



## **Echo 14 Supplemental Application • 2017**

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### **Instructions for completing the Echo Supplemental Application**

The *Echo Supplemental Application* provides important, supplemental content necessary for the Echo Admissions process. The completed version of this document will be uploaded to your Notre Dame Graduate School (GS) Application as an “Additional Program Upload.” Please use the PDF version of this document to review the questions and prepare your responses. You will then answer the following questions in the Word document version, to be uploaded as the “**Program Upload**” portion for the Graduate School. *N.B. Please take special care not to delete any portion of the supplemental application as you insert your answers.* Finally, make sure to personalize the footer in your response document with **Your Full Name, Echo 14 Supplemental Application**, and the **Page Number** on each page. When finished, you will be able to upload your responses to the GS application as a Word document or PDF, depending on your preference. (A PDF is recommended, so as to prevent changes in formatting.)

Keep in mind that although other Notre Dame Graduate programs may have later deadlines, the Echo application deadline is **January 10**. All necessary materials must be uploaded to your GS application by January 10 (and your application *submitted by 11:59pm*) in order to be considered for the Echo 14 Admissions Process. We cannot fully process and review your application until it is complete and submitted to the GS. *Applicants who apply by December 1, are eligible to have their \$75 application fee waived. Please email Ciara Kanczuzewski ([cmccance@nd.edu](mailto:cmccance@nd.edu)) by November 26 to receive the Echo fee waiver code.*

Please [contact our Echo staff](#) at any point during your application process. We hope you will experience this process as one of mutual discernment: one that both helps you determine if Echo is the best program for you, all the while assisting the Echo staff in learning more about your potential to serve in Echo. We look forward to reviewing your application.

### **DECLARATION OF INTENT**

To which Echo track are you applying (*please underline or highlight*):

Echo (parish-based) | Echo Teaching Theology (secondary-school) | Both Tracks\*\*

**\*\*If applying to both tracks, please clearly indicate your preference here** (e.g. “strong” or “slight” preference for one or the other, or “equal” preference for both), **and your reasons behind that preference** (100 words):

### **ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

1. Last Name:
2. First Name:
3. Middle Name:
4. Name you go by most often:
5. Preferred Email Address:
6. Preferred Phone Number:
7. Undergraduate Institution(s):
8. Graduation Date (month & year)—*actual or anticipated*:
9. Date of Birth:
10. Place of Birth:
11. A) Home Parish:  
B) Locations & estimated dates (month/year) when you received the Sacraments of Initiation:  
Baptism:  
First Eucharist:  
Confirmation:
12. Home Arch/diocese:

## GRE SCORES & PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK IN THEOLOGY OR RELIGIOUS STUDIES

13. A. Please list your GRE scores here. N.B. If you do not meet the minimum required score, please list the date when you will retake the GRE. *\*Note: GRE deadline is January 10<sup>th</sup>.*

Verbal Reasoning: \_\_\_\_\_ (min: 153 out of 170)

Quantitative Reasoning: \_\_\_\_\_ (min: 153 out of 170)

Writing: \_\_\_\_\_ (min: 4.0 out of 6.0)

(If necessary) Date to Take or Retake the GRE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

13. B. Please list up to six (6) course titles of theology or religious studies classes you have taken, including the number of credits received and your final grade earned for each course. If you are currently enrolled in a theology/religious studies course, please list "in progress" for the final grade.

*Example:*           a. *New Testament (3 credits): A-*  
                          b. *Marian Theology (3 credits): B+*

## SIGNIFICANT SCHOLASTIC HONORS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF SERVICE

14. Please list any significant scholastic honors or acknowledgements of service received.

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE, INTERESTS, HOBBIES & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

15. Please list your ministry experience, interests, hobbies, and/or extracurricular activities that are important to you.

## LANGUAGE FLUENCY

16A. Some Echo placements require or benefit from multi-lingual Echo participants. Please list any languages (other than English) in which you are comfortable communicating.

16B. For each language you listed in 16A, describe your ability (beginner, proficient, fluent) in the various modes of communication below:

1. **Reading comprehension:**
2. **Written expression:**
3. **Oral comprehension (listening):**
4. **Oral expression (conversational speaking):**
5. **Oral expression (formal presentation):**

16C. What experiences have helped you to develop these particular language skills?

*E.G. "Grew up in a multilingual home," or "Studied abroad in Honduras and lived with a host family, spring 2016, or "Took classroom Spanish in high school and three semesters in college."*

17. I would be open to being placed at a parish or school setting where Spanish is spoken (i.e. at liturgies, meetings, programs, informally in the congregation, etc.). *Please clearly mark one of the following.*

*If admitted, you will have an opportunity to complete a Placement Preference Survey that explores this and other placement opportunities in detail.*

Yes

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Maybe

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No

## POTENTIAL FOR GRADUATE STUDY, SERVICE TO THE CHURCH & INTEGRATIVE FORMATION

Please answer the following questions as honestly and concisely as you can in 250 words or less (250 words for each section, A&B, i.e. 500 words total, per number), taking care to insert each response under its corresponding question and heading.

