

3.2 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

3.2.1 ASSESSMENT (Priestly Formation)

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Academic Assessment

In keeping with academic policies, individual faculty are responsible for devising appropriate assessment tools for their courses in Communications (College Seminary) and in Homiletics (Theology Seminary, I-III Theology).

Departmental faculty collaborate in the assessment of the degree programs; in particular, the M.Div. program assesses Homiletics as a component of its oral and written competency examinations.

Homiletics faculty in the Theological Seminary are in the process of reviewing and developing new forms of assessment for Homiletics courses that may include (1) a common evaluation form to be used in the homily practicum and (2) an online portal by which appropriate personnel in partner dioceses and religious congregations may view the progress in homiletics of their respective seminarians.

Apostolic Internships

“At the close of each semester, written evaluations are submitted to the Director of Pastoral and Apostolic Formation by both the seminarian and his supervisor to assess the seminarian’s learning progress. The written evaluation represents the final stage of an on-going discussion with the supervisor throughout the course of a semester, and should include the salient strengths and weaknesses of the seminarian’s performance in service and ministry settings so as to assist future growth. Copies of these evaluations are submitted to the seminarian’s formation advisor for further discussion, and they become a significant aspect of the seminarian’s overall formation profile.” (*Catalog 2018-2019*, p. 57)

In-House Preaching Assessment

While at the Seminary as transitional deacons, seminarians in IV Theology are assigned to preach at Masses in both the College Seminary and the Theological Seminary on Tuesdays or Fridays during the academic year.

Preaching by deacons is evaluated by resident priests and fellow seminarians who participate in the Mass at which the deacon preaches.

More information is provided by the Director of Pastoral and Apostolic Formation and available on the Seminary’s web site:

- [In-House Homily Evaluation Policy and Procedures](#)
- [In-House Homily Evaluation Form](#)

Parish Preaching Assessment

As part of their diaconate pastoral internship, seminarians in IV Theology preach at liturgies in the parishes to which they are assigned.

Pastors and select parishioners participate in evaluating the deacon's work. *To the extent possible, faculty in homiletics may be invited to visit the parish apostolates to offer additional evaluation.*

More information is provided by the Director of Pastoral and Apostolic Formation and available on the Seminary's web site:

- [Supervisor's Homiletic Evaluation & Letter of Recommendation Guidelines](#)
- [Homily Evaluation Form](#)
- [Homily Evaluation Form - Spanish Version](#)
