

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology

RECOMMENDATION

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Profile: Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, located in Wickliffe, Ohio, is an independent seminary affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. Originally established in 1848, the seminary today serves nearly 130 students to "prepare candidates for the diocesan priesthood."

Accreditation/Authorization: Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools. The seminary has been authorized by the Chancellor since September 1968.

Program Offerings: Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology offers the Master of Arts in Theology, Master of Divinity, and Doctor of Ministry degrees. In addition, the seminary offers continuing education coursework to non-degree seeking students.

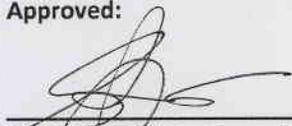
Institutional Changes: Since the seminary's last reauthorization review, the institution has had a change in the presidency. No other administrative or programmatic changes have occurred.

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End of Comment Period: March 18, 2009

No Comments Received: Recommend Approval

Approved:


Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

5/31/09
Date:

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