



Application for Admission to the STB Program

This form must be submitted to the Academic Dean by April 15 of Theology III.

Name _____

Date _____

Cumulative G.P.A.
(*must be 3.5 or higher*) _____

Proposed Thesis Topic:
(*Attach signed Thesis Proposal.*)

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

Academic Dean

Date



Thesis Proposal Form

Name _____

Thesis Advisor _____

1. Thesis Statement

A thesis statement declares, in one sentence, a specific goal or goals of the paper. (Remember that the STB paper is meant to be synthetic in nature. It synthesizes several areas rather than focusing on one, and synthesizes theology and experience/application.)

2. Rationale

The rationale expresses the significance or importance of the question. E.g.: Why does this matter theologically? Why does it matter in the life of a priest? Why does it matter in the life of the Church? Etc.

3. Methodology Statement

The methodology statement provides an explanation of *how* the synthesis will be developed and articulated. (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 the topics that will appear within the paper. The outline is to be developed sufficiently to demonstrate a basic grasp of the areas the student proposes to synthesize in the paper.

5. Annotated Bibliography

The bibliography describes three to five primary and secondary sources relevant to the topic the student chooses. Some indication of how each source affects the paper should be made.

Thesis Advisor

Date