



The Brothers and Sisters of Charity at Little Portion Hermitage
DOMESTIC EXPRESSION

For Domestic Council use:
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Confidential Reference Form

Applicant's Name _____ Today's Date _____

The Domestic Expression of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity invites mature, well-balanced and spiritually motivated men and women who sense a call to our way of life to apply for membership in our community. Community life is challenging and has a great potential to be a life-giving experience. At the same time, the challenges of community life can stretch even the most mature person to their limits. All applicants are required to provide three references. However, no applicant will be rejected solely on the basis of an unfavorable recommendation. It is crucial that we receive an honest evaluation of the applicant's personality, capabilities, strengths and weaknesses in order to better discern this candidate's potential call to our community.

If there are questions you cannot answer due to insufficient knowledge of the applicant, please place an "N/A" in the space provided. **Please return this form as soon as possible so that the application process will not be delayed.** Your responses will be confidential and will not be shared with the applicant. Please use a separate sheet of paper if you require more space. Thank you for your time and assistance.

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity do you know him/her (personal, professional, ministerial)?

2. Would you consider the applicant to have an active and committed faith life? In what ways has faith in Jesus Christ impacted his/her daily life?

3. Please evaluate the applicant's ability to form strong, healthy relationships. First, what positive qualities does the applicant possess? Second, in which areas do you feel that the applicant needs to grow?

4. Please describe **both** the applicant's strengths and limitations. Would you foresee possible areas of difficulty for the applicant in living community life?
5. Please describe the applicant's emotional stability.
6. Please describe the applicant's reaction to problem situations, as well as his/her ability to make decisions.
7. Is the applicant a generally happy, well-motivated person?

Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please provide a brief comment on each of the following characteristics.

Characteristics	Comments
Health	_____
Appearance	_____
Sense of humor	_____
Maturity	_____
Ability to get along with others	_____
Emotional stability	_____
Common sense	_____
Dependability	_____
Tact in dealing with others	_____
Flexibility	_____
Initiative	_____
Creativity	_____
Use of time	_____
Ability to deal with conflict	_____
Ability to express feelings	_____
Ability to work with others	_____
Ability to engage others	_____
Working under supervision	_____
Working under pressure	_____
Leadership ability	_____

Please check the appropriate box which best expresses your recommendation of this applicant's suitability for community life:

Highly Recommended Recommended Recommended with reservations Not recommended

Your Signature _____ Today's Date _____

Printed Name _____ Contact Phone Number _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ Type of Reference Professional Peer/Friend Pastoral

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