



## ***“NDS DRESS CODE”***

**The rationale for the dress code is as follows:**

1. To enable seminarians to come to a deeper understanding of appropriate dress that is needed for *professional* students and in *professional* ministry.
2. To help develop a positive self-image, and to realize that self-image is affected by one's attire.
3. To present ourselves as a seminary community in a way that is respectable to the public, who so often our seminary community.

***For the sake of clarity there are two areas of distinction, which must be established. The first is what will be termed “NDS Formal,” and the second will be called “NDS Casual.”***

- ***NDS Formal*** consists of the following: clerical dress (if appropriate) religious habits or a suit, blazer, sport coat and dress slacks, collared shirt, tie, dress socks and shoes. Clerical attire may be worn by those in 3<sup>rd</sup> theology who have been admitted to the Body of Candidates for Holy Orders.
- ***NDS Casual*** which is to be worn from morning prayer through evening prayer, includes collared shirts (long or short sleeves), polo shirts and shirts with a band collar. This includes shirts with a “Crew” or “V-Neck” type collar. However, shirts that are made of a T-shirt material are not acceptable by themselves.
- Sweaters may be worn. This includes sweater vests, V-Neck sweaters and cardigans. Sweaters (but not sweater vests) without a collared shirt are permissible; however it is recommended that at least a T-shirt be worn underneath. Sweatshirts are acceptable for daily wear, however wearing them for Mass is discouraged.
- Khakis, Dockers or dress slacks are preferred. A belt should be worn. No jeans.
- It is required that all shirts be tucked in.
- Shoes include dress shoes and sandals. However, sandals must be with socks when attending a chapel service or in the dining room. Finally, shoes are to be worn on the main floor at all times. Weekend attire is permissible after evening prayer on weekdays. Weekend attire can include modest shorts and a shirt (including a T-shirt).

**The dress code is in force on the first floors of both St. Joseph and Shaw Halls and other public areas of the campus.**

## **Dress Attire for Liturgy**

**Mass - Monday - Saturday:** *NDS Casual* for all students except servers.

- Acolytes must wear dress shirt, dress slacks, dark socks, and dress shoes.
- Readers are required to wear *NDS Formal*.

**Mass - Sunday:** *NDS Formal (All Students)*

**Presider, Assistant and reader at Morning and Evening Prayer:** *NDS Casual*

### **Dress Policy for all NDS Personnel:**

Good business judgment and taste is expected in the choice of office dress or uniform. Clothing considered immodest, slovenly, or non-businesslike will not be allowed. Dress code standards are developed with the belief that Notre Dame Seminary must place an emphasis on presenting an appropriate appearance. Employees are a reflection of the Seminary. In addition, a person's dress is a reflection of his/her individual style, the job or ministry they are doing, and his/her respect for self and others. There is a need to maintain an appropriate work area and present an appropriate image to the public, our peers and ourselves.