

Religious orders in diocese offer options for discernment

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In addition to the 71 active diocesan and extern priests and 68 active deacons serving in Arkansas Catholic parishes and ministries, men and women religious serve as priests, brothers and sisters across the Diocese of Little Rock.

According to the 2006 Official Catholic Directory, there are 47 religious priests, 30 religious brothers and 234 religious sisters representing a wide variety of religious orders in Arkansas. For anyone considering a religious vocation, the following list of religious orders serving in the state offers many options to choose from.

*Offers formation in Arkansas

Men Religious

Monastery of Marylake, Little Rock*

Discalced Carmelites (OCD)

Four priests, two brothers

Superior: Father Ralph Reyes, OCD

Vocations Director: Father Luis Joaquin (405) 235-2037

For more information, call the monastery at (501) 888-3052.

Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco*

Order of St. Benedict (OSB)

25 priests, 29 brothers

Abbot: Jerome Kodell, OSB

Vocations Director: Brother Francis Kirchner, OSB (BrFrancis@subi.org)

For more information, call (479) 934-1000 or visit www.subi.org.

Benedictine Fathers of Conception Abbey (OSB)

Three priests in Arkansas

Based in Conception, Mo.

For more information, call (660) 944-2857 or visit www.conceptionabbey.org/

Vocations/toc.htm.

Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis (CFP)

One brother in Arkansas

Based in Cincinnati, Ohio

For more information, call (513) 924-0111 or visit www.franciscan-brothers.net.

Clerics of St. Viator (CSV)

One priest in Arkansas

Viatorian U.S. Province Office in Chicago

For more information, call (847) 398-1354 or visit www.viatorians.com/2006/become/.

Congregation of the Missions (CM) (Vincentians)

Two priests, one deacon in Arkansas

Part of CM Southern Province in Dallas

For more information, call Father Tom Stehlik at (501) 753-9117 or visit www.cmsouth.org.

Divine Word Missionaries (SVD)

Two priests in Arkansas

U.S. vocations office in Epworth, Iowa

For more information, call (800) 553-3321 or visit www.svdvocations.org.

Glenmary Home Missioners (GHM)

Two priests in Arkansas

Based in Cincinnati, Ohio

For more information, call (800) 935-0975 or visit www.glenmary.org/vocations/.

Holy Ghost Fathers (CSSp)

Three priests in Arkansas

Western Province Holy Spirit Provincialate in Houston

For more information, call (713) 522-2882 or visit www.spiritans.org/vocations/.

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP)

Two priests in Arkansas

U.S. vocations office in Elmhurst, Penn.

For more information, call (570) 842-4000 or visit www.fssp.com/main.

Women Religious

Carmelite Monastery of St. Teresa of Jesus, Little Rock*

Discalced Carmelite Nuns/Cloistered Nuns (OCD)

14 nuns

Prioress: Sister Cecilia Chun, OCD

Vocations Directress: Sister Mary Alice Grace, OCD

For more information, call (501) 565-5121, e-mail Lrcarmel@comcast.net or visit www.littlerockcarmel.org.

Holy Angels Convent, Jonesboro*

Congregation of Olivetan Benedictines (OSB)

48 sisters

Prioress: Sister Mary Anne Nuce, OSB

Vocations Director: Sister M. Thérèse Johnson, OSB (vocations@olivben.org)

For more information, call (870) 935-5810 or visit www.olivben.org/Vocation/vocation.htm.

Monastery of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge, Hot Springs*

Good Shepherd Home

10 sisters

Superior: Sister Theresa Marie Lalancette, OLCR

For information, call (501) 623-1393, e-mail smichael@hotsprings.net or visit

www.adorationchapel.org/Sisters_of_Charity/sisters_of_charity.html.

St. Scholastica Monastery, Fort Smith*

Order of St. Benedict, Benedictine Sisters (OSB)

66 sisters

Prioress: Sister Cabrini Schmitz, OSB

Vocation Director: Sister Kimberly Rose Prohaska, OSB

(vocationdirector@scholasticafortsmith.org)

For more information, call (479) 783-4147 or visit www.scholasticafortsmith.org/vocation.html.

Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word (CCVI)

One sister in Arkansas

U.S. Province in San Antonio

For more information, call (210) 734-8310 or visit www.amormeus.org/commitments.html.

Daughters of Charity (DC)

Five sisters in Arkansas

West Central Province in St. Louis, Mo.

For more information, call (314) 533-4770, ext. 103, or visit www.dcwcp.org/vocation.htm.

Dominican Sisters of Springfield (OP)

Two sisters in Arkansas

Based at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield, Ill.

For more information, call (217) 787-0481 or visit www.springfieldop.org/makinglifechoices.aspx.

Dominican of the Immaculate Conception (OP)

Three sisters in Arkansas

U.S. province in Justice, Ill.

For more information, call (708) 458-3040 or visit www.sistersop.org.

Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus (HHCJ)

One sister in Arkansas

U.S. Mission House in Houston

For more information, call (281) 914-4664 or visit <http://handmaidsisters.org>.

Missionaries of Charity, Calcutta (MC)

Four sisters in Arkansas

U.S. Midwest Providence in St. Louis

For more information, call (314) 533-2777.

Missionary Carmelites of St. Teresa (CMST)

13 sisters in Arkansas

U.S. province in Houston

For more information, call (281) 445-5520.

Missionary Catechists of the Poor (MCP)

Four sisters in Arkansas

Based in Monterrey, Mexico

For more information, call (501) 603-5346 or visit www.misionerasmcp.com.

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart (MSC)

One sister in Arkansas

Based in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

For more information, call Sister Josefina Gutierrez at (479) 784-9450.

Religious Sisters of Mercy (RSM)

47 sisters in Arkansas

Part of Regional Community of St. Louis

For more information, call (314) 909-4661 or visit www.mercync.org/stlindex.htm or speak to a religious sister of mercy in Arkansas by calling (501) 664-5977 in Little Rock or (479) 478-3002 in Barling.

School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND)

Two sisters in Arkansas

Part of St. Louis Province

For more information, call (314) 633-7016 or visit www.ssnd-sl.org.

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (SCN)

One sister in Arkansas

Based in Nazareth, Ky.

For more information, call (502) 348-1500 or visit www.scnfamily.com.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ)

One sister in Arkansas

Part of St. Louis Province

For more information, call (314) 678-0315 or visit www.csj.org.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden (CSJ)

One sister in Arkansas

Based at St. Joseph Convent in Baden, Pa.

For more information, call (724) 869-2151, ext. 6285 or visit www.stjoseph-baden.org/vocations.asp.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny (SJC)

One sister in Arkansas

Cluny Provincialate House in Newport, R.I.

For more information, call (401) 846-4757.

Men and Women

Little Portion Hermitage, Berryville*

The Brothers & Sisters of Charity (BSC)

Integrated Monastery and Public Association

10 integrated members, two brothers, four sisters

General Minister: John Michael Talbot, BSC

For more information, call (479) 253-7710 or visit www.LittlePortion.org.

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