

# Wings

## Certificate in Spiritual Direction ✻ Certificate in Spiritual Studies Application for Admission

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### Basic Information

**Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname First Middle

**Permanent Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Province Postal or Zip Code Country

**Phone** (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country of birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Citizenship** \_\_\_\_\_

**For what program are you applying?**  Spiritual Direction  Spiritual Studies

**Entrance year desired?**  2011  2013

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### Education

*List all institutions. Use an additional sheet, if necessary.*

University or College	Where	From-To	Degree Earned/Major	Graduation Date
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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*List other credentials or certificates you hold:*

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### Religious Affiliation

*With what local church or religious community are you presently affiliated?*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor's name and address** \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname First Middle

Street City State or Province Postal or Zip Code Country

**Your Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Personal Statement**

As part of your application, we request a personal statement. It should address your spiritual development and vocational goals. It should be five to eight printed pages in length, double-spaced, and should address the questions below. Be sure that you include your name at the top of every page of your statement. Please respond to these questions as specifically as possible, using examples.

1. Describe a recent experience of the presence or absence of God in your life.
2. How do you understand your vocation to spiritual formation at this time in your life?
3. How do you feel supported in this vocation by colleagues, family, friends, and religious community?
4. Why have you decided to apply to this program?

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## **References**

Please ask three or four people with whom you work, study, or pray, to write a reference letter and return it by the appropriate date to the address listed on the reference form (attached). Make as many copies of the reference form as you need. It is not appropriate to request people for whom you currently serving as a spiritual director to complete a reference. Please seek people who know your spiritual journey and prayer life well, but with whom you are not in a pastoral relationship (lay or ordained).

**☼ *Please be sure to sign your application and include a \$50 non-refundable application fee with your materials.* ☼**

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### **Submit materials to:**

The Very Rev. Canon Barbara J. Price, Director  
Morningstar Ministries  
77 Huntington Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14214  
716-440-2950

[www.wingsspiritualdirection.com](http://www.wingsspiritualdirection.com)



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

As part of my application for *WINGS*, a program in Spiritual Direction/Spiritual Studies, I am asking you to write a letter of recommendation for me. Please respond to the questions listed below. Please send your responses to these questions, along with this request letter, to the address listed below as soon as possible.

1. In what capacity have you known this person?
2. What is your personal appraisal of the applicant's suitability for these studies: comment on the applicant's gifts, spiritual practices, and emotional maturity.
3. How comfortable do you think the applicant is with solitude? With community?
4. Would you have any hesitation in referring someone to the applicant for spiritual guidance? Have you actually done so or know others who have done so?
5. What are the particular challenges that this person is facing in their life right now?

Thank you so much for your help and your candor.

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

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