

Postulancy Agreement

Entering into a vocation with a Christian Community or Religious Order is an important step in one's spiritual journey. The first step in your journey with this Community is to become a Postulant. It is very important that you have a good understanding of the Community's purpose and how we operate. Does this Community fit into your spiritual needs? Can you spiritually support this Community? Are you willing to be an active member?

During this time period we will ask you to do some specific activities, such as those found on the **Postulancy Planner**. These activities may change from time to time, but are designed to give you a foundation of knowledge about the Community.

Key Points about the Postulancy:

- The only requirement for initial entry to the postulancy is an honest desire to build a loving relationship with the Triune God so that you may come to know, love, and serve Him in your own unique way.
- Postulants have no voice or vote within Community matters, and do not represent the Community in any way. Postulants are not employees of the Community and receive no monetary benefits.
- There are no dues or fees related to the Postulancy, but you may incur your own expenses (books, telephone calls, postage, etc.). These are not reimbursable by the Community.
- A postulant may leave the Postulancy at any time for any reason.
- A postulant may be dismissed from the Postulancy at any time for any reason.
- The period of Postulancy extends from the time of entry into the postulancy to the point where both the postulant and the Guardian comfortably feel that a continued relationship with the Community is beneficial to the postulant. The postulant needs to have a working understanding of the Community's purpose, principles and structure. Normally the Postulancy period will not be less than three (3) months, and shall not extend more than a year unless circumstances so suggest. The length of the Postulancy period for each person is set by the Guardian.
- Once the Postulancy has been successfully completed, the Postulant may enter the Oblate path or the Novice path with permission from the Guardian and Council.

I understand the above information and agree to participate in the Postulancy with the Community of the Gospel under these terms.

Signed

Date

Please make a copy of this form and mail it back to:

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