

Companions

In the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

Application for Admission

As a

Ignatian Spiritual Director Member

Ignatian Spiritual Director Members are recognised as those people who have completed the full Spiritual Exercises, either as an enclosed 30-day retreat, or a 30-week retreat in daily life. They have completed a formation program that meets the Standard for the Formation of Ignatian Spiritual Directors, have been granted Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), or can demonstrate equivalent competence, and are actively involved in the ministry of giving spiritual direction in the Ignatian tradition.¹

Instructions to the Applicant

1. An applicant seeking to apply for membership of the *Companions in the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises* as an Ignatian Spiritual Director Member must complete all sections of this Application Form.
2. Applications should be accompanied by payment of the Annual Membership Fee of \$160AUD. Payments may be made by EFT transfer. See details in Section 7 - Payment.
3. Please sign and date the Application Form and return it with all the other material required to the address given in Section 7.
4. Unsuccessful applications will be refunded the Annual Membership Fee
5. The information in this Application will be treated as confidential and used only in accord with the Privacy Act.
6. *Companions* is a professional association of those engaged in the ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. The applicant must read, relevant Code of Ethics and the Catholic Church documents on a Safe Church (link found on the website). Permission to publish member's name on website is part of this Registration.

Section 1 – Personal Information *(please print)*

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Postcode _____ Country _____

Telephone (mob) _____ (H) _____

Email: _____

Gender: _____ Occupation: _____

¹Constitution of the Companions 6(c)(ii)

Section 2 - Your experience of making of the full Spiritual Exercises

All Ignatian Spiritual Director Members of *Companions* need to have completed the full Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, either as a thirty day retreat according to Annotation 20, or as an individually directed retreat in daily life according to Annotation 19.

Under which Annotation did you make the Exercises? 19 20

Where did you make the Spiritual Exercises? (Please include the name of the country, the name of the retreat centre and so on)

In what year did you make the Spiritual Exercises?

Who gave you the Exercises?

Section 3 - Details of your formation as an Ignatian Spiritual Director

Companions requires 20 hours of face to face supervision in addition to 100 hours of student contact for Ignatian Spiritual Director Members. Please give details of the formation program(s) for Ignatian Spiritual Directors that you have completed.

	Name of Institution	Qualification awarded	Year completed
1			
2			
3			
4			
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Number of Hours of Student Contact Completed: _____

Number of Hours of Supervision Completed: _____

PLEASE ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

As evidence of your studies, please enclose any academic transcripts itemising each subject undertaken, and certificates showing completion or conferral of each award.

Academic transcripts and certificates may be submitted in photocopy format. Please note that any documentation submitted to *Companions* will not be returned.

Some Spiritual Directors have a wealth of experience and an obvious charism for the ministry. They have practiced this ministry for many years without necessarily having completed a recognised formation program. *Companions* will formally recognise those who can demonstrate prior learning or equivalent competence, knowledge, and experience. They will need to provide a detailed description of their experience in the ministry and any other education that is relevant, e.g., theology, biblical studies, counselling and so on.

Section 4 - Statement of your practice of Ignatian Spiritual Direction

Please describe the practice of your ministry of Ignatian Spiritual Direction and the spiritual exercises.

Note: You may choose to type your answers to these questions on a separate sheet of paper.

Please give details of the organisation(s) with whom you work as an Ignatian Spiritual Director.

Name of Church, Agency, Institution, or other Employer

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Supervision

Please give the name of the supervisor you now see in your practice of giving the Spiritual Exercises

Section 5 – Working with Children Check

It is a requirement of *Companions* that all members hold a current Working with Children check/authorisation for the respective State, Territory or jurisdiction in which the member lives, and to provide the Secretary of Companions with a photocopy of this authorisation.

I understand that I am required to have a current Working with Children check/authorisation for the State, Territory or jurisdiction in which I live.

I attach a photocopy of this authorisation.....

I will send an electronic copy to the Secretary

I will send a copy in the mail

Section 6 - Declarations

I have read *Companions* Code of Ethics

I have accessed and read the Catholic Church documents on a Safe Church

If admitted as an Ignatian Spiritual Director Member, I understand that I will be bound by the Constitution of the *Companions in the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Incorporated* and the relevant Code of Ethics and any other rules or regulations adopted by Companions. (Copies of the above documents are available on the website, by email or writing to the Secretary of *Companions*).

I declare that all information submitted by me in this Application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Section 7 - Payment

The Annual Membership Fee for an Ignatian Spiritual Director Member is \$160.

EFT transfer

Account Name: Companions in the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

Bank: Bank Australia

Account BSB: 313 140

Account #: 12107516

PLEASE PROVIDE **YOUR NAME** IN THE REFERENCE FIELD

To ensure that your payment is allocated correctly, please email our Treasurer at admin@companions.org.au when you have placed an EFT.

Members may apply in writing for a partial exemption from the annual membership fee on special consideration grounds. Such applications will be dealt with confidentially, on a case by case basis, and should be forwarded to the Secretary of Companions at the address below.

Once you have completed this form please return it to the address below. If you require help with your application, or need more information, please email our Secretary at secretary@companions.org.au

The Secretary

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