

MISSION STATEMENT

Impelled by the Catholic faith and the Dominican mission, Aquinas Institute of Theology educates men and women to preach, to teach, to minister, and to lead.

VISION STATEMENT

Aquinas Institute of Theology envisions the hope-filled participation of the faithful in the Church. We are a Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry animated by an eight-hundred-year Dominican tradition of study in the pursuit of truth. We are a community of scholars and ministers striving to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we pursue theology for the life of the Church and the world.

We commit our gifts in service to the Church and world as a center for:

- scholarship and theological reflection;
- collaborative lay, religious, and ordained ministry;
- initial formation for the Dominican friars of the Province of St. Albert the Great and for other religious communities;
- preaching education;
- leaders stewarding the mission of Catholic institutions;
- adult faith formation.

As a community we seek to be transformed by a spirit of holiness and by faithful engagement with the living tradition of the Church. We eagerly invite others to share our vision and mission.

In a suffering world we believe that God's Word is alive and active. In response we say, "Here we are, God, send us."



APPLICATION PROCESS

A completed application for admission to Aquinas Institute of Theology is comprised of Part I and Part II.

- Part I includes the application from, application fee, transcripts, three letters of recommendation, MAT results, and an interview with the admissions director.
- Part II requires you to write two brief reflective essays.

PRIORITY DEADLINES for APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION and FINANCIAL AID*

- March 15 for the Fall Semester
- November 15 for the Spring Semester

All materials should be forwarded to: Admissions Office, 23 South Spring Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63108 314-256-8806 • 800-977-3869 • admissions@ai.edu

* Contact the Admissions Office for information on financial aid, scholarships, and loans: 314-256-8806 or 800-977-3869.

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PART I

Please submit:

- 1. A completed Application for Graduate Admissions
- 2. Non-refundable application fee of \$50
- **3. Official transcripts** of all undergraduate and graduate coursework either sent directly from the institution or included in a sealed envelope with registrar's signature across the seal (request form included for your convenience).
- **4. Three letters of recommendation** (forms included for your convenience)

[Only one letter of recommendation required for Non-degree seeking students]:

- At least one letter from each of the three reference areas: academic, ministerial and personal reference. These should be sent directly from the recommender or included in a sealed envelope with recommender's signature across the seal.
- APPLICANTS FROM RELIGIOUS ORDERS: One of these letters should be from your religious superior.
- 5. Results of the Miller Analogies Test or Graduate Record Examination [Not required for Non-degree seeking students]:
 - Those degree seeking students that have studied theology at the graduate level or have a post baccalaureate degree in theology are exempt.
 - Those degree seeking students that have a post-baccalaureate degree in another area of concentration can request that this test be waived (see page 6 of this application).
 - GRE test scores will be accepted if taken within the past 7 years.

6. Interview

Applicants are asked to schedule an interview with the admissions director. For applicants from out of town this interview may be done by phone.

7. International Applicants

- Proficiency in the English language is required. If English is not your primary language, a TOEFL certificate of proficiency in English should be sent to the Director of Admissions. All four parts of the computer-based test are preferred. When taking the paper-based test, include the Test of Written English (TWE). Computer-based TOEFL score must be 213; paper-based score must be 550. The TOEFL iBT score must be 79/80.
- Those who take the TOEFL need not take the MAT or GRE.
- International students must provide evidence of financial support for the duration of their studies in accord with U.S. Immigration Regulations. Please contact the director of admissions for a financial support verification form.



PART II

Written essays

1. Personal Assessment. [Not required for Non-degree seeking students]

The Personal Assessment is an important part of your application for admissions to Aquinas Institute of Theology. It should not exceed 1,000 words. Use the essay to

- Articulate your vocational goals, intellectual and pastoral interests,
- Assess your personal strengths and weaknesses for theology and ministry,
- Note theological and ministerial questions that spark your interest and may offer insight into your reasons for applying to Aquinas Institute of Theology.
- 2. **A maximum 700-word essay** reflecting on a quotation from "Wellspring of Hope," a chapter in *Sing a New Song* (Templegate, 1999), by Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, O.P.

Please select any one of the following quotes:

- a. "Study is a way to holiness, which opens our hearts and minds to each other, builds community and forms us as those who confidently proclaim the coming of the Kingdom." (page 54)
- b. "The intellectual discipline of our study has this ultimate purpose, to bring us to this moment of conversion when our false images of God are destroyed so that we may draw near to the mystery." (page 64)
- c. "We can never say an illuminating word about God unless we do theology differently, uncompetitively and with reverence. One cannot do theology alone." (page 70)

Your essay should address the following questions:

- What does this quote mean to you?
- What do you find challenging about this quote?
- What do you find comforting?
- What can this quote mean in your community and/or ministerial context?



