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Ack: _____ Interview Date: _____ Interview time: _____

Offer Date: _____ Reply Date: _____ Acceptance Date: _____



PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY, St Patrick's College, Maynooth

Master's Degree in Theology (MTh) (with specialisation in Pastoral Theology) Course code: MU201 - Application Form

If you are, or have been registered at St Patrick's College Maynooth prior to this application, please write your student number in the space provided:

Please complete this form in **TYPESCRIPT** or in **BLOCK LETTERS** using **BLACK** ink. Please read carefully the notes on the last page of the form, and ensure that you submit, or arrange to have submitted, supporting documentation as specified in these notes.

1. **Surname** (as on birth certificate): _____

2. **Alternative surname** (if applicable): _____

3. **First names** (as on birth certificate): _____

4. **Title:** Miss Ms Mr Revd Sr Other _____

5. **Date of birth:** ____/____/____
Day Month Year

6. **Nationality:** _____

7. **Place of birth:** _____

8. **Country of Birth:** _____

9. **Sex:** (tick as appropriate) Male Female

10. **Home address:**

Address:

Tel (h): _____

Tel (m): _____

Email: _____

11. **Ecclesiastical status. Tick appropriate box**

Lay person

Diocesan priest Name of diocese: _____

Religious priest

Religious brother

Religious sister Name of order, congregation etc. _____

Other

Secular Institute Name of institute: _____

12. Have you previously applied for admission to this University?: Yes No

If yes, please give details of the year of application, the course to which admission was sought and the University's decision:

13. Third-level education – primary degree

(see note (a) on page 5)

Institution attended: _____

Period of attendance: From: _____ To: _____

Course Title: _____

Subjects studied in each year: _____
(e.g. Theology; English; History etc)

Length of course: _____

Full-time or part-time: _____

Level/class of award: _____
(e.g. pass, second-class honours, merit, distinction, etc.)

Name of awarding body: _____

Date of award: _____

14. Third-level education – other qualifications

(see note (a) on page 5)

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15. Other academic or professional distinctions:

16. Professional experience:

(Please provide details in reverse chronological order, and include the nature and duration of the work, the level of responsibility and the full names and addresses of employers. If there is insufficient room, attach details on an additional sheet.)

17. If you have any background in Pastoral Theology other than above please provide details below: *(Please provide details in reverse chronological order, and include the nature and duration of the work, the level of responsibility and the full names and addresses of employers. If there is insufficient room, attach details on an additional sheet.)*

18. Please indicate where you first heard about the Master’s Degree - MTh (Pastoral Theology) programme:

19. Language

Is your first language English? Yes No

Were you taught in English at school/university? Yes No

If yes, for how many years: _____

If English is not your first language, have you taken an English Language Examination? Yes No

If yes please give details:

| Date | Name of Testing System | Overall Score |
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20. Fee Status

In order for us to assess your fee status, please provide the following information:

Country of permanent residence: _____

In which country are you currently living: _____

If you are an EU national or have the right to live in an EU country, but have lived outside of the EU for any period over the last five years (other than holidays), please list your periods of residence outside the EU and the purpose of stay [e.g. work, education]

| From: | To: | Country | Purpose |
|-------|-----|---------|---------|
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21. Funding (for students residing outside the EU):

It is entirely necessary now under Irish Government regulations to have all fees paid prior to submitting one’s application for a study visa to any Irish Embassy abroad. However, if it is the case that an Irish agency or missionary society are remitting fees on a student’s behalf, the University will accept a written assurance from them which should enable visa application to proceed satisfactorily.

