



# Diocese of Worcester

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## CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NON-U.S. CITIZENS

**For Non-U.S. Citizens Presently Living Outside of the United States, and for Non-U.S. Citizens who are Presently Studying or Working Inside of the United States under the following visas: F, R, H, or J.**

*Thank you for your interest in the Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Presently we are only able to dialogue with individuals who fulfill the following criteria. **If you can answer “yes” to all 10 criteria, we will be pleased to begin a dialogue with you.***

- I am not impeded from consideration by one or more of the impediments found in Canons 1040-1049.
- I am 35 years of age, or younger, and in good physical and mental health.
- I have completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy.
- I have completed at least one year of Theology and at least one year of formation as a seminarian sponsored by a diocese, archdiocese or a religious order.
- I am a) presently in seminary; b) on a seminary-regulated pastoral year or pastoral period, or c) have voluntarily withdrawn from seminary, in good standing with my superiors, within the past two years.
- I have never been dismissed from a seminary or from religious formation.
- I presently speak one of the following languages fluently: Spanish, Portuguese, Swahili, Twi or Vietnamese.\*
- Although I may not be fluent in English, I have a talent for learning languages fairly quickly.
- I am prepared to study the English language for 24 months — or until I reach the following scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Paper based -- 550; Computer based -- 213; and Internet based -- 80. I am also prepared to repeat in the United States my most recently completed year of Theology.
- I understand that I must comply with all Homeland Security and Visa requirements as mandated by the United States of America.

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*\* The Spanish, Portuguese, Swahili, Twi or Vietnamese languages are presently spoken by a certain percentage of Catholics within the Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts.*