



FORMATION

The pathway of formation for Rosminians is in clear stages.

For the Ascribed: monthly gatherings occur in our parishes with a programme of on-going spiritual formation in the Rosminian charism and the encouragement to serve in your community and support mission overseas. Everyone is welcome.

For Brothers, Priests and Sisters (The Sisters have their own autonomous governance but share the one charism):

Candidacy: Candidates express a desire to come to know more about the Order and we come to know more about you and your family. During this time there is spiritual accompaniment as well as screening to determine suitability.

Aspirancy: This