Seminaries seek to be communities where students, faculty and staff live within a covenant of hospitality, trust and safety. These covenantal commitments are foundational to the mission of McCormick Theological Seminary, which is to foster academic excellence, formation for Christian ministry and faithful witness in mission. Furthermore, as seminaries are charged with the preparation of their students for ministry, they also are responsible for students serving in congregations and agencies in which they are placed. Their responsibilities are theological, ethical and legal. Theologically, seminaries are responsible for creating an environment that nurtures and sustains their objectives of theological education. Ethically and legally, seminaries are responsible if a student's abuse of power or role endangers or violates members of the seminary community or the congregations or agencies in which s/he serves. For these theological, ethical and legal reasons, McCormick Theological Seminary requires background checks as part of the admissions process for all entering master level students. By signing this agreement, I freely and voluntarily authorize McCormick Theological Seminary and / or its agents to receive a criminal background check that I will provide via <u>castlebranch.com</u>.* I understand that a criminal history may not automatically disqualify me from admission to McCormick Theological Seminary. *Go to www.castlebranch.com and enter the package code MF77 in the "Place Order" field. I also understand that failing to reveal and / or falsifying information relating to my application will result in denial of my application, or revoking of my admission. If you carry a criminal history, please check this box: [(Include an explanation of circumstances with your application.) Signature **Date**

Statement of Ethics and Integrity

By the submission of this application, I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate. I acknowledge and agree that misrepresentation of credentials, including submission of inaccurate, falsified, or plagiarized information is sufficient cause for terminating my application, revocation of all offers of admission and financial assistance and/or termination of enrollment. Furthermore, I authorize the persons or entities to provide any relevant information to McCormick Theological Seminary for use in evaluating my application for admission and waive any required notice to me. I understand and agree that all submitted application materials are the property of McCormick Theological Seminary and will not be returned and that the application fee is not refundable under any circumstances.