

Application to become an Ignatian Associate in the Ramos Community in Milwaukee

If you are considering whether or not to apply:

- Let us know that you are considering applying. We promise our prayer for and with you. If you would like to talk either via phone or meet for a coffee, tea or soda along with some conversation, please contact us via email to find a mutually agreeable day and time. (Also, for questions at any time during the weeks ahead, feel free to contact Norie or Joan.)

Contact: Norie de la Cruz: noriedlc3@gmail.com or
Joan Shrout: jbsh4711@gmail.com

Once you have decided to go forward with the process:

- Complete an “Application Form” – which can be found at our IA website:
<http://www.ignatianassociates.org/>
 - Go to the right-hand side bar on the Home Page, then click on the link for the application Information and the “Application Form”.
 - If, for any reason, you are not able to complete the Form online, please contact Norie.
- We are asking that applications be received **no later than April 30, 2017**. In addition to completing the Application Form, you are asked
 - to write a “Letter of Intent” – in which you share a reason(s) for your interest in becoming an Ignatian Associate at this time in your life.
 - to invite two people to write a letter of reference – people who have known you for some time (preferably someone other than a spouse), who can verify that you are freely choosing to do this and who know something of your spiritual journey and/or searching. (If they have questions, let them know that they can contact Norie or Joan.)

These letters should be sent to Norie via email, preferably as an attachment. Once your application and letters have been received, Norie will contact you, acknowledging receipt.

- An Interview with two or three members of the Ramos Community will be scheduled with you. This will provide an opportunity for you to get to know other people in our Community, and a time to ask questions as well as share some of your story and what is attracting you to becoming an Ignatian Associate.

During these weeks, this time is gift and a time of *mutual* discernment, during which we try to be open to the Holy Spirit—both the candidate and the Community, represented by Norie and Joan, and those who will participate in the interviewing process.

The two-year Formation period is planned to begin in September of 2017.