



## APPLICATION PROCESS

A completed application for admission to Aquinas Institute of Theology's CGS Heritage Course has three steps

- Step 1: Completed Application (with \$40 application fee)
- Step 2: Essay
- Step 3: Letter of Recommendation

**All materials should be mailed to:**

Aquinas Institute of Theology  
Admissions Office  
23 South Spring Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63108

**or Emailed to**  
[admissions@ai.edu](mailto:admissions@ai.edu)

\* Contact the Admissions Office  
314-256-8806 or 800-977-3869.



## Educational Background

College/University Attended

Field of Study

Dates of Enrollment

Degree

## Employment/Professional Background

Place of Employment

Dates

Position

## CGS Formation

Level of Formation (I, II, III)

Dates

Formation Leader

### Check all boxes that apply:

CGS catechist actively serving in an atrium

CGS catechist, not currently serving in an atrium

CGS formation leader

In process of becoming a CGS formation Leader

Signature

Date

### Please return

1. This application form (both pages)
2. \$40 application fee
3. One Letter of Recommendation
4. Writing Sample



To: Admissions Office  
Aquinas Institute of Theology  
23 South Spring Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63108  
314.256.8888 (fax)



## Application Essay

### CGS Heritage Course

A maximum 700-word essay reflecting on one of the three following quotations taken from *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Essential Realities* (LTP, 2004), edited by Tina Lillig.

Please select one of the following quotes:

- a. "Catechesis becomes much more authentic the more that those who live and participate in it, each according to one's own condition, experience the joy of recognizing themselves as united in the same life, going forward on the journey of the loving knowledge of the same truth." – Fr. Dalmazio Mongillo, OP in "Catechesis as Celebration" (page 9)
- b. "[F]rom the way her many books are strewn about the small living room where she works, you can see that [Sofia] is a true professional, a hardworking scholar, a real authority on the different aspects of the religious tradition her actions are rooted in, and a bookwork of the academic sort....[Yet] Sofia is never self-righteous... Sofia's aristocratic bearings and expressions do not obscure the extraordinary freedom of a spirit that embodies the Gospel saying, 'Truth will set you free.'" – Luigi Capogrossi in "An Opening into the Way of Love" (page 19)
- c. "[T]ime alone is not sufficient for us to understand humans, and humans alone are not sufficient to make history. At the Center of Catechesis we searched for answers to this very problem. It is the theme that accompanied me in my infancy up until First Communion and in my adolescence up until Confirmation. Even now I haven't found a solution. But perhaps the solution lies in continuing to search." – "ex-bambino" Benedetta Albani "Reflections" (page 111)

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 work as a catechist and/or formation leader?

# LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION



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St. Louis, MO 63108  
Phone 314.256.8806 Fax 314.256.8888  
admissions@ai.edu

## To Be Filled in by the Applicant

Applicant's Name

Intended Program

Name of Person to Make Recommendation:

is being asked to

make an assessment of the applicant as a(n):    Academic    Ministerial    Personal    Other    reference.

**Waiver:** I hereby waive my right to examine at any future time this Letter of Recommendation, which I understand will become part of my Admission File at Aquinas Institute.

*Signature of Applicant*

*Date*

THE APPLICANT IS FREE TO SIGN OR NOT TO SIGN THIS WAIVER. If the waiver is not signed, Aquinas Institute must make the recommendation available to the applicant upon proper written request.

## To Be Completed by the Person Recommending the Applicant

The above-named person is applying for admission to Aquinas Institute of Theology, a graduate school of theology and ministry. We request your candid appraisal of the applicant's capacity for graduate theological and ministerial education. After completing the form you may either mail it directly to the admissions office or return the letter in a sealed envelope, with your signature over the back flap, to the applicant so they can submit it with their application. (NOTE: If the waiver has not been signed by the applicant, you should not consider this recommendation to be confidential.)

1. How long have you known the applicant?

2. What is your relationship to the applicant?

3. Please check the boxes to indicate your assessment of the applicant's:

	1 (BELOW)	2	3 (AVERAGE)	4	5 (ABOVE)	NOT OBSERVED
Moral Character						
Emotional Maturity						
Leadership Capacity						
Work Habits						
Study Habits						
Intellectual Curiosity						
Demonstrates Self-Reflection						
Humble and Open to Other Points of View						
Able to Listen						
Qualified to Complete a Graduate Degree						

4. What is your overall assessment of the applicant's ability to work collaboratively with others?

5. What is your overall assessment of the applicant's ability to make meaningful connections between theological ideas and concrete life situations?

Is there something else you would like to share about this candidate? *(Please attach on a separate piece of paper.)*

I  highly recommend  recommend  recommend with reservation  do not recommend the above candidate for graduate theological studies at Aquinas Institute of Theology. *(Please attach reasons for reservations or not recommending.)*

*Signature of Person Recommending the Applicant*

*Date*

*Complete Mailing Address*

*Phone Number*