

# CRC Spiritual Companion Application

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The CRC Spiritual Companion program is designed to form members of the laity in the Catholic faith as disciples; so that they can help others become disciples through a deeper spiritual life.

To apply for the program, submit the following:

- Application
- A Letter of Recommendation from Parish Priest stating, “you are in Good Standing as a Catholic, the date for your last safe environment training and background check (must be dated in last 3-months), there is no reason that they know of that would prevent you in ministering to people as a Spiritual Companion, that to their knowledge you adhere to the teachings of the Church, and that upon successful completion they would consider recommending you as a Spiritual Companion to members of the parish community.”
- Your Sacramental Records. The Church of your baptism (if a Catholic Church) Sacramental Certificate must be date from the last 3-months or more recent.
- Typed response to the Discernment Questions (about a paragraph each).

Discernment Questions for the CRC Spiritual Companion Program:

- Why do you want to become a Spiritual Companion?
- What do you expect to gain from this program?
- What type of formation (spiritual, theological, spiritual), have you had in the past (formal or informal)?
- Does your parish currently have Spiritual Directors, Companions, Mentors, etc for the laity to use?
- Are you currently or have you ever been in Spiritual Direction? Tell about your experience.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Parish (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SACRAMENTS:

Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptismal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

First Communion Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Holy Matrimony Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Terms & Conditions: I understand that applying does not guarantee acceptance into this program. If accepted into the program, I understand that I or the CRC may discern at any time that I am not suitable for this program. If I leave the program, I will not be refunded any funds I have paid to participate in the program for courses that I have completed or currently in-progress. I will receive a refund for any courses which I have already paid for the future payment on. I am expected to live as a practicing Catholic and be faithful to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. This program is a mix of online and in-person. It is a 16-month program and divided into four semesters (4 months per semester) with at least 6-months of supervised Spiritual Direction practicum. The cost per semester is \$1,500 (this includes onsite retreats and training, materials, as well as online training). The payment for each semester is due 30-days before the start of the semester. I am expected to complete all portions as well as be able to successfully meet and guide people towards a deeper prayer life in accordance with the Church to be able to receive the title CRC Spiritual Companion. This program is designed to work with adults in a public setting and never in someone's home. A Spiritual Companion student must be at least 18 years old and is to be actively trying to grow in their spiritual life before, during, and after this program. These are subject to change.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_