

June 25, 2026

RE: Letter of Reference for Mulan Rouge

Dear Screening Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Abbey of St. Joan to offer this letter of reference in support of one of our Fully Professed Sisters, in her nomination to candidacy for the position of Queen Mother II of the International Court Council.

Benjamin Hoang is known to the Imperial Court System as Mulan Rouge,¹ but we know her also as Sister Yuriko Lomein. Benjamin remains a Fully Professed Sister of the Abbey of St. Joan in good standing under our bylaws, a status unaffected by her periods of sabbatical and inactivity, which our house expressly accommodates for members who pursue outside titles and ministry. We have known her for nearly twenty years, across active service, sabbatical, and inactive status, and in that time her standing with our house has never wavered.

Having approached the house requesting Aspirancy² in 2005 and becoming a Postulant in January 2006, Mulan Rouge achieved Full Profession status in March 2008 following the successful completion of a Novice project and a positive vote of the Fully Professed Sisters of our house.

She was active in ministry and well loved by her fellow Sisters. She served on our board as Treasurer for at least one year and acted as a link to multiple communities and stakeholders, including the AAPI community and the Imperial Court, throughout her time as an active member of our house. During this period she was a founding member of our Social Outreach ministry and of Pride Asia.

As a founding member of Pride Asia, alongside our later Saints Aleksa Manila and Gaysha Starr and other community members, she solidified and strengthened the relationship between that fledgling organization and the Sisters. She also contributed to our ministry and to our connection with the Leo Foundation's Leo Party and, most distinctively, with our local Imperial Courts.

1 For clarity, this letter refers to Benjamin as Mulan Rouge in their capacity within the Imperial Court.

2 See [our progression membership steps](#)



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Mulan Rouge took a sabbatical³ at the beginning of 2013 as she prepared for candidacy for Miss Gay Washington with the Imperial Sovereign Court of Tacoma, Diamond Empire of the Cascades, in April 2013. She continued with the Imperial Court of Tacoma in 2014 to 2015 as Empress, completing her full reign.

Upon her move to Salem, and later Portland, Mulan Rouge has continued her status as a Fully Professed Sister of our house and remains a positive contributor to our organization even during her inactive status. When asked to contribute in support of Mulan Rouge in this process, Sister Berna Bush offers: “Throughout my time with the Sisters, Mulan was always a strong mentor, especially in regard to Imperial Court protocol. I have also observed her mentorship of other Sisters, both in and outside of the Abbey.” In 2024, a delegation of Abbey of St. Joan Sisters trekked to Salem for Mulan Rouge’s stepdown as Star Empress of the Imperial Court of the Willamette Empire.

Since her move to Salem and then Portland, she has continued to demonstrate leadership within the Imperial Court, both inside the Willamette Empire and across the wider Court system. We were honored when she was named an Heir of the International Court Council, and we observed her hard work while she served there.

For nearly twenty years, Mulan Rouge has moved between our house and the Imperial Court System as a bridge between communities, carrying the values of both with grace. As Prioress and president of our board of directors, I offer this reference, and the Abbey of St. Joan's full and confident support, for her candidacy for Queen Mother II

Respectfully,

The Most Reverend Sister Mia Schweinsteiger
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3 In the practice of the Abbey of St. Joan, sabbatical is not a disciplinary or negative status. Members who take on significant outside commitments, such as an Imperial Court title, are encouraged to take sabbatical so they may give those initiatives their full focus. A member’s standing within the house is unaffected by it.