

Want to learn more?

Email or call the associate co-director nearest you if you would like to:

- ✘ talk with someone about the associate program
- ✘ visit with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace community
- ✘ learn more about local Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace community events

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We are a Diverse Community

Among our associates are people from all walks of life and from a variety of faith traditions.

Associates Commit to

- ✘ a life of prayer
- ✘ promote the charism of peace through justice in daily life
- ✘ participate in appropriate ways in the life, spirit and mission of the Congregation
- ✘ strengthen the bonds of mutual relationship

Benefits of Association

- ✘ opportunities to deepen one's spirituality
- ✘ opportunities to collaborate in the charism of peace through justice
- ✘ support in efforts to promote social justice issues in one's daily life
- ✘ invitations to participate in various aspects of the life of the Congregation
- ✘ receive regular communications from the Congregation

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ASSOCIATE

COMMITMENT

with the

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF PEACE



*In accord with our tradition
we commit ourselves to promote peace
in family life, in the church, and in society.
We strive to respect the dignity of all persons,
to value the gifts of creation,
and to confront oppressive situations.
We respond to God's people in need
and promote social justice
as a way to peace.*

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Who are Associates?

Associates are married or single persons from various faith traditions who

- ✦ identify with the mission and spirituality of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace (CSJPs)
- ✦ hold gospel values as the compelling force in their lives
- ✦ feel called to intimacy with God through prayer
- ✦ share a passion for peace through justice
- ✦ live by values expressed in the Constitutions of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace.

Pursuing justice, we seek God's gift of peace.



How to Become an Associate

Get Acquainted Period

The first stage of the journey is getting to know the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace community by spending time with sisters and associates and attending Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace community functions and events.

Application

After mutual discernment with the associate co-directors, the interested person applies in writing to enter the next stage of the journey to become a pre-associate.

Pre-Associate Program

Pre-associates attend an education program through which they learn about the history, spirituality, charism and ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace community. Paired with a Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace mentor during this 1-3 year period they continue to join in Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace community activities and prayer.

Discernment

Once the program is complete pre-associates meet with their mentors and the associate co-directors to discern whether they are ready to covenant as an associate.

Covenant Ceremony and Commitment

A public covenant ceremony in the presence of the CSJP community is the final step of becoming an associate. Initial covenants are made for two years with an option to re-covenant periodically. After ten years an associate can ask to make a lasting covenant.



Covenanted associates commit themselves to daily living of the charism of peace through justice and to daily prayer. They participate in Congregation Small Groups, Regional Assemblies, other CSJP events and have opportunities to volunteer at various CSJP functions, and share and value an ongoing mutual relationship.