

Who Are The Sisters?

The Sisters of St. Margaret are an Episcopal Religious Order of women called to glorify God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through our worship and work, prayer and common life. Their commitment to God and to one another is expressed through vows of poverty, celibate chastity and obedience.

What Do We Believe and Value?

Our common life is guided by the following core values:

- **Love** - We believe the self-giving love of Christ is the model for our love for one other.
- **Fidelity** - We believe our faithfulness to God, to our vows, and to one another binds us together in service to Christ.
- **Joy** - We affirm that our worship, prayer and service are offered as acts of joyful celebration.
- **Responsibility** - We value mutual responsibility, each Sister dependably doing her part in service to all.
- **Trust** - We affirm our trust in God and one another, which enables each of us and all of us to risk great things for God.
- **Courage** - We strive for a spirit of fearlessness in Christian service, encouraged and empowered by the presence of the Spirit.
- **Respect** - We value lives of holy reverence, seeking the living Christ in one another and in all creation.
- **Hope** - We trust God to work for good in all things and so wait in holy expectation for the fullness of God's Reign.

What is an Associate?

An Associate of the Society of St. Margaret is a person desirous of sharing in the life and work of the Sisters while pursuing one's own particular Christian vocation. Associates are women and men, some are ordained, but all are persons for whom the Eucharist holds a central place in their spiritual lives. Associate membership is open to all the baptized, of whatever denominational affiliation.

Associates develop a Rule of Life with the assistance of a member of the Community serving as Coordinator for Associates. Associates have a special bond with the Sisters based on shared values. Their relationship is one of mutual support. Associates are remembered daily in the prayers of the Sisters and are welcome as visitors in all Houses of the Society.

For their part, Associates pray daily for the life and ministry of the Sisters, assist the Sisters in various projects as they are able and if possible, make financial contributions. Associates need to maintain contact with the Sisters and are encouraged to visit the Houses of the Society regularly. Those living at a distance from any of the SSM Houses should be in touch by writing the Coordinator for Associates once a year.

Additional information about becoming an Associate of the Society of St. Margaret is available upon request. We welcome your inquiry. Associate members hold a valued place in the life of SSM.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Process?

Call, email or write to the Coordinator for Associates for an application and further information.

How long does it take?

There is no set time but the candidate needs to get to know the Sisters and some of the other Associates.

Is there a financial obligation?

The Associates make an annual gift to the community at St. Margaret's Day (July 20th) each year. Their treasurer sends out a letter telling what the funds will be used for that year. There are no dues or initiation fees but Associates are encouraged to support the Sisters' work as they are able with their individual treasure, time and talent.

What is the Rule of Life?

Each Associate works out her own Rule of Life in consultation with the Coordinator for Associates.

How does one keep in touch?

Associates are asked to keep in touch with the Society at least once per year. They are welcome to visit our houses and see the Sisters. Those who are unable to visit should call, email or write at least once a year.



Associates' Crosses on the altar ready to be blessed

OTHER INFORMATION:

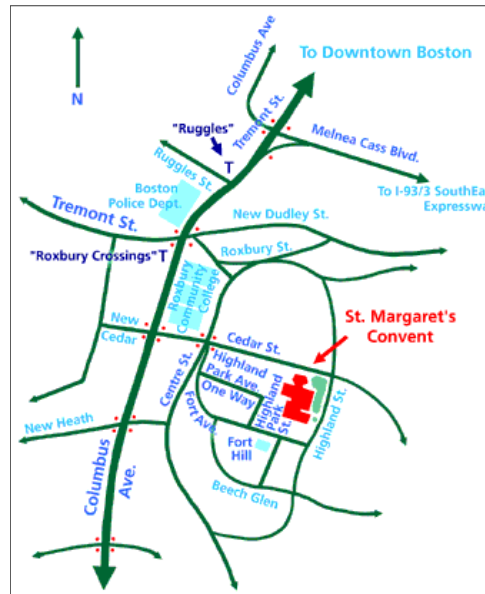
Candidates must not be an Associate of or officially connected with any other Religious community.

Each Associate at the time of their reception is given an Associates' cross which should be worn when visiting any house of the Society. When an Associate ceases to be an Associate, either through death or resignation, the Associates' cross is to be returned to the Society.

For more information, or to start the process to become an Associate, contact the Coordinator for Associates:

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Directions to St. Margaret's Convent, Boston



Go to Roxbury Crossing (Tremont Street and Columbus Ave.) by car or Orange Line.

From Expressway, take Roxbury Exit and follow Melnea Cass to Tremont Street. Turn left and go straight on Columbus Ave. at Roxbury Crossing.

Continue south on Columbus Avenue to the next traffic light at Cedar Street.

Turn left and go up the hill one block on Cedar Street to Centre Street.

Cross Centre and immediately turn right onto Fort Avenue.

Fort Avenue bisects the angle where Cedar and Center intersect. Go almost to the top of the hill and turn left on Highland Park Street. The Convent is on your right.

If walking, go up Highland Park Avenue from Fort Ave. The Convent is at the end of the Street.

ASSOCIATES OF THE SISTERS OF ST. MARGARET



Sr. Mary Gabriel, SSM (left) with three new Associates after their reception

Eternal God, send your blessing on the Associates and Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, and grant that, inspired by our Founder, we may so honor your Holy Name that others may be led to you; we ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

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