

Who Are CSJ Associates?

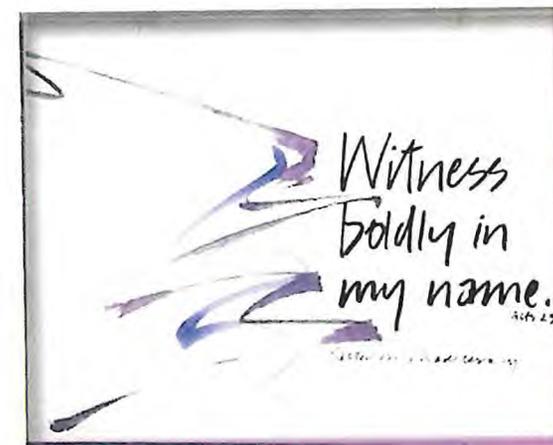
Women and men who-

- * Respond to a grace that draws them to a community of others with a common call and similar vision.
- * Feel a strong attraction to the spirit and charism of the Congregation: to live in right relationships with God, each other, and the earth.
- * Are committed to deepening their own spiritual lives.
- * Choose to consciously live the Gospel message in the ordinary circumstances of their daily lives.
- * Align themselves closely with the Sisters in good works, prayer, and spiritual growth.
- * Desire to actively participate in times of celebration, prayer, and in social justice activities with the community.
- * Come together regularly to share faith and prayer.



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Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry Associate Membership Program



As Sisters and Associates of St. Joseph, we strive to alleviate injustice and bring harmony into society by

- listening with respect,
- serving with compassion,
- empowering with dignity, and
- loving the human family and all creation, without distinction.

Becoming an Associate

Women and men *discern a call* to live the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph in their own reality.

The call is *validated* through a process of mutual reflection. This would be with a Sister or Associate.

Associate Orientation

- Interested persons can contact the Associate Leadership Team at 650 Willard Ave., Newington, CT 06111 (959) 200-4086. We will send an application, information packet and arrange a meeting for further discussion. If a mutual decision is made to continue, the orientation process begins.
- Candidates attend approximately five orientation sessions over the course of a year to deepen knowledge of the CSJ charism, spirituality, mission, ministries and history.
- The orientation period concludes with a formal rite of commitment and a community celebration.

History

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph was founded in France in 1650 by Jean-Pierre Medaille, a Jesuit priest.

Unlike many of the other religious orders of the times, the Sisters were not cloistered. They committed themselves to work among the sick, the orphaned, and uneducated, always with a preference for the poorest.

Right from the very beginning, the Sisters were supported in this work by committed and spiritual lay people, called "*Affiliates*". This group shared the vision, spirit and call of the Congregation, and enhanced the Sisters' ability to further their mission.

Today, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry continue to respond to modern challenges, including violence and oppression, abuse, hunger, injustice, and homelessness, through both hands-on ministry and the intercession of prayer.



On Mission

Sisters are joined in common mission in 16 countries, supported by the presence, prayers and work of CSJ Associates.

As a lay extension of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry, Associates are a visible sign of unity with God, the Congregation, each other and the world.

*Might God be inviting you to consider the Associate Program with the Sisters?
Give us a call and let us explore the possibility with you.*



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