thesis proposal

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I have discerned pursuing the M.A. degree with my Bishop and/or Vocation Director and have his/their support.

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Academic Dean

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Date



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## Thesis Proposal Form

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Thesis statement:** A thesis statement declares in one sentence a specific goal or goals as derived from a scholarly synthesis of information gathered from research.
2. **Rationale:** The rationale expresses the significance or importance of the question to the specific discipline of study.
3. **Methodology statement:** The methodology statement provides an explanation of *how* to study the idea articulated in the rationale. For example, a student writing on the Eucharist from the discipline of sacramental theology would most likely employ a different methodology than a student writing on the same topic from biblical theology.
4. **Tentative outline:** The outline articulates in separate paragraphs the topics that will appear within each chapter of the thesis. These paragraphs are to be developed sufficiently to demonstrate a command of the ideas the student proposes to use in proving the thesis statement in a working draft. It is understood that the proposal is subject to change.
5. **Annotated bibliography:** The bibliography describes at least five primary sources and five secondary sources relevant to the topic the student chooses. Some indication of how each source affects particular chapters can be made.

### Thesis Advisor

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_