

SERVING THE VOCATION OF CONSECRATED VIRGINITY



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INITIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

“The order of virgins is also to be added to these forms of consecrated life. Through their pledge to follow Christ more closely, virgins are consecrated to God, mystically espoused to Christ and dedicated to the service of the Church, when the diocesan Bishop consecrates them according to the approved liturgical rite.

Virgins can be associated together to fulfill their pledge more faithfully and to assist each other to serve the Church in a way that befits their state.” [Canon 604, *The Code of Canon Law*]

About the United States Association of Consecrated Virgins:

The vocation of consecrated virginity lived in the world dates back to the earliest days of the Church. As consecrated virgins, we pledge ourselves to follow Christ more closely, to spend time in works of penance and mercy, in apostolic activity and devout prayer. Our consecration is for the glory of God and the service of the Church and to be lived in the world.

The United States Association of Consecrated Virgins is formed in light of canon 604, for the purpose of fulfilling our pledge more faithfully and assisting one another to serve the Church. Membership in the association is entirely voluntary, and the association does not constitute a step toward the establishment of a religious institute or secular institute.

The objectives of the association are threefold: 1) to foster communication, solidarity, and support among consecrated virgins living within the jurisdiction of the USCCB; 2) to encourage ongoing in-depth growth of understanding of consecrated virginity, along with other consecrated virgins throughout the world; and 3) to promote an accurate understanding of the nature of the vocation of consecrated virginity through programs of education, printed materials and other media, especially for those contemplating the vocation of consecrated virginity lived in the world.

The United States Association of Consecrated Virgins is in full communion with the magisterium of the Church, being linked formally to the United States Catholic Bishops through an Episcopal Moderator. We are grateful to The Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Bishop of Lansing, for currently serving in the capacity of Episcopal Moderator for the USACV.

Membership in the USACV:

Eligibility for membership: women living within the jurisdiction of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops who have been consecrated in accord with the Rite of Consecration to a Life of Virginity for Women Living in the World, under the provisions of canon 604 of the Code of Canon Law. Copies of the Organizational Statutes of the USACV are available upon request.

Application and Annual Renewals: Initial membership in the USACV is by application, and is then renewed annually. Please refer to the current year registration form available on our website: www.consecratedvirgins.org

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APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1) Please complete the following information: Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Consecration date; Bishop who consecrated you, and diocese of consecration:

Diocese in which you now live: _____

Date of birth: _____

2) Please enclose a copy of your official certificate testifying to your consecration with this application form. This certificate will be kept on file with Anne Gishpert, USACV archivist.

3) (Optional): Please describe your educational and professional background: _____

4) (Optional): Please describe any particular interests, talents, and background you bring to the vocation that may assist in meeting the objectives of this association:

5) Please also complete the current year registration form in order to begin to receive USACV general mailings.

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO:

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