

Qualities and Characteristics of a perspective priesthood candidate

- *A personal relationship with God integrated through prayer and seen as an important and vital part of his life*
- *Has the ability and willingness to talk about his faith*
- *Has some involvement in his local parish*
- *Has a desire to serve others and make a difference in people's lives*
- *Motivated by the mission of Jesus and ability to articulate it*
- *Willing to sacrifice personally for the service of the Gospel and the Church*
- *One who is approachable*
- *Possesses a psycho-sexual-socio maturity*
- *Has the ability to collaborate with others*
- *Takes initiative and assumes responsibility for his actions*
- *Recognizes the importance of the Church and the role of the Church as teacher.*
- *Possesses the skills of self-mastery and discipline*
- *Has shown the capacity and evidence of living a chaste celibate life*
- *Has healthy relationships with men, women and children*
- *Has average intelligence, common sense, good physical & emotional health*
- *Recognizes the need to both give and accept support from others*
- *Possesses a keen sense of empathy*
- *Has leadership skills*
- *The celebration of the Sacraments are important to him*
- *Has the ability to nurture another person's growth*
- *He is open and respectful of all people*
- *A person of integrity*
- *An awareness of God's omnipotent presence*
- *Others have mentioned that he would make a good priest*

This list does not exhaust all of the qualities needed to be an effective & holy priest.