

CISTERCIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY CROSS

1606 Briar Lake Circle
Winston-Salem, NC 27103-6647

Application for Admission



Please return this application for admission with a recent photograph

Title _____ Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Residence phone _____ Office phone _____

E-mail address _____ Cell phone _____

Age _____ Date and Place of Birth _____

Occupation _____

Employer Name and Address _____

Sexual Orientation: Heterosexual _____ Homosexual _____

Marital Status _____ Name of Spouse _____

Number of Children _____

RELIGIOUS INFORMATION (Please include copies of your Baptismal and Confirmation certificates)

Present Church Affiliation _____

Date of Baptism _____ Place _____

By whom _____

Date of Confirmation _____ Place _____

By whom _____

ORDINATIONS *(Please include a copy of each Ordination Certificate)*

If ordained, list dates, by whom, and current status. Attach extra sheet if necessary.

REFERENCES

Please include three persons who are willing to provide the Abbot General recommendations for you. These should include a pastor, a teacher, and a professional with whom you work. Please list them here, with complete addresses and phone numbers.

Name and Title	Address	Phone Number(s)

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please include a personal statement, which includes your reasons for seeking the religious life, your faith journey, your commitment to Christ and His Church, and what you see as your ministry now, and what you hope it will be in the future.

Please list any impairments such as medical, psychiatric, financial or family difficulties. Also give a detailed explanation of each.

Your personal statement should be typed or printed, double spaced, and two to five pages in length.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

High School _____ Years completed _____

Graduation date _____ Degree _____

College/University/School of Theology/Seminary

Name _____ City/State _____

Dates attended _____ Did you graduate? _____

Degree earned _____ Number of credits or hours _____

Degree major _____

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Dates attended _____ Did you graduate? _____

Degree earned _____ Number of credits or hours _____

Degree major _____

The Cistercian Order of the Holy Cross supports the traditional teachings of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. It would not be appropriate for the following people to apply for membership at any level in the Order.

Female “priests” or “bishops” or persons engage in or who support homosexual activities or those who support female clergy.

Those who participate/support illegal activity such as tax evasion or immoral activity such as abortions, those who abuse themselves or others, or those with impaired judgment.

Persons who belong to cults, non-Christian chivalric orders; secret organizations, such as the Freemasons; or groups that promoted hatred or bigotry such as the KKK, or political groups whose purpose is to create terror or overthrow legitimate government, groups who worship Satan, false gods; or philosophies, such as pantheism.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

1. I understand that by submitting this application for admission to the Order and/or incardination that I am not guaranteed acceptance. Further I understand that acceptance shall be based, in part, upon the information and documents that I have submitted (and failed to submit), the investigation of the veracity of any document submitted along with additional formative programs.
2. I do hereby give my permission to the Cistercian Order of the Holy Cross to conduct a reasonable and diligent inquiry and investigation into my background, for the purpose of determining the truth and veracity of any and all information submitted herein. In addition, I understand that you may use outside agencies to conduct said investigation, may obtain credit reports under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, may obtain police reports and any and all other public reports directly or from outside agencies, in order to reasonably determine the truthfulness of the information submitted herein. I further understand that any material misstatement of fact within this application may be grounds for rejection of this application by the Cistercian Order of the Holy Cross. In consent and full agreement to these terms and provisions I set my signature below.
3. I give the Order permission to use my photograph in its publications
4. Enclosed is *Proof of identification, such as; photo ID, driver's license, or passport.*

Signature _____

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

The Most Rev. Oscar Joseph, OCCO

Abbot General

336 918-0975

E-Mail: Abbot@bellsouth.net

You may send the application (save to Word Doc and attach to e mail) and photo (jpeg) on line if you wish. Send to abbot@bellsouth.net. Application fees can be paid via the *PayPal* found in the seminary link. Use the donation tab or you can send it US mail.

Include \$50 application fee with the completed application

(This form can be printed out using your browser's Print command.)

Mail Your Application to:

The Most Rev. Oscar Joseph, OCCO

Holy Cross Monastery

1606 Briar Lake Circle

Winston-Salem, NC 27103-6647

(Your payment must be mailed to us before processing.)