



# DISSERTATION ORAL DEFENSE

S.T.D.

## GRADE REPORT

Doctorate of Sacred Theology

Student's 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:

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

**Pass** with No Revisions     **Returned** for **Major** Revisions     Pass with **Minor** Revisions  
 **Does Not Pass**

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The granting of honors (if any) will be considered *after* dissertation is satisfactorily defended as determined by the dissertation committee. The decision to confer honors must be agreed unanimously by the whole committee, based on the quality and creativity of the written work and the quality of performance at the oral defense and not taking into account the student's GPA. The committee will NOT announce publicly at the dissertation defense whether or not the candidate has been awarded honors. The chair of the committee must inform the student of the committee's deliberation about honors within 24 hours after completion of the defense, copying the Registrar and the STD Program Director on the notification.

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**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:

No recommendation     Cum Laude     Magna Cum Laude     Summa Cum Laude

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