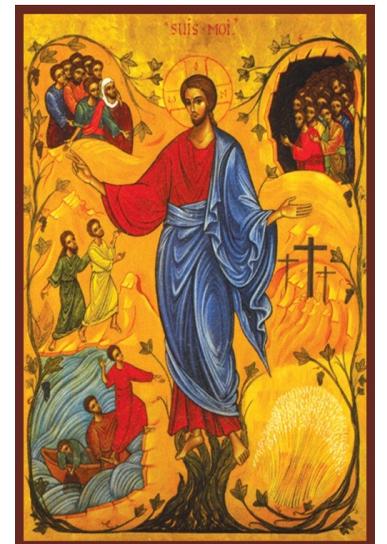


**PROCESS  
FOR BASILIAN  
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

1. Persons interested in an associate membership are referred to the associate directress.
2. The applicant submits in writing to the directress reasons for desiring to become an associate.
3. The directress or regional representative conducts a personal interview with the applicant prior to her/his acceptance. The admissions process and the program of the association are discussed at this meeting.
4. The written approval of one's pastor is required. In addition, a reference letter of a Sister of St. Basil or another qualified person is required.
5. Discussion of mutual expectations and goals takes place before formal admission.
6. An orientation program will precede official acceptance. The minimum time for orientation is six months.
7. After reviewing the applicant's request, the Provincial Council, in consultation with the directress makes the decision concerning admission. The applicant receives a formal letter regarding acceptance.
8. Before the entrance ceremony, the candidate participates in a day of prayer.
9. A formal entrance ceremony for candidates to the associate program may take place at Mount St. Macrina or in the chapel of a Basilian convent or in the parish of the candidate(s). A formal contract between the candidate and the community is made at this time.
10. The bishop, pastor and the parish of the new associate shall be informed of her/his formal acceptance as an associate of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great.
11. Initial commitment is for one year and is renewable upon evaluation by the associate and the directress. The associate may renew her/his commitment for one-year or three-year periods.
12. The associate member may terminate association with the Sisters at any time, after writing a formal letter. Likewise, the Sisters, through the provincial and the directress, may terminate the associate's membership at any time through a formal letter.



**Sisters of the Order  
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*"PRAYER WHICH IMPRINTS  
IN THE SOUL A CLEAR  
CONCEPTION OF GOD IS  
AN EXCELLENT THING..."*  
(ST. BASIL: LETTER 2)



**Associate Program**

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Uniontown, PA 15401  
Attention: Sister Susan Harvey

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## About the Sisters of St. Basil the Great



The Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, a religious order of the Eastern Catholic Church, was founded in the 4th century by St. Basil and his sister St. Macrina. They established monasteries for men and women, respectively, in their native Asia Minor. The strong point of their monastic ideal was the common life and prayer.

The Uniontown Province of Our Lady of Perpetual Help had its beginnings in 1921 in Cleveland, Ohio. It was there that Rev. Mother Macrina came from Philadelphia to begin a new foundation of the Order to serve the Ruthenian faithful. Today, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province is situated in the Metropolitan Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. Members, however, serve throughout the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh in a variety of ministries.

## About the Basilian Associate Program

The Catholic Church recognizes the need for co-responsibility concerning its mission. As lay women and men become more involved in ministry, they feel a desire for the communal support of others who share their values. Association with a religious community can enhance the mission of the Church through shared ministry and can benefit those women and men who want to participate in the life and prayer of a community without permanent commitment.

The Basilian Associate Program offers adult Byzantine Catholic women and men of varied circumstances the experience of coming together with the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great in living their mission through the sharing of their faith, their vision and their hospitality:

\* **their faith** that enables them to be a healing presence in the Church;

\* **their vision** that dares to seek new ways to serve:

\* **their hospitality** that reaches out to the broken, to the needy and to the unlearned.

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### The Purpose of the Basilian Associate Program is to enable its membership to:

- Deepen their Baptismal commitment by growing in the life of the Spirit;
- Share the spirituality and mission of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great;
- Participate in the Sisters' prayer life;
- Use their gifts and talents as an extension of the ministries of the Sisters and in concern for the needy;
- Spread the message of the Kingdom through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy;
- Witness the truth that God is With Us in our daily life—in faith, prayer and ministry;
- Work effectively together as members of the Basilian Associates.



### Yes! I am interested in the Basilian Associate Program

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Please write the name of a Sister or Associate whom you know, or indicate how you have come in contact with the Basilian Associate Program.*

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