

To Writers of Letters of Recommendation:

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the admissions process for an Ignatian Associates candidate. We are grateful to you, and realize that it is not an easy task to write a letter of recommendation. In your letter, please share any information about the candidate which you feel will be helpful in our assessment process, including the length of time you have known the candidate, and in what capacity.

We Ignatian Associates are a Community of women and men, predominantly lay Catholics, single and married. We are connected in prayer and work, drawn to the poor and vulnerable as we experience the healing presence of Christ. Formed by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, we are aligned with the mission of the Society of Jesus. With gratitude, we are responding to our experience of God's constant healing and love through apostolic works.

After a formal period of formation, we commit to Promises of Simplicity of Life, Fidelity to the Gospel and to our Associate and Jesuit Companions, and Apostolic Availability. To grow as promised people, we gather regularly within our local communities as well as meet periodically with the entire membership to share the fruits of our prayer, to encourage one another in our ministries, and to support each other in living out our Promises.

Given this description, please consider if the applicant is a good "fit" for this way of life and for his or her journey into Ignatian Spirituality. Please let us know if you have any reservations. We realize that whether or not it is a good move *at this time* for this person is an important factor.

We have indicated to the candidate that the interview process is a time of mutual discernment, during which we try to be open to the Holy Spirit—both the candidate and the community, represented by those who will participate in the interviewing process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions. Contact information is provided below. Please send your letter directly to Norie de la Cruz (and not to the candidate) preferably as an attachment with email – by April 1, 2017.

The letter will be held in confidence by us, but will be shared with the Co-leaders of the Ignatian Associate Ramos Community. It will also be shared with members of the Ignatian Associate community who will be participating in the interviewing process.

Gratefully,

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