



**SUPERVISED PRACTICUM
PRELIMINARY DISCERNMENT**

Name: _____

The Practicum is the learning (hands on) experience component of the Ministry Formation Program. It takes place in a parish or diocesan setting. Participants choose a ministry focus which will enable them to acquire and refine skills in a practical setting with the guidance of a trained supervisor. The Practicum integrates the participant’s knowledge and skills with actual ministerial situations. In addition, the participant will examine the document of Vatican Council II: *Apostolicam Actuositatem (Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People)*. **Please reread this document.**

This worksheet will help you get started while determining the kind of supervised practicum that will be best for you. Please spend some time in prayerful reflection on each question. **You will be notified of the program’s acceptance of your project and supervisor. *The initial contact with your supervisor will come from the Program Director.***

1. What do you perceive to be your most significant gifts for ministry? (Look for affirmation from fellow parishioners or complete a ministry “strength finder” instrument)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. What particular ministry/ministries do you think uses these gifts most fully? (i.e., designing a bereavement ministry, pastoral care of the sick, AIDS ministry, music ministry, Baptismal preparation for parents, young adults, adult education programs, etc.). **Brief description. Read any appropriate Church documents for your area(s).**
