

INITIAL CONTACT	
Initial Contact Time Period: Varies with individual	Goal: To deepen one's knowledge and search more seriously <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have a Contact Sister and visit with the Sisters • To read selected material on consecrated life, in particular, the SCIM way of life
CANDIDACY	
Candidate Time Period: Varies with individual	Goal: "Come and See" (John 1:39) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To associate with the Sisters • To meet regularly with the Vocation Director
Pre-Novice Time Period: 6 months - 2 years	Goal: "They left everything and became His followers." (Luke 5:11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To live with the sisters (financial independence) • To facilitate the transition from the secular to the consecrated life. • To discern one's capacity for community living and life as a Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Novice Time Period: 2 years	Goal: "Come, follow ME!" (Matthew 12:21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prepare for commitment to the Lord as a Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary • To deepen one's spirituality of the congregation • To discern the apostolic service (ministry) to which God is calling one to serve Him and His people
PROFESSION	
Temporarily Professed Time Period: 5-7 years	Goal: "My vows to the Lord I will pay in presence of all His people." (Ps.116) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make a temporary commitment. Through this profession of public vows, made yearly, one is consecrated to God and becomes a member of the congregation • To integrate one's prayer life, community life and ministry • To be involved in one's spiritual and professional development
Perpetually Professed Time Period: Lifetime	Goal: <i>To consecrate oneself to God in a life-long commitment as a Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.</i>