



# CANDIDATE ASSESSMENTS

SAINT LUKE INSTITUTE

*Integrated*  
**PSYCHOLOGICAL**  
*and SPIRITUAL*  
**ASSESSMENTS**  
*for individuals discerning  
a call as a priest or religious*

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## Important Tool for Discernment

**H**uman formation is the foundation of healthy ministry for priests, religious and deacons. For this reason, assessments play an important role for bishops, major superiors, vocation directors, and formators during the discernment process.

With over 20 years of experience in conducting such assessments, Saint Luke Institute takes a broad-based “team of excellence” approach in order to provide integrated psychological and spiritual evaluations of candidates coming forward for service in the Catholic Church.

Our integrated assessments are done by a team of three professionals who understand the challenges and requirements of ministry in the Church.

This ensures that you and your candidate receive the quality feedback and recommendations you need for the discernment process.

**INTEGRATED ASSESSMENTS BY  
EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS**



## **Comprehensive and Team-Based**

### **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 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

### **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** because privacy is a paramount concern to us

We are experienced in assessing candidates from a variety of cultural backgrounds.

## Convenient Locations

Candidate assessments are offered at five locations::

- Saint Luke Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland
- Saint Luke Center, Louisville, Kentucky
- Saint Luke Consultation Center, St. Louis, Missouri\*
- St. Luke's Centre, Manchester, England

*Overnight accommodations are available.*

*\*Assessments at this location include psychological components only.*

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has over 20 years of  
experience in conducting  
candidate assessments.*

*Our professional staff  
of clergy, religious and laity  
are available as a resource  
for individuals, bishops,  
diocesan officials, vocation  
directors, seminary staff,  
religious congregations and  
leadership teams.*

## About Saint Luke Institute

Saint Luke Institute is an international education and treatment center for Catholic clergy and men and women religious.

Our centers are located in Silver Spring and Baltimore, Maryland; Louisville, Kentucky; St. Louis, Missouri; and Manchester, England.

We are committed to bringing the healing ministry of Christ to those in ministry and have an experienced professional staff of clergy, religious and laity.

Our services include consultation and candidate assessments; education; and psychological and spiritual healing through evaluations, residential, outpatient and continuing care.

Saint Luke Institute is accredited by The Joint Commission.



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*40 years of compassionate care*

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