

# **TERTIARY ORDER OF THE HOLY PARACLETE**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Postulants**

#### **How long do I remain as a postulant?**

You will be a postulant for around 4-6 months.

### **Novices**

#### **How long do I remain as a novice?**

You will be a novice for a minimum of two years from the date of taking your vows as a novice.

#### **Do I have to give my novice cross back?**

Yes. When you become a full member you exchange your novice cross for a full members cross.

#### **Do Lone Tertiaries have a link tertiary?**

The link tertiary for all lone tertiaries is the Lones network secretary.

#### **How did I get a Link Tertiary?**

Your Link Tertiary will either be recommended by the Warden, or by the local group co-ordinator. They may be someone who is not in your local group.

#### **Do I have to show my Rule of Life to anyone?**

It is good to share your Rule of life with your Link Tertiary or Lones Secretary, or with your spiritual director, but there is no requirement for it to be sent to the Warden at any stage, unless you wish to.

#### **What do I do when I want to become a Full Member?**

You need to inform your Link Tertiary and Group Co-ordinator or the Lones secretary. They will let the Warden know that you are hoping to become a full member. You should write to the Warden giving an outline of why you think you are now being called to be a full member, an outline of your experience in the Order to date and an indication of how your Rule is going. The Warden will then get back to you to let you know if s/he is happy for you to proceed.

### **Vows**

#### **Can I take my vows in my local church or at a local group meeting instead of at Chapter?**

Ideally, we would like all vows to be taken at the annual Chapter meeting, but we realise that for some, this is not possible, due to distance, infirmity or family circumstances. Postulant and Novice vows can be taken in your local church, but we will need to liaise with your parish priest to provide all that is required for the service. Postulant and Novice vows can be taken in your local group meeting as well. We will also need to be informed of the date of the service. If it is not possible to attend Chapter to take your full member vows, then again we need to liaise with your local priest.

#### **Can I renew my vows on a Zoom link to the Chapter Eucharist?**

Yes, but you will need to ensure that your record in your Rule book is filled in with the details.

## **Subscriptions and payments**

### **When do I start paying a subscription?**

You start to pay a subscription when you have taken your vows as a novice.

### **Is there a charge for the TOHP crosses?**

There is no charge for the novice cross, but the full members cross is £42

### **How do I pay my subscription?**

This can be done using the information on our website, which gives everything you need to know.

## **Communication**

### **How do I get regular information about TOHP?**

Once you become a novice, you will be put on our mailing list, and will receive three mailings a year in Advent, Lent and during the summer months. This includes the prayer diary, the Warden's letter, papers for Chapter and news about the Order.

### **Can I get TOHP information by email instead of by post?**

Yes. Contact the database manager or mailing secretary and they will make all the arrangements.

### **How do I access the Members area of the TOHP website?**

Once you have taken your novice vows, contact Adam Wells, and he will send you a password.

### **I have not received any mailings – what should I do?**

Please check that you have let us know about any changes in your contact details in the first instance. If you haven't, then we will need this information. If we have your correct details, then we will make sure your information is held correctly on our database and send out a mailing to you.

### **I have changed my address – who do I contact?**

The database manager and your local group co-ordinator or Lones secretary.

### **Can I help at the Priory?**

Contact the Prioress to see if there is anything they need doing that you might be able to help with.

### **Where do I find out about how TOHP works?**

There is a range of information on our website, which you can access fully once you have become a novice.

## **General**

### **How often do I have to visit the Priory?**

This depends on your own circumstances. There are no rules, but it is good if you can get there annually. However, we do realise that this might be difficult for some Tertiaries.

### **Who is the contact for my local group?**

Your local group co-ordinator is the contact and they should be in touch with you regularly. If you are not sure who your co-ordinator is, please contact the Warden.