### M.A. in Theology

- 18A. Describe yourself as a student and your academic journey through college. Tell us about a class that posed a challenge for you and how you responded (or failed to respond) to this challenge.
- 18B. Why are you interested in pursuing an MA in Theology? What has been the relationship between academic theology and ministry thus far in your life?

### Service to the Church

*(Echo Parish Applicants: Answer 19, 20A&B; Echo Teaching Theology Applicants: answer 19, 20C-E. If applying to both tracks, answer 19, 20A, B, C, D, and E.)*

19. Echo is about “Forming Leaders and Serving the Church.” How would you describe the Catholic Church? In other words, who or what is “the Church” in your understanding?
- 20A. Many young people love the Church and have a strong faith, but not all are suited for ministry. What skills, dispositions, behavior, and approaches make you well suited to serve as a catechetical leader in the Church?
- 20B. Parish catechetical leadership is multidimensional and includes the following primary responsibilities:  
1) developing relationships with parishioners, volunteers, staff, clergy, diocesan staff, etc.;  
2) creating, developing, executing, and assessing catechetical programming; and  
3) attending to a number of large and small administrative tasks.  
Which of these areas comes easiest to you? Which might be more difficult?
- 20C. Being an effective theology teacher demands sound theological knowledge as well as the ability to pass on this knowledge in a compelling way. What knowledge, skills, dispositions, approaches, and motivations make you well suited to serve as a theology teacher?
- 20D. Theology teachers are called to assist their students in grasping the subject matter while also managing a classroom, assessing students’ work, and promoting their students’ growth in faith in accordance with what is learned in the theology classroom. What is your assessment of your own ability to do these things? What will teaching theology demand of you that makes you excited? What might make you nervous?
- 20E. The majority of Echo theology teachers are involved in Campus Ministry to varying degrees: some are full-time theology teachers who are involved in Campus Ministry as their extracurricular requirement, some serve in dual theology teacher/campus minister positions, and a limited number of participants are assigned to full-time high school campus ministry positions. How is the role of a middle/high school campus minister similar to and different from the role of a theology teacher? How do you imagine yourself embodying these two related yet distinct roles?

### Intentional Faith Community

- 21A. How would your peers describe the strengths and weaknesses of your character in times when you are flourishing? How do these differ during a time of external or internal crisis? Briefly describe a time of crisis in your life and how you worked through it.
- 21B. Define “intentional faith community.” What components do you see as essential to make community living work? What role(s) do you play in the communities (family, friends, work groups) of which you are currently a part?

### Integrative Human Formation

- 22A. Describe the dynamics of growing up in your family. What is your current relationship with your family?

22B. What challenges do you anticipate during the two-year Echo program? What important human relationships (specific people in your life and/or certain characteristics of these people) do you see sustaining you throughout these challenges?

## Integrative Spiritual Formation

23A. Describe your relationship with God, including some fruits and challenges (times of consolation & desolation) in this relationship. What do you do to enrich this relationship? What spiritual activities speak to you most? Which are least helpful for you at this point in your life?

23B. What do you think makes a person spiritually mature? In what ways are you spiritually mature? How might you need to develop and grow in spiritual maturity? How could Echo help with this process?

## **OTHER PROGRAMS OR POSITIONS TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING**

24. Please list any programs or positions (other than Echo) that you are considering for work, service, or study next year. (Responses will not impact consideration of your application for Echo.)

## **MISCELLANEOUS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

25. If there is any further information that you would like to have considered with your application, please note that here, and attach any related documents to the "additional upload" section on the Graduate School Application.

## **AGREEMENT & WAIVER**

26. My application and any attached materials are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting false information as part of my application is grounds for a University decision not to accept me into the Echo Faith Formation Leadership Program, or to remove me from the program if accepted.

I authorize all employers, references and educational institutions listed in this application and in any attached materials to provide the University of Notre Dame with any information that may affect a decision regarding my acceptance into the program. I release and discharge all such parties, including Notre Dame, from any and all claims that I may have arising out of the release and legitimate use of such information.

I authorize Notre Dame and its agents to conduct a criminal background check, the results of which will be used to help determine my suitability for the program.

I hereby permit the contents of this application to be copied for interview purposes.

If I am selected to participate in the Echo Faith Formation Leadership Program (a program of the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame), I agree to allow the University of Notre Dame to disclose any information obtained by the University during my interview for Echo, including information provided by me in my application materials and during my interview(s), to the participating dioceses, parishes and/or schools to assist in determining an appropriate placement for me in a participating diocese. I consent to this release in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and agree that this consent is effective as long as I am enrolled at the University of Notre Dame.

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronic Signature (Typed Name):** \_\_\_\_\_