



Process for Application to the Ignatian Associates- Omaha Community

1) Preparation:

- Thoroughly review the IA Website (www.IgnatianAssociates.org), noting any questions and being aware of what stirs in you as you learn more and ponder the invitation. Pray about it!
- Attend a brief info session! Bring a friend! You can meet current associates and learn all about the 18-month Formation, our Promises, and life as an Ignatian Associate. Info sessions are currently planned for:
 - Sunday, September 22, 10:30 a.m. at St. Pius X parish (69th and Blondo)
 - Saturday, September 28, 6pm at St. John's Parish (Resource room)
 - Sunday, September 29, 11:30 a.m. at St. John's parish (Resource Room)
 - Sunday, October 13, 4 pm at the home of Tom and Lisa Kelly, 4717 North 80th St. (402)-718-0693
 - Other info sessions may be added. Check the IgnatianAssociates.org website.
- Feel free to contact any member of the IA Omaha Community Formation team to ask about their experience or ask any questions you may have. (Contact information listed on back.)
- Discuss the invitation to join the Ignatian Associates with trusted advisors and friends (You will need 2 letters of recommendation from trusted advisors or friends attesting to your spiritual capacity and interests.)

2) Application—**ALL MATERIALS DUE BY NOVEMBER 15, 2019**

- Complete the [online application](#). The link can be found on the Ignatian Associate website on the Omaha Community page. The application will ask for the following information:
 - Contact information (name, email address, phone, mailing address)
 - Background information (Gender, marital status, number of children possibly needing childcare, occupation, education background, any current ministry/service or advocacy areas of interest, home parish/faith community, personal interests)
 - Connections- (Any IAs you have been in contact with, how you heard about the IA community)
 - Names and contact information for 2 people who will be providing letters of recommendation for you.

- Write a Letter of Intent
 - This letter should generally discuss how you came to know about the Associates, why you feel being a member of the Associate community would be good for you, some of your spiritual background and familiarity with Ignatian Spirituality, if any (none is required), and your hopes and expectations for becoming an Associate. For married people, it is highly recommended that you write separate letters. Please submit all letters as attachments in Word or PDF format to **Applications@IgnatianAssociates.org**. Letters should be no more than 1000 words and can definitely be less.

- Ask for 2 letters of recommendation
 - Two letters of recommendation attesting to your spiritual capacity or interests are requested. Please have all letters sent to **Applications@IgnatianAssociates.org**, subject line "Letter of Recommendation for (your name)." If you have met with a spiritual director recently, a pastor, or with someone who knows of your discernment process about joining us, please ask that person to write one of the letters. If your principal contact with us has been through an Ignatian Associate (other than those leading the recruiting) or a Jesuit, then ask that person to write one of the letters. A letter may also be from anyone who knows you well enough to attest to your faith disposition. Letters should be from sources other than the candidate's spouse.

3) Interviews: Interviews will be scheduled for the months of November and December.

4) Invitations to begin Formation will be sent in mid-December. Formation meetings will begin in January 2020. Formation meetings will be roughly 2 hours for three Sundays a month from 4-6 pm at a mutually agreed upon location for 18 months.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Charlene Covey at c.covey@cox.net or 402-679-6386.

Ignatian Associate Omaha Community Formation Contact List		
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Thank you for considering becoming a part of our faith community!