

# Information for Schools

## WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- *We are looking for young people who are motivated by their faith to help shape and recreate a society founded on Christian values.*

We encourage applications from students who are actively considering a future in some form of public role. This would especially include those looking to enter politics, as well as those considering the legal and medical professions. We would see such students as having a keen intellect, a love for God and a desire for the good of those around them.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- *Candidates should possess a live and active Christian faith.*

The Christian Leadership Formation course is specifically designed to form Christian leaders. Christian wisdom and human experience demonstrate the necessity of both faith and reason in sustaining the human spirit. In offering a theologically-orientated intellectual formation, the course will therefore be supported by a framework of prayer and liturgy. As a Catholic charity, the course content and the liturgical and spiritual offering will be based on the Catholic tradition, but we warmly welcome applications from all the Christian traditions.

- *Candidates should have a solid, academic ability*

The nature of the course is necessarily focussed on academic formation. It is geared towards providing an intellectual understanding of the Christian conception of the human person and of society. Candidates should evidence strong interest in the reasoning behind their faith and in themes of a philosophical, theological and ethical character generally.

As a recommended guideline, we advise that applicants have achieved a minimum of five subjects at grade 6 or above and five subjects at grade 8 or above at GCSE, and are predicted A, B, B or above at A-level. Scottish students should have National 5 qualifications graded A or B. If particular students suggest themselves that do not meet these criteria, we would nonetheless consider an application that is strongly supported by the school for clearly-specified reasons.

- *Candidates should possess a capacity for strong leadership abilities.*

They should demonstrate a certain maturity, both in their thinking and in their behaviour; a strong sense of justice and fairness; a commitment to their Christian principles; and a certain self-motivation.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED FROM THE SCHOOL?

For each applicant student, the school should provide:

- *A reference from the applicant student's Form Tutor* - see the Application pack for the "Tutor Reference Form".
- *A supporting recommendation from the Head of Year or equivalent* - see the Application pack for the "School Recommendation Form".

Both forms should be sent directly to us at the contact details provided above.

Those completing the forms should have sight of the above information.

*Applicant students will need to submit the Student Application Form*

Interested students should be provided with the relevant information and should discuss their application with their form tutor beforehand.

They will need to provide a personal statement as part of the application, have the consent of their parents or guardians, and provide a reference from a minister of religion.

## **HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL WE ACCEPT?**

We have 15 places available for the first cohort of this course. We initially request that no more than 3 applications be submitted from any one school.

## **WHEN CAN APPLICATIONS BE MADE?**

Applications are open from January 2021.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 31st March 2021.

We will inform applicants as to whether they have been accepted by 7th May 2021.