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Title:							
Name Last I	Name (Surname)		Maiden		First	t	Middle
Permanent Address		Street			City	State	Zip
Mailing Address (if d	ifferent from abo	ve) Street			City	State	Zip
Telephone: Home ()	Wor	k ()		Ce	11 ()	
Email			Social Sec	urity Number	(Your social se	ecurity number will be k	cept confidential.)
Semester you plan to	begin studies at A	Aquinas Institute:	Fall	Spring	Summer	Year:	
I plan to attend on a		full-time bas of 12 credit hours for lment. All D.Min. stu ents.)	M.Div. & M				
I need information o	n housing: Y	es No					
How do you plan to	finance your educ	cation?					
I need financial aid ap	pplications for:	Aquinas Institu	ıte Aid	Federa	l Loans		
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^{*} The Certificate in Spiritual Direction is a separate application.



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Non-Resident Alien Asian Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Black or African American Hispanic American Indian or Alaskan Native

White Further Self-Identification

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Female Male Married Single

Priest Seminarian Minister Vowed Religious Lay

Place of Birth Date of Birth Country of Citizenship

Religious Denomination Parish/Congregation Diocese

Ordained? No Yes: Date of Ordination Place

For Clergy: Please indicate your diocese/order/synod, etc.

Spouse's Name (if applicable)

If you are not a citizen of the United States, what type of visa will you have at the beginning of the semester?

F-1 Student Visa R-1 Religious Visa B Visitor Visa Permanent Resident Other

Alien Registration Number

TESTING INFORMATION

MAT/GRE Scores (Does not apply to Non Degree and International Students. This score is considered unofficial until score is sent directly by the testing center. Please request that official results are sent directly to AI. Our MAT institutional number 2110)

Date Taken: Scheduled Date:

I request a waiver from the MAT because I have earned a post-baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and hereby submit supporting transcript.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS:

Is English your first language? Yes No

If no, then please state your first language:

TOEFL Score (This score is considered unofficial until score is sent directly by the testing center.)



EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Colleges/Graduate Schools Attended			
College/University	Field of Study	Dates of Enrollment	Degree
EMPLOYMENT/PROFESS	SIONAL BACKGRO	OUND	
Place of Employment	Dates	Position	

Present Position



REFERENCES

Individuals who will be writing letters of recommendation for you:

Name				Occupation	
Address				Email	
City	State	Zip		Phone	
This letter of recommendation	is:	Academic	Ministerial	Personal	Other
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Address				Email	
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Signature					Date

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INFORMATIONAL DATA



In order to assess our communication methods, we would appreciate your response to the following questions:

How did you first learn about Aquinas Institute of Theology?

Personal contact: Aquinas Alum Aquinas Student Aquinas Professor Pastor Other

Advertisement: National Catholic Reporter America Commonweal Christian Century Diocesan Paper

Parish Bulletin Radio TV Other

Website: Aquinas Website Other Website(s) Search Engine: Phrase used to search:

Publication: Aquinas Newsletter or Magazine Aquinas Brochure Other

Workshop/Seminar:

Other - please specify:

Which of the following prompted you to apply to Aquinas Institute of Theology? Please indicate all that pertain.

Aguinas admissions staff Name:

Aquinas program director or faculty Name:

An alumna/alumnus of Aquinas Institute Name:

A friend or associate (non-alumni) Name:

Priest, sister, layperson in pastoral ministry Name:

A campus visit

Affordability

Program format

Reputation of Aquinas Institute of Theology

Mailing I received from Aquinas

Someone else's reputation/referral Name: Faculty member of another school Name:

Endorsement by bishop/superior/pastor Name:

Other:

Please offer other input that may be helpful for us in this context. Thank you.



APPLICATION CAN BE PRINTED AND MAILED OR SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY PLEASE VERIFY ALL ENTERED DATA PRIOR TO SUBMITTING APPLICATION

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

2. What is your relationship to the applicant?



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Emotional Maturity						
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Work Habits						
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TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

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Dear Registrar:		
Please send the transcript of:		
Full Legal Name		
Former or Maiden Name:		
Current Address		
City	State	Zip
Social Security Number		Date of Birth
Year(s) graduated/attended		Degree Program
Please mail 1 (one) official copy in	nmediately t	o:
Office of Admissions		
Aquinas Institute of Theology		
23 South Spring Avenue		
St. Louis, MO 63108		
Please find enclosed the fee of		for the transcript request.
Purpose of the transcript request is for	or further edu	acation.
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Phone (if needed for clarification)		