

Matters to consider for discernment

- ◆ Is there obvious common ground between the person's and the Order's orientation to parish life and ministry and the spiritual life?
- ◆ Does the person have an adequately disciplined spiritual life, and sufficient self-esteem and support from colleagues, family and friends, so as to be able to benefit from what the Order does offer in vocational support without holding to unreasonable expectations of the support such a life will provide?
- ◆ Does the person work well with others, openly receive and use information on the effect of his or her behavior on others, follow through on commitments, receive guidance from others, take initiative in relationships and work?
- ◆ Is membership in the Order likely to have beneficial effects on the person's work, family, friendships?
- ◆ What effect does relationship with the Order appear to be having on the person's spiritual life and sense of vocation?
- ◆ What does the person bring to the Order?
- ◆ To what extent is the person making an act of free commitment, choosing to devote energy in this way and pattern? To what extent is the commitment "clouded" and divided?