

Chart for the Consuetudines

Irreformable in the Consuetudines	La Grande Chartreuse	La Petite Chartreuse (As far as possible, we imitate the essentials of the Carthusian life)	Whether any difference is an essential difference with the Carthusians
The Monastic Office	Feasts and calendar – they did try to keep the entire psalter once a week, that was the whole point	Preference to monastic saints and keeping the 150 psalms regular every week – Calendar is pre-55 but Festal psalms only for 1 st class and certain Doubles	No, since the post-Tridentine calendar was not used as an essential part of Carthusian life.
The Office of the Dead	How many times and when it is prayed - daily	Friday Hermit day in addition to regular office as able (Full Office of the Dead)	Yes
Little Office BVM	How many and when it is prayed - daily	Every Saturday with the regular Office as able	Yes
Some hours in the cell and some in choir	Matins, Lauds, Vespers Conventual Mass	Lauds in common – other morning offices in cell or privately in choir Mass, Sext, Vespers Compline in common Also, novices need to be taught.	Yes
Prolonged solitary prayer in cell	Daily	Hermit days to be worked out as able in the beginning	Yes
Sunday Offices in common	All	TBD (when possible, Matins on Sundays in common)	Yes
Infrequent recreations	Sundays and selected feasts	Sunday Spatiamentum One hour on selected feasts Novice Formation a few times a week in common	Yes
Meals in the Refectory	Weekly and special feasts	In the beginning, daily for everyone (many things have to be modelled and taught about eating, decorum, etc, for religious anyway)	Yes
Authority	Various titles for various offices	Will follow as closely as possible	Yes

Guests are few and mostly unattended – Hospitality is generally not allowed	Only monks are guests	Will sometimes need to have the lay faithful in the beginning, but ideally and ordinarily no hospitality	
Charitable care for the sick and dying in the monastery	Conversi Infirmarian enter cell	It would have to be in the realm of emergency only to enter the cell of another	
Profession and rituals	Basic monastic profession	Monastic profession in private vows and other rituals according to the Consuetudines formula.	No
Prayer in the cell	During the day	Evening, overnight and afternoon for professed. Class in common a few times a week in the afternoon for novitiate.	Yes, for the choir nuns
Work in the cell	During the day – only choir monks	Some work will have to be in common in the beginning. Plans for equipped hermitages but still each nun may have some work outside of cell.	Yes, for the choir nuns
What is kept in the cell	Everything needed for living	Over time, everything needed for living could be kept in the cell.	Yes
Food (Qualities) – Meatless for most. Wine a regular part of their life	No meat unless needed for health Is wine really an irreformable part of the Consuetudines?	Everything needed for health is allowed – but no superfluous food, and no wine ever at all. The historicity of this monastic practice can be demonstrated outside of the Carthusians. A healthy sweet can be prepared on major feasts.	Yes
Food (Quantities)	Bread, other things according to season, sparse amounts	Plans for bread which contain all the necessary nutrients etc.	Yes
Fasting	From fleshmeats year round	From fleshmeats year round on Wednesday Friday and Saturdays.	Yes
Permissions for extra penance	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ordinary care of the health	Perfectly allowable	Doctors and medicines when absolutely necessary	Yes

		- natural remedies preferred	
Rules and prayer for the Conversi	Conversi do their own thing, not always the Divine Office	All members are obligated to the Divine Office	Yes
Charges of the conversi	Cook, Proc, etc	Generally the same	Yes
Observances of the conversi	Conversi have their own observances	All members follow the same observances	Yes
The residence of the conversi separate	Conversi have their own house	Eventually, conversi living in the common building, with choir nuns in the hermitages in the back of the property	Yes
Small numbers allowed in the house	12+-	Whatever God provides, hopefully at least 3 conversi and 3 choir nuns, with an extra hermitage for conversi nuns taking hermit days	No