



# Apostles of the Resurrection

## Lay Associates of The Congregation of the Resurrection Canadian Province



### Pastoral Reference

Dear Father,

We kindly ask you to answer the following questions regarding \_\_\_\_\_ who has expressed the desire to become an **Apostle of the Resurrection** – a Lay Associate of the Congregation of the Resurrection in Ontario, which is a religious order of priests, deacons and brothers in the Roman Catholic Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ was born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, and is currently a member of your parish.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am comfortable making this recommendation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not know this person well enough to make a recommendation at this point.

1) Is the person known to you:

- personally \_\_\_\_\_
- as a member of a family you know well \_\_\_\_\_
- through this interview \_\_\_\_\_

2) To your knowledge, is he/she a practicing Catholic in your parish?

- attending regularly \_\_\_\_\_
- attending occasionally \_\_\_\_\_
- attending rarely \_\_\_\_\_

3) Is the person involved in the life of the parish / local community in any way?

- YES – please tell us how:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- NO \_\_\_\_\_

4) Here are some criteria for acceptance as an Apostle of the Resurrection:

“The candidate must be a baptized Catholic 18 years of age or older, and needs to show evidence of:

- a wholesome character, and emotional, psychological and spiritual stability;
- a desire to deepen his/her own spirituality by conforming his/her life to the Paschal Mystery of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection;
- a desire to live out the Resurrectionist Charism and Mission in his/her daily life: at home, at work and in ministry;
- a willingness and commitment to support the Resurrectionists in their ministry through prayer, and through personal initiatives;
- a spirit of cooperation with the Resurrectionists, and with fellow Apostles of the Resurrection, in order to promote the resurrection of society.”

Given the above criteria, and your knowledge of the candidate, would you recommend this person to be our Lay Associate? Please explain.

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Parish Stamp

Priest’s Signature

Date

Thank you for taking your time to complete this letter of reference!

Please give this form to the candidate in a sealed envelope,  
and he/she will submit it to us along with the application form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Provincial Office in Waterloo:  
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