

Order of Saint Luke Novitiate Series

Formation Approaches for the Time of Inquiry



One-Page Quick Overview

Purpose of the Time of Inquiry

A season of exploration, prayer, and discernment as you learn the life, mission, and practices of the Order of Saint Luke (OSL). You journey with a companion who listens, guides, and supports your discernment.

Aiming at flexibility, we encourage Inquirers and companions to share in Cohort Sessions, or work through five modules, or to learn and grow in a local or seminary chapter.

❖ The Five Cohort Sessions

Cohort dates and times are posted on OSL FB pages. All are welcome to attend. Sessions include worship, prayer and guided conversation on the following topics:

- 1. Orientation to The Rule of Life and Service**
- 2. The Story of The Order**
- 3. The Daily Office and Prayer**
- 4. Lukan Spirituality**
- 5. The Rule of Life and Service**

❖ The Five Formation Modules

- 1. History of the Order**

Explore OSL's story from 1946 to today. Notice how the Order has grown, adapted, and understood its mission.

Resource: *The Story of the Order of Saint Luke* (Hoyt Hickman, OSL).

2. Primary Sources: Constitution, Rule of Life and Service, and Customary

Study the foundational documents that shape our common life.

Focus especially on Articles II–IV of the Constitution and the Rule of Life and Service.

Resources: Constitution, Bylaws, Customary (saint-luke.net).

3. How We Live Together

Learn how a dispersed religious community stays connected through chapters, associations, online groups, shared prayer, and annual retreats.

Resource: Bylaws of the Order of Saint Luke.

4. Praying the Daily Office

A core practice of OSL. Pray the office regularly and reflect on the experience with your companion.

Use WADO, or OSL's Lukan resources, or your denomination's daily office resources.

Resources: WADO; *A Lukan Book of Hours*; *A Lukan Book of Feasts*.

5. Living the Sacramental Life

Explore worship and sacramental spirituality through the lens of Luke–Acts.

Primary text: *Food for Pilgrims: A Lukan Spirituality* (Dwight Vogel, OSL).

❖ Local Chapter

Chapters are made up of members and friends of the Order in a region or seminary setting, Some chapters meet as an online group. Inquirers will find support, engagement and formation in the worship, shared discussion and reading, and service of local chapters. The chapter and your companion will engage you in exploring the Order's life and work. To identify a chapter see [Chapter Life](#) or contact the Provincial General on the [Novitiate Directory](#).

Expectations During the Time of Inquiry

- **Take initiative** in your learning and conversations.
- **Ask questions** and explore the Order thoroughly.
- **Keep a journal** of insights, questions, and movements of the Spirit.
- **Discern mutually** with your companion regarding readiness for how you will go forward.

- **Participate in Cohort Sessions** (five-session series) or work through the **Modules** or participate actively in a **Chapter**.
- **Remember you are held in prayer** by the Order.

Contacts

- **Your Companion** — primary support during the Inquiry.
- **Companion Coordinators** — if you need a companion or reassignment.
- **Novitiate Directory** — see the current contact directory for information.