



Dissertation Oral Defense Grade Report

Doctor of Sacred Theology

Student Name: _____

Instructions to the Student:

1. Fill in your name and thesis title.
2. Give one copy to each thesis reader or project committee member, including the director.

Dissertation Title: _____

Instructions to the Director:

1. Please check one of the following grade options.
2. Return the signed form to the JST Registrar

Pass with No Revisions

Pass with **Minor** Revisions

Returned for **Major** Revisions*

Does **Not** Pass

*If the reader feels major revisions are necessary, they should contact the student and thesis director, and retain this grade sheet until satisfied that the thesis requires only minor revisions.

Honors and Revisions: The granting of honors (if any) will be considered *after* the dissertation is satisfactorily defended. The decision to confer honors must be agreed upon unanimously by the whole committee, based on the quality and creativity of the written work and the quality of performance at the oral defense, without taking into account the student's GPA. The committee will **not** announce the decision of honors publicly at the dissertation defense. The chair of the committee must inform the student of the committee's deliberation about honors within 24 hours of the defense, copying the Registrar and the STD Program Director on the notification.

STD Dissertation may be awarded honors as follows:

- **Pass:** Dissertation is accepted with major or minor revision and satisfactory performance at the oral defense.
- **Pass cum laude:** Dissertation is accepted with no or little revision and outstanding performance at the oral defense (equivalent to A- grade).
- **Pass magna cum laude:** Dissertation has the potential for publication and excellent performance at the oral defense (equivalent to A grade).
- **Pass summa cum laude:** Dissertation constitutes a substantial contribution to the field and exceptional performance at the oral defense (equivalent to A+ grade).

Distinction: The dissertation committee unanimously recommends that, in addition to having completed the dissertation and passed the oral defense, this student be granted the following level of distinction: The Dissertation Director should check one, as appropriate:

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No Recommendation Cum Laude Magna Cum Laude Summa Cum Laude

Examiner Name (Print): _____

Examiner Signature _____ Date: _____