



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- A. Complete the enclosed application form. Please print or type when completing all application materials.
- B. On the form titled "Letter of Intent," compose a letter in which you explain why you desire formal ministry training at this time in your life. No particular format is required, but at least part of your letter should include responses to the following questions:
 - ☐ Why do you want to be a part of *New Wine*?
 - ☐ How do you understand your call to ministry?
 - ☐ How do you see yourself engaged in ministry in the future?
 - ☐ What are your expectations of *New Wine*? What are you looking to gain from this process?
- C. Since your pastor may play a pivotal role in enabling your future ministry, we recommend that you share your Letter of Intent with him.
- D. If there are an extreme number of registrants, we may ask that you obtain letters of recommendation, on the forms provided, from two persons in leadership positions in your parish or diocesan agency who would be able to comment about your potential for leadership in ministry (e.g. parish staff, parish council members, director of religious education, school principal). One of these letters should be from your pastor or other parish staff member. Letters of recommendation should be mailed directly to *New Wine* by the person recommending you. *If this process is needed, you will be contacted.*
- E. Return all application materials to:

Catholic Diocese of Biloxi
Office of Faith Formation
1790 Popps Ferry Road
Biloxi, MS 39532
- F. All applicants who meet basic program requirements *may* be interviewed by an application committee before final acceptance into the program. The statements listed in the enclosed form "Readiness for Ministry" will form the basis of these conversations. Do not submit this form with your application materials. Time and location of interviews, if needed, will be arranged after all applications are processed.
- G. You will be informed whether or not you will be a part of the program as soon as possible.



APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Parish _____ City _____ Years in Parish _____

Mailing Address:

Street _____ Apt.# _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I acknowledge that I am responsible for \$200 each year for two years, totaling \$400 for the program. I understand that I can pay for both years in full or \$200 per year.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send this form to your parish for your pastor's signature. Your pastor's signature is required in order to add your name to our roster.

Pastor's Statement

My signature below indicates that I approve adding the above named person to the *New Wine* roster. I understand that each participant pays \$200 tuition per year for two years and that my parish pays \$200 per year for two years for each participating parishioner.

Print Pastor's Name _____

Pastor's Signature _____

Please return signed forms to the Office of Faith Formation.

Email: abuckley@biloxidiocese.org

Mail: Catholic Diocese of Biloxi
Office of Faith Formation
1790 Popps Ferry Road
Biloxi, MS 39532

[illegible]



READINESS FOR MINISTRY

Ministry formation includes theological learning, skill development, spiritual and personal growth. This questionnaire will help you think about where you are now in these areas and where you want to grow. No one is expected to have all of these aspects in his or her life.

This questionnaire is for you alone---it will not be seen by anyone except you without your consent. However, the personal interview phase of the application process will draw on these topics as a basis of conversation.

Take time to think about each statement. Then indicate how well it describes you at this point in your life.

- KEY:** (1) Does not describe me at all
(2) Does not describe me very well
(3) Describes me somewhat
(4) Describes me well
(5) Describes me extremely well

	Not at all	Not well	Some- what	Well	Very well
1. I have a good relationship with my family.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I have the support of my spouse and friends for growing in ministry.	1	2	3	4	5
3. I am aware of my personal family history and how it has shaped my present values, attitudes, and beliefs.	1	2	3	4	5

	Not at all	Not well	Some- what	Well	Very well
4. I am actively involved in parish life (e.g. liturgy, OCIA, community building activities, service organizations, etc.).	1	2	3	4	5
5. I take time for regular personal reflection and prayer.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I am comfortable sharing my feelings with others.	1	2	3	4	5
7. I have good relationships with friends and people I work with.	1	2	3	4	5
8. I take time for recreation and rest.	1	2	3	4	5
9. I tend to be self-motivated and take the initiative in projects in which I am involved.	1	2	3	4	5
10. I take interest and get involved in social and political issues.	1	2	3	4	5
11. People know me as someone who can get things done while at the same time getting others involved.	1	2	3	4	5
12. I have good communication skills, an ability to listen, speak clearly, and express myself in small and large groups.	1	2	3	4	5
13. I can appreciate and respect points of view different from my own.	1	2	3	4	5
14. I am comfortable and in touch with my emotions.	1	2	3	4	5
15. I basically like myself and the direction my life has taken.	1	2	3	4	5

	Not at all	Not well	Some- what	Well	Very well
16. I live my life in a way consistent with the values I hold.	1	2	3	4	5
17. I am willing to take responsibility and leadership in groups as well as let others affect and direct me.	1	2	3	4	5
18. I like to read and am interested in a variety of subjects.	1	2	3	4	5
19. I am in good physical condition.	1	2	3	4	5
20. I have a good sense of humor and can laugh at myself.	1	2	3	4	5
21. I know the people I would serve as a minister, what their issues and concerns are, how they experience God in their lives.	1	2	3	4	5
22. I am sensitive to the racial and ethnic culture and values of others.	1	2	3	4	5
23. I have reflected on my own motivation for ministry, and my personal interests are secondary to the needs and interests of others.	1	2	3	4	5
24. I am able to admit the mistakes that I make.	1	2	3	4	5
25. I am ready and willing to give my time and energy to this formation program for the next two years.	1	2	3	4	5

*Do not submit this form with your application.
Keep it to use as a reference for your personal interview.*