The Companions Residental Program

Who is the program for?

 For women who are seeking, discerning or desiring to enter into a deeper relationship and walk with God and others in a community setting.

What do Companions do?

Cultivate an appreciation for counter-

cultural values, while growing in peace and freedom



- Deepen their rootedness and spiritual
 - intimacy with God and others in community
- Discover a personal path to spiritual growth and transformation and discern their gifts and vocation

What are the goals of the program?

The program assists women to discern where God may be calling them by:

- Sharing the life of a Christian community committed to a balanced life of prayer, service, study, rest and recreation.
- Engaging in classes and discussions about Christian life and vocation.
- Receiving personal guidance in deepening their prayer life.



For more information or to apply

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Applications for the 2023-2024 year

Start: January 1, 2023 End: May 15, 2023

In choosing Companions, we strive for a balance of background and experience necessary for effective group interaction and community building. Applicants will be notified by July 15, 2024 if they have been accepted.

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Companions

alongside the Sisters of St. John the Divine



Spending a year discovering



A 10-month residential program for women who are seeking, discerning, and desiring a closer relationship with God and others

September 2023-June 2024

What does a day look like?

Morning: Individual quiet time

Breakfast

Morning prayer together

Class time

Noon: Eucharist

Dinner

Personal time (resting, walk-

ing, reading)

Afternoon: Some manual work

Study time

Meeting with your mentor

Evening: Evening Prayer together

Supper

Dishes and clean-up

Recreation

Compline (night prayer)

Quiet time



CLASSES INCLUDE:

- Vocation and Discernment
- Contemplative and Benedictine Prayer
- Journaling and Awareness Reflection

Who can be accepted?



Women who wish to apply should be:

- A practising Christian of any denomination
- Actively committed to discerning God's will in their life
- Desirous of deepening their relationship with God, a willingness to follow Jesus in his radical obedience and an openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit
- Able and willing to contribute to effective group processes and to live in community
- In good physical, mental and emotional health.

What does the program cost?

- \$100.00/month is suggested toward expenses.
- Companions live at the convent and share the same free time, retreat opportunities and vacation as the Sisters do.
- To benefit most fully from the program, Companions need to commit to staying the full time. If cost is a hindrance, please contact the Companions coordinator.



