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Endorsement of a Launch Out Candidate

What does endorsement of a Launch Out candidate mean?

Launch Out is an integrated formation process of prayer, academic study, and pastoral practice.

This formation process takes a minimum of four years and usually takes six years to complete.

The final step in the process is an endorsement given by the Archbishop.

What is the endorsement process?

Completion of the Launch Out formation programme is required.

An endorsement panel is set up.

All records of the individual are collated and are taken to the endorsement panel.

The panel discusses the candidates' suitability and records with the formator.

If the panel recommends the candidate is to be endorsed (or not) the formator writes to the Archbishop with the recommendation. This letter is signed by the panel members. Endorsement is not automatically assumed because a candidate completes the programme. The decision to endorse a candidate is the Archbishop's decision.

What are the implications of being endorsed?

By endorsing a candidate the Archbishop is making the following statements:

- He deems this candidate is ready, well-formed and informed for formal lay pastoral leadership in the archdiocese.
- This candidate can be entrusted to carry out the Archbishop's mandate in a parish, chaplaincy or archdiocesan vicariate.
- The candidate is deemed trustworthy, competent and discreet, has the skills for collaborative ministry, is steeped in understanding the church and its mission, and has his full approval and support.

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