

**SUPERVISED PRACTICUM  
PRELIMINARY DISCERNMENT**

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

The Practicum is the learning (hands on) experience component of the Ministry Formation Program. It takes place in a parish or diocesan setting. Participants choose a ministry focus which will enable them to acquire and refine skills in a practical setting with the guidance of a trained supervisor. The Practicum integrates the participant's knowledge and skills with actual ministerial situations. In addition, that participant will examine the document of Vatican Council II: *Apostolicam Actuositatem (Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People)*.

**Please read this document.**

This worksheet will help you get started while determining the kind of supervised practicum that will be best for you. Please spend some time in prayerful reflection on each question. **You will be notified of the program's acceptance of your project and supervisor. The initial contact with your supervisor will come from the Program Coordinator.**

1. What do you perceive to be your most significant gifts for a ministry?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

2. What particular ministry/ministries do you think uses these gifts most fully? (i.e. - designing a bereavement ministry, pastoral care of the sick, AIDS ministry, music ministry, Baptismal preparation for parents, young adults, adult education programs etc). Brief description.

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3. Considering your gifts, what are your ideas concerning a particular supervised ministry experience that would help you develop the skills you have mentioned?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Have you discussed your ideas with your pastor or diocesan director?

Circle one: Yes No\*

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\* If not, please make an appointment before the Practicum Workshop to express your ideas and ask for his suggestions/ideas.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_