The Associates of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine are men and women, lay and ordained, who are members of a Christian parish community and seek to deepen their life in Christ through following a Rule of Life in association with the Sisters. In other words, they are ordinary people seeking “something more” in their spiritual life and believe they can be nurtured in their journey through connection with the life and ministry of a monastic community.

Associate’s Prayer

Almighty God, Ruler and Sustainer of the whole earth, who called your servant St. John to the vision of heaven and the life of love, grant that the Associates of the Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine may grow daily in the spirit of prayer and love. May they be ever renewed int he power of your Holy Spirit and enabled to serve you generously in whatever you give them to do; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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If you are interested in learning more about the Associates or are interested in applying, please contact the Director of Associates for your region.

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Become an Associate

The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine



The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine was founded in 1884 in Toronto. It owes its founding to the vision and dedication of a group of women and men who prayed and worked for a monastic community to be established in Canada- where the life of Christians could be nurtured and strengthened. Our Associates carry on this precious tradition.

The Rule for Associates

1. To be informed, and be willing to tell others, about the overall principles of the Monastic Life, and in particular about the life and work of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine.
2. To be an active member of a worshipping Congregation within the Christian faith, and when possible to share in the Eucharist on Sundays and Major Feasts. To pray especially for SSJD on their four major anniversaries: February 9 (Hannah Grier Coome, Founder, SSJD); May 6 (Feast of St. John); September 8 (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and December 27 (Feast of St. John the Evangelist).
3. To include in one's daily intercessory prayer the Community and Associates.
4. To grow in prayer, for the renwal of life in Christ, by spending time daily in some form of listening prayer (often called meditative or contemplative prayer)
5. To seek to live an intentional Christian life with thoughtfulness and integrity, preferably with the help of a spiritual director/companion or soul friend.
6. To read some portion of Holy Scripture daily, and to read books helpful to growing in the Christian life.
7. To make an annual retreat of at least two days whenever possible, or to have/participate in two or more Quiet Days annually.
8. If called upon, be willing to help the Community and Associates living in their vicinity; as able, contribute financially to the Sisterhood.
9. To report yearly through a reflective letter or visit with the Director within the month of the Anniversary of their admission as to the value of the keeping of this Rule.

The Rule for Associates is intended to provide a framework for the journey of faith, a trellis to support you in your own life and ministry of love in and for the world.

Join the Sisters as part of an extended family following Jesus in a life of love, prayer and service.



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