**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ECHO SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION**

The Echo Supplemental Application provides important supplemental content necessary for the Echo admissions process. When finished, **please save your document as a PDF and upload it to your Notre Dame Graduate School Application as an “Additional Program Upload.”**

Each applicant **must** contact Scott Boyle (sboyle2@nd.edu) before submitting his/her application to declare his/her intent to apply.

All necessary materials must be uploaded to your Graduate School application and submitted by **11:59 p.m. January 10** in order to be considered for the Echo admissions process. We cannot fully process and review your application until it is complete and submitted to the Graduate School. Applicants who apply by **December 1** are eligible to have their $75 application fee waived. Please email Scott Boyle (sboyle2@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 helps you determine if Echo is the best program for you, while assisting the Echo staff in learning more about your potential to serve in Echo. We look forward to reviewing your application. **Program Placements**Echo places participants in a variety of service placements. The majority of Echo placements are either in parish ministry or as theology teachers in high schools and middle schools. Echo also places some participants in diocesan ministry, Newman Center campus ministry and high school campus ministry placements as they are available.

**Full-Time Ministry** (Required)

I understand that ***all Echo applicants*** are considered for full-time ministry placements in parishes, dioceses, and high school and college campus ministry offices.

**Teaching Theology**

I am also interested in being considered for a teaching theology position at the middle school or high school level. I am aware that a limited number of teaching positions may consist of part-time teaching in theology and part-time campus ministry work.

\*\*If applying for both**Full-Time Ministry** and**Teaching Theology**, please clearly indicate your preference here (“strong” or “slight” preference for either **Full-Time Ministry** or**Teaching Theology**, or “equal” preference for both), and include your reasons behind your preference below in 100 words or fewer.

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**Additional Biographical Information**

1. Last Name: Click here to enter text.
2. First Name: Click here to enter text.
3. Name You Go By Most Often: Click here to enter text.
4. **A.** Home Parish: Click here to enter text.  
   **B.** Locations & Estimated Dates (month & year) when you received the Sacraments of Initiation:  
    Baptism: Click here to enter text.  
    First Eucharist: Click here to enter text.  
    Confirmation: Click here to enter text.
5. Home Arch/Diocese: Click here to enter text.

**GRE Scores & Prerequisite Coursework**

1. Please list your GRE scores here. If you do not meet the minimum required score, please list the date when you will retake the GRE.  *\*Note: If you are applying early, we need to receive your GRE scores by December 1. If applying by the standard deadline, we need to have your scores by January 10.* Verbal Reasoning:  Click here to enter text. (min: 153 out of 170)   
     
   Quantitative Reasoning: Click here to enter text. (min: 153 out of 170)   
     
   Analytical Writing: Click here to enter text. (min: 4.0 out of 6.0)   
     
   *(If necessary)* Date to Take or Retake the GRE: Click here to enter a date.
2. Please list the six (6) prerequisite credits 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 or intend to enroll during the spring semester, please list “in progress” for the final grade.   
    *Example: a. New Testament (3 credits): A*

*b. Marian Theology (3 credits): B+*

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**Ministry Experience, Interests, Hobbies & Extracurricular Activities**

1. Please list your ministry experience, teaching experience, extracurricular activities, and hobbies.  
   Click here to enter text.
2. **A.** Some Echo placements require or benefit from multi-lingual Echo participants. Please list any languages other than English in which you are comfortable communicating.   
   Click here to enter text.   
     
   **B.** For each language you listed in 9A, describe your ability (beginner, proficient, fluent) in the various modes of communication below:   
     
   1. Reading comprehension: Click here to enter text.   
   2. Written expression: Click here to enter text.   
   3. Oral comprehension (listening): Click here to enter text.   
   4. Oral expression (conversational speaking): Click here to enter text.   
   5. Oral expression (formal presentation): Click here to enter text.   
     
   **C.** 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,” or “Took classroom Spanish in high school and three semesters in college.”*Click here to enter text.
3. Would you be comfortable ministering in Spanish (e.g. at liturgies, meetings, programs, informally in the congregation, etc.)? *If admitted, you will have an opportunity to complete a Placement Preference Survey that explores this and other placement opportunities in more detail.*

Yes |  Maybe |  No

**Echo Program Questions**

*Please answer the following questions as honestly and concisely as you can in 300 words or fewer, taking care to insert each response under its corresponding question and heading.***M.A. in Theology**

1. Why are you interested in pursuing the M.A. in Theology in the Echo program? Drawing upon your undergraduate experience, share what habits you will continue and what habits you will change or acquire to be successful in graduate studies.   
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**Service to the Church**   
*Every applicant will respond to question 12. Those individuals interested in being considered for a teaching theology position should also respond to question 13.*

1. Echo is about “Forming Leaders and Serving the Church.” Who or what is “the Church,” and what makes you well suited to serve as a catechetical leader in the Church?  What makes you nervous about being a parish catechetical leader?   
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2. Drawing upon your formal or informal teaching experience, share what knowledge, skills, and motivations make you well suited to serve as a theology teacher. What makes you nervous about being a theology teacher?  
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**Integrative Formation**

1. An Echo intentional faith community is considered a primary community for its members and includes developing relationships with each community member and regularly engaging in prayer, faith sharing, community discussions and household responsibilities. Why do you want to live in an intentional faith community? What would you find challenging about this aspect of the program, and in what specific ways will living in community help you to mature and grow?   
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2. Describe the dynamics of growing up in your family and what you have learned about yourself as a result of this experience. What are the most important significant relationships, events and/or challenges in your life journey that have influenced who you are today? Are there any personal circumstances in need of ongoing attention and how would you anticipate attending to them while in the Echo program?     
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3. Describe the nature of your relationship with God. What relationships, prayer practices and/or education have been most influential in shaping who you understand God to be? What sustains you in times of desolation or when you feel overwhelmed?   
   Click here to enter text.
4. Life in Echo involves navigating the transitional years after college, studying theology at the graduate level, serving the Church and working with a professional mentor, living in an intentional faith community, and engaging in ongoing human and spiritual formation. Each of these opportunities requires a great deal of maturity, flexibility, and resiliency. Share an example of how you have demonstrated maturity, flexibility, and resiliency in your own life. Why are you well-suited for a program that expects its participants to embrace the challenges and complexities inherent in graduate study, service, and formation?  
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**Other Programs or Positions to Which You Are Applying**

1. Please list any programs or positions, other than Echo, that you are considering for work, service, or study next year. Your response will not impact consideration of your application for Echo.   
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**Miscellaneous or Additional Information**

1. 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.  
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**Agreement & Waiver**

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 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 program, a program of the McGrath 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:**Click here to enter text.

**Today's Date:** Click here to enter text.

**Electronic Signature (Typed Name):**Click here to enter text.