



SAINT LUKE INSTITUTE

CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM



*Integrated psychological and
spiritual assessments
for individuals
discerning a call
to the priesthood,
religious life
or permanent diaconate*



INTEGRATED ASSESSMENTS BY EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS

Saint Luke Institute is a professional resource for individuals, bishops, diocesan officials, vocation directors, seminary staff, religious congregations and leadership teams. Our teams of excellence include qualified clergy, religious and laity experienced in working with men and women in ministry.

Human formation is the foundation of healthy ministry for a priest, religious or permanent deacon. Candidate assessments are an important tool for bishops, major superiors, vocation directors, formators and candidates during the discernment process.

With nearly 20 years of experience in conducting assessments, Saint Luke Institute takes a broad-based “team of excellence” approach to providing integrated psychological and spiritual evaluations of candidates coming forward for service in the Church, and we are experienced in assessing candidates from a variety of cultural backgrounds.

Our teams of experienced, knowledgeable professionals understand the challenges and requirements of ministry in the Catholic Church, ensuring that you and your candidate receive the quality feedback and recommendations you need for the discernment process.

Comprehensive and Team-Based

The Saint Luke Institute Candidate Assessment Program is comprehensive and involves a team of three professionals.

Pre-assessment Personal Profile and Spirituality Profile

- Two questionnaires completed prior to the on-site assessment

Clinical and Psychosocial Interviews

- Series of interviews with two different trained professionals to explore and understand the candidate’s psychological and psychosocial profile

Spiritual Assessment

- In-depth interview with a spiritual formator to identify the candidate’s current religious beliefs, practices and understanding of the discernment process

Intellectual and Psychological Testing

- Intelligence testing to obtain a current measure of intellectual functioning
- Personality testing to better understand the candidate’s personality profile and general mental health



- *Two-day, in-depth assessment*
- *Pre-assessment personal and spirituality profiles*
- *Three-person assessment team*
- *Interviews and psychological tests*
- *Oral and written feedback and recommendations*

Feedback

- One-hour meeting with the assessment team, candidate and formation or vocation director to discuss the results
- Detailed written report sent to the candidate and the formation or vocation director within two weeks

Committed to Quality

Saint Luke candidate assessments are

- **comprehensive**, integrating spiritual and human formation
- **consistent** with the Church's expectations for the assessment of candidates
- **confidential**: as mental health providers and spiritual formators, we respect the confidential nature of the assessment process.

Convenient Locations

Candidate assessments are offered at three locations:

- Saint Luke Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland
- Saint Luke Center, Louisville, Kentucky
- St. Luke's Centre, Manchester, England

Overnight accommodations are available.

For information or to schedule an assessment:

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About Saint Luke Institute

Saint Luke Institute is an internationally renowned education and treatment center for Catholic clergy and men and women religious, with locations in Silver Spring, Maryland; Louisville, Kentucky; and Manchester, England.

We are committed to bringing the healing ministry of Christ to those in ministry and have a professional staff of clergy, religious and laity. Our services include consultations and candidate assessments; education and research; and psychological and spiritual healing through residential and outpatient treatment. Saint Luke Institute is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.



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