

Serving God  
with a

# Joyful Spirit

## FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHICAGO ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

*The opportunities to grow in faith  
and share our spiritual journey  
with each other.*



Do you *hunger*  
for a closer  
relationship with God?



Would you like to *deepen*  
your prayer life?



## What is an Associate?

An Associate is a person in the Christian community who feels called to share in the mission and ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. This involves serving the needs of the Church in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and our Foundress, Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik.

## Who is invited to be an Associate?

Women and men 18 years of age or older who strive to live the Gospel.

## What does being an Associate involve?

- ❖ Participating in spiritual activities that nourish your faith life
- ❖ Sharing in the mission and ministry through volunteer services, parish ministry and charitable works
- ❖ Taking advantage of opportunities to share in communal activities of the Franciscan Sisters Chicago (prayer, meals, faith sharing)
- ❖ Building relationships with the Sisters

If so, God is *Calling*  
you to be an  
Associate of the  
Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.



St. Clare Health Clinic



St. Jude House

Does your *heart* ache  
when you see  
injustice?



Do you desire  
to be enriched with  
the *Spirit* of Jesus as  
St. Francis of Assisi  
and St. Clare?



MOTHER MARY THERESA DUDZIK  
FOUNDERESS, FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHICAGO

*"I felt the misery and suffering of others,  
and it seemed to me  
that I could not love Jesus,  
or even expect heaven  
if I were concerned only about myself..."*

*Consequently, I was constantly occupied  
with the thought  
of how I could be of service  
to the needy and the poor."*

MOTHER MARY THERESA DUDZIK  
Foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago



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## How do you become an Associate?

- ❖ Request information.
- ❖ Complete an application form.
- ❖ Participate in an orientation program.
- ❖ Pronounce a commitment.

*"Being an Associate in the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago has blessed my life. It has offered insights into Franciscan spirituality and has offered a depth of fellowship and prayer that has enriched my life. It has given me the opportunity to share life's journey with a heart of faith."*

DEBORAH SCERBICKE  
Associate



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If you are interested in more information about the Associate Program of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, please complete and mail this form .

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

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