

Is an Associate Member Ready for Full Membership?

Some thoughts for the Guardian and Council (this is a group decision) to determine whether or not to invite an Associate Member to become a Full Member are listed below. It is highly recommended that the term of the Associate Member be no less than 12 months, and preferably 24 months.

The Associate Members *may* be ready if they:

- interact with other Members, and do so in fellowship and love
- do not view their vocation as one of convenience, but rather as the foundation of their life
- understand the Charism of the Community
- recognize the difference between their own true-self and ego-self
- have completed all assignments to satisfaction
- have experienced a Convocation
- have participated in Embertide or other Community conference calls
- have a good understanding of the purpose and nature of the Community
- have been open and honest in their Formation Calls
- have an established Prayer life using a variety of Methods and Tools
- practice personal Reflective Study regularly, using a variety of Methods and Tools
- have established a practice of Service
- have developed and maintained a Personal Rule of Life
- understand and accept the Principles of Spiritual Formation
- adhere to the Values of the Community
- support and have a working knowledge of the Constitution and Customary
- believe that a continued relationship with the Community would enhance their spiritual development, leading them to a closer relationship with the love of God