

## **MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

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The membership of the Association shall consist of four (4) levels of commitment: Candidate/Year of Formation, Associate Member, Full Member and Lifetime Member. The Day of Commitment for each level of membership will be on or near the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8<sup>th</sup>, of each year.

A pre-membership period of inquiry lasting up to one year allows prospective members the opportunity to voluntarily participate in a variety of Marian Servant activities to discern their intention to commit to the Candidate/Year of Formation responsibilities. An **Inquirer** seeking consideration for entry into the **Candidate** Program of the Marian Servants<sup>TM</sup> of Divine Providence should consult the Inquirer To Candidate transition page for an explanation of the required transition steps.

A Candidate who has successfully competed at least one year of Formation should consult the Candidate To Associate transition page for an explanation of the requirements to transition to the Associate Membership in the Marian Servants<sup>TM</sup> of Divine Providence. Associate Members must strive to live the RULE OF LIFE of the Association to the best of their ability and their state of life.

After successful completion of the Associate Membership period of one full year, **Associate** Members may apply for the status of **Full** Membership. The Associate To Full transition page provides an explanation of the requirements for the transition to Full Membership in the Marian Servants<sup>TM</sup> of Divine Providence.

After at least seven (7) consecutive years as a faithful **Full** Member, a Marian Servant may seek **Lifetime** Membership. Lifetime Membership in the Association is a serious personal commitment made to the Marian Servants<sup>TM</sup> of Divine Providence to uphold and further the vision and mission of the ministries of the Association. The formal process is initiated by the Candidate one full year prior to applying for Lifetime Membership. Each applicant must then successfully complete the RULE OF LIFE series and the request form for Lifetime Membership.

Lifetime Membership in the Association is in the form of a promise made in front of the full assembly of the Marian Servants on the Day of Commitment to abide by the RULE OF LIFE of the Marian Servants for the rest of the Marian Servant's life. The outward signs of this commitment are the Lifetime Membership certificate and the Lifetime medal. These are then given to the recipient by the Bishop of the Diocese or his delegate. The Full To Lifetime transition page explains the prayerful discernment expected for the transition to Lifetime Membership in the Marian Servants<sup>TM</sup> of Divine Providence.