



The Young Priest Initiative

Recommendation Letter Guidelines for the Presenting Priest/Chaplain

Before recommending a young adult for the Young Priest Initiative, we encourage the presenting priest to have a conversation (or series of conversations) with the applicant. The presenting priest can be the rector of the parish where an applicant grew up, the priest at her adopted church while at school, or her college chaplain.

We ask that the presenting priest submits a separate letter of recommendation on the applicant's behalf via email to the Rev. Lee Gandiya, YPI director; and Ed Keithly, Vocational Development Minister (rectorstpaulskgva@gmail.com; ekeithly@thediocese.net).

Content of the Recommendation Letter

The recommendation letter should address the following questions, which can be written in a question-and-answer format or as a traditional letter.

1. What do you believe are the applicant's gifts for leadership?
2. What do you believe are the applicant's growing edges?
3. How would you describe the applicant's place in the community? How is she perceived by the community?
4. If the applicant were to do an internship, what type of parish or community do you believe would best suit and stretch her?
 - You can suggest specific parishes or a general sense of the characteristics that you think the ideal parish would have, either is appreciated.

