

Are you interested in becoming a member of Mother of God Community?

We warmly welcome inquiries from all those who are interested in considering membership in the community, and encourage you to follow the steps on which the Lord is leading you! For more information, please contact Teri Stief at mogc@motherofgod.org or 301-990-2081.

Here is the basic process for becoming a covenanted member:

- The first step is to begin participating in the activities of the community, especially our Sunday night prayer meeting, monthly vigil Mass, Lord's Day Suppers, and other events.
- The next step is to enter our formation program, Growing in Faith Together (GIFT), which is held weekly from September through May. The last part of GIFT is a Life in the Spirit Seminar.
- After completing GIFT, if a person feels that they might be called to covenant membership, they are invited to enter Underway status. Being "Underway" is a time of prayer and discernment, formation, increasing fellowship with the body, and beginning to live the covenant lifestyle. It includes a weekly class with teachings on growing in holiness, living life in the Spirit, Scripture and Church teaching, and the charism and covenant lifestyle of Mother of God Community.
- Upon completion of the Underway year, an individual who has shown faithfulness to the covenant lifestyle and who has discerned a call to the community may apply for membership. Upon acceptance by the Community Council, the candidate will be invited to become a member at the next covenant signing, which takes place in June every year.

There is also the option of **affiliate membership** for those who desire the grace of belonging to Mother of God as a spiritual family and living in accord with its charism, but who are unable to fulfill the commitments of covenant membership. Please contact Teri Stief if you are interested.