

Become the person you were created to be! Be

One in Spirit

with the Associates of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great!

Created more than twenty-five years ago, the *Basilian Associates Program* offers adult Christians, both men and women, the opportunity to grow in and deepen their baptismal commitment through the shared experience of coming together and engaging in the spirit and the mission of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great within the rich traditions and mysteries of the Eastern Catholic Church. The charism of the Basilian Sisters is rooted in the spirituality and teachings of Saint Macrina the Younger and her brother, Saint Basil the Great, both of whom were members of a holy family of saints who lived during the Third and Fourth Centuries in the regions of Pontus and Cappadocia in ancient Anatolia (modern Turkey).



The Sisters are actively involved in the spiritual growth of each Associate and encourage Associates to use their gifts, talents and professional expertise in service to others. Meeting regularly with the Sisters to pray portions of the Divine Office and to learn about and experience the Basilian identity and mission, Associates are drawn toward:

A deeper relationship with Jesus Christ;

A more spiritually-oriented approach to daily life; and

Opportunities to share with others their God-given gifts and talents in ways that mirror Our Lord's teachings.

More specifically, Basilian Associates dedicate themselves to:

- Devoting time daily to reading Scripture, meditation, and recitation of Psalms;
- Participating with local parishioners in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy/Mass and with the Basilian community in Liturgical Worship and Days of Prayer; and
- Using their gifts, talents and professional expertise in service to their parish ministries, Basilian ministries, and people in need.

However, commitment to the Basilian Associate Program does not involve vows or communal living.

Admission to the *Basilian Associate Program* begins with an application, a personal interview, and an orientation session. Candidates prepare for membership in the program by learning about the Basilian spirit, identity, and mission, meeting with an experienced Associate on a regular basis, and attending gatherings of the Associates and Sisters. To begin this process, please contact Sister Rita Stremba (Director) or Sister Germaine Senita (Assistant Director) at 215.379.3998.

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https://stbasils.com/vocations/associates/

The Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great and the Basilian Associates hold you in prayer as You discern membership in the *Basilian Associates Program*.

APPLICATION REQUEST Yes! I am interested in the Basilian Associate Program. Name: ______ Phone: ______ Address: ______ Parish: _____ Please mail to: Basilian Associate Program Director Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

Phone: 215-379-3998

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