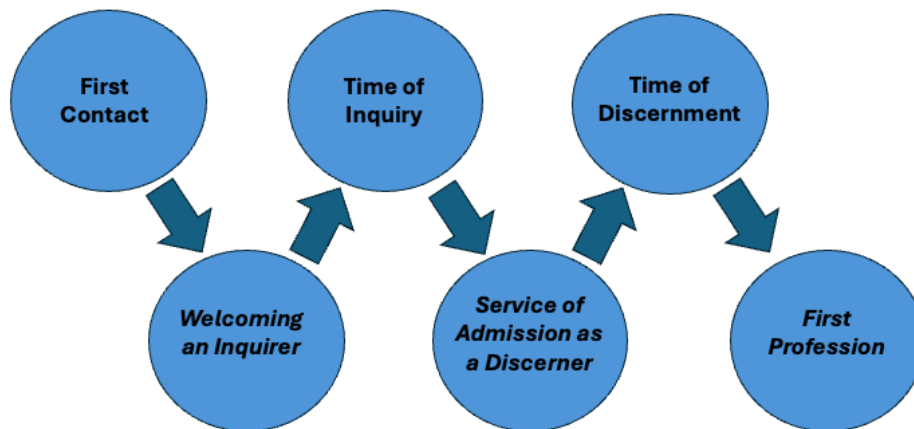




# OVERVIEW OF INQUIRY AND FINAL DISCERNMENT LEADING TO PROFESSION



OSL NOVITIATE  
An Accompanied Journey

## I. First Contact

Through contact with a brother or sister of the order or via our website, you will connect with our registrar.

This individual will ensure you receive the appropriate informational materials and answer any questions you may have.

If you decide to explore further, this Companion will assist you with the Admission to Inquiry form as well as your next steps. At that time, a suitable OSL companion/mentor will be assigned.

A Service of Welcome will acknowledge the beginning of your journey toward membership.

## II. Time of Inquiry (The postulancy/exploration time.)

With the help of your companion, you will explore and discover the Order of Saint Luke by engaging with several modules. These modules provide you and your companion

with various blocks for reading, activities, and reflection, aimed at introducing you to the broad sweep of our common religious life. If other Inquirers are available, this experience can also be shared together.

This time can last from one to four months or even longer if you wish.

### **Concluding the Time of Inquiry:**

When you and your companion have indicated that you are ready to discern your call, you and your companion/mentor will meet for prayer, discussion, and decision.

## **III. Time of Final Discernment (the novitiate)**

This is a time for training and testing (refining?) prior to taking the first public annual vows (Service of Profession). It is a time for deeper discernment of whether one is called to vowed religious life in the Order of Saint Luke. It is “Sabbath time” in continuing conversation with your companion.

It begins with “A Service of Admission to Final Discernment of Vocation.”

The question on the horizon is “Am I ready to commit to life in the Order of Saint Luke by making my Profession of Vows to the Order of Saint Luke?”

It ends with the **First Profession of Annual Vows**.

## **IV. Friends of the Order**

Friends of the Order differ from members in that they do not make a profession of vows to live the Rule of Life and Service in covenant with all the members of the Order.

If you choose to be a Friend and no make a profession you can be recognized a participant and are always warmly welcomed.

Friends may attend the annual retreat/convocations, Local chapter meetings, participate in the Facebook groups and be fully active in all we do.

Friends who contribute financially to the Order’s work also receive scholarships to our periodicals.

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