Please tell us how you are planning to fund your tuition fees and living expenses for the duration of your study by indicating which of the following sources will be providing the majority of your funds (tick as appropriate):

- Your own means
- Your family
- Your employer
- Your Diocese or Provincial
- A Grant-awarding Body (please specify) _____
- Other (please specify) _____

22. Recommendations (see note (b) on page 5)

a. Academic Referee:

Name: _____ Tel. _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____

b. Pastoral Ministry Referee:

Name: _____ Tel. _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____

c. Local Parish Priest:

Name: _____ Tel. _____

Address: _____

- 23.** Write a short essay – (1,000 words approx), outlining: why you are applying for this course and your understanding of Pastoral Ministry. (Attach your essay to this Application Form)

The University reserves the right not to consider applications, and to cancel any offers of places, where requested information has not been supplied or where falsified or misleading information has been supplied.

If I have a criminal conviction(s) I have complied with the requirements as set out in the University's policy for applicants with criminal convictions at: <http://www.maynoothcollege.ie/prospective/convictions.shtml>

You must tick the box to agree:

Signature of applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

The following documents must be submitted to complete the application:

- a. **Certified copies of official transcripts of results for all qualifications listed to be sent along with the application form (not applicable to graduates of Faculty of Theology, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth)**
- b. **A recommendation for the MTh from an academic referee, a pastoral referee and a local parish priest to be sent by the referees directly to the Admissions Office**
- c. **In the case of Roman Catholic priests and religious, a letter of recommendation from the Bishop or Religious Superior.**
- d. **Please submit TWO EXTRA COPIES of your complete application (ie application form plus documents).**

**All correspondence to be sent to:
Admissions Office, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland**

Please note that an interview will form part of the application process.

Notes in relation to the MTh (Pastoral Theology) application process

Application Process:

There are 3 stages in the application process for a place on the Master's Degree (Pastoral Theology) programme

Stage 1:

Application form

Applicants must complete the Master's Degree (Pastoral Theology) application form and return it to the Admissions Office, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland, by 24th April.

In order for stage 1 of the application process to be complete, a letter of Recommendation must be sent directly from an academic referee, a pastoral ministry referee and a local parish priest to the Admissions Office. An official statement of academic studies completed and grades obtained must be sent directly from the relevant institution(s) to the Admissions Office.

Stage 2:

Interview

All applicants are interviewed by members of the Postgraduate Board. The interview normally takes approximately 30 – 40 minutes. Applicants will also be requested to attend a group interview/session on the same day. Applicants who are successful at the interview stage of the application process will be notified by post.

Stage 3:

Garda Clearance and Parish Placement

Successful applicants at this stage will be asked to get the necessary forms completed in relation to *Garda Clearance* and *Parish Placement*. These forms will be provided by the university and sent to the applicant along with the letter notifying the applicant of the successful outcome of the interview.

Note:

Entry Requirement - Academic qualifications

The entry requirement for the Master's Degree programme is a primary degree in which theology comprises at least an equal joint component. Candidates should normally have obtained at least a Second Class Honours, Grade II overall, and a Second Class Honours Grade II in theology. The Faculty of Theology may also accept applicants whom it deems to have achieved an equivalent standard.

Where an applicant has to wait for primary degree results an offer may be made pending these results.

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GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR REFEREES

Please supply a written reference for: _____ (name of applicant)

The applicant has applied for a place on the Master's Degree in Theology (specialising in Pastoral Theology) programme in the Theology Faculty, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co Kildare, Ireland. **In your reference please present your opinion of the applicant's suitability for the course.** Please return your reference to the Admissions Officer, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co Kildare, Ireland. (Guidelines for reference below):

Knowledge of the Applicant

- How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?

Academic Suitability

- Academic studies to date of which you are aware.
- Possible potential and suitability of the applicant for future studies.
- General level of ability: honours or pass?
- Do the academic achievements of the applicant give a true reflection of their work to this time?
- The applicant's commitment to work.
- Any initiatives the applicant may have taken in the capacity in which you have known them.

Pastoral Suitability

- Present performance that you are aware of in pastoral situations.
- Future potential
- Observation of boundaries
- Initiative and creativity
- Accountability
- Punctuality
- Team work

Personal Qualities

- Leadership qualities
- Professional approach
- Social skills
- Motivation
- Personal factors – creativity, independence of thought etc.
- Personal expression and presentation: oral and written

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