

La Petite Chartreuse Monastery

Inquirer Initial Information Exchange

La Petite Chartreuse Monastery will be a new foundation of cloistered nuns drawing inspiration from the Consuetudines of Guigo the Carthusian, and the Statutes of the Carthusian Order, and seeking to practice full Papal Enclosure. Former religious or other women who have discerned a call to Enclosure, Silence, Solitude, and the Solemn Latin Monastic Office, and who also want a rich and emotionally healthy community life are encouraged to send us a message via our website www.lapetitechartreuse.org.

In an initial inquiry, we want to get to know each other. Then there can be a phone call, and either a few short visits for locals, or one longer visit (a month long aspirancy) preceding the postulancy. Please include the following information in your initial inquiry letter.

1. Name
2. Current Address
3. Telephone (include land line if applicable)
4. Name and address of current spiritual director, confessor, or pastor. Briefly state your relationship and the duration of your association.
5. Are you currently attending daily Mass?
6. Are you currently praying the Divine Office? Which version?
7. How much time do you normally spend in solitude or in Eucharistic adoration? (per day? Per week?)
8. What are some favorite spiritual books? What spirituality are you attracted to?
9. Describe what most attracts you to the cloistered monastic life. Please include a historical journey if there is one.
10. Do you have any musical and/or singing experience?
11. How do you see your relationship with Our Lord? Do you find yourself interiorly wanting to give Him everything?
12. A new monastic foundation can seem to fall very short of the monastic ideal in the beginning, in some of the externals (dwelling, etc), and it takes a long time to build something beautiful for God. Are you aware of any gifts or graces within yourself to be able to weather those initial years of establishment?
13. How many hours do you spend on a cellphone or internet per day?
14. How much time do you spend with family and what are your family responsibilities? Describe...
15. What is your cultural background?
16. List Addresses for last 10 years
17. History of Employment and/or education (please give dates for past 10 years)
18. Please include amount of credit card debt and/or student loan debt.
19. What is your current source of income if not employed?
20. If you have been a member of a religious community, list the name and address of the community or communities.

21. List medical conditions you are aware of. Please include mental/emotional conditions and any medications you are taking, with any explanation you would like to offer. Please include dietary restrictions and needs (we do accommodate those with reasonable dietary restrictions).
22. Have you ever used drugs and/or alcohol? Include number of years of use, number of years since the activity ceased, and frequency of use.
23. Have you ever been in an abusive relationship? Describe.
24. Have you ever had a psychological evaluation?
25. Have you ever gone through psychological counseling? Describe.
26. Are you aware of any demonic attachments or struggles? Please give a history including length of time of the struggle, and any outside assistance given.
27. Give a short history of your childhood, indicate the nature of your relationship with your parents, and the number of your siblings and your relationship with them.