

Why should I consider the Order of Malta?

You should consider accepting an invitation to join the Order of Malta and beginning a Year of Formation if you:

- Are a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing who faithfully provides service to the Church and leads an exemplary Catholic life. Must be 25 years or older.
- Wish to deepen your understanding of your Catholic faith and enhance your own spirituality.
- Are engaged in, or desire to engage in, hands-on works consistent with the mission of the Order, volunteering time and providing financial support in aid of the sick and the poor.
- Are willing to make a lifelong commitment to upholding the mission of the Order—'Tuitio Fidei et Obsequium Pauperum'—Defense of the faith and service to the poor.
- Are willing to publicly declare your support for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.



Once you have submitted an application for membership in the Order, you will begin a Year of Formation. During this year of discernment, you will learn more about the history of the Order, its charism and mission, its hospitaller works and participate in the spiritual and corporal works of the Order in your Area.

You will be invited to participate in the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage. You are encouraged to participate either in your Year of Formation or within the first 3 years after investiture.

Investiture takes place each year in November during a solemn Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

More about the Order.....

- The Order was founded in Jerusalem in 1099 by Blessed Gerard as an order of 'hospitallers' to care for the sick and the poor, as well as pilgrims, in the hospice of St. John the Baptist.
- Out of necessity to protect themselves and Christians in the Holy Land, the Knights took up arms and successively held positions in Jerusalem, Rhodes and Malta.
- Throughout the centuries, the Knights, and more recently Dames, have continued to stand at the forefront of the care of the sick and the poor by establishing hospitals throughout Europe.
- Today, the Order dedicates itself solely to its hospitaller origins by caring for the sick and the poor, and defending the Roman Catholic faith, worldwide.



To learn more about the Order of Malta, visit:

The American Association's Website:
www.orderofmaltaamerican.org

Website of The Order's International Headquarters:
www.orderofmalta.int

The Order's Facebook Page:
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Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta American Association, U.S.A.



What is the Order of Malta?

What does the Order of Malta do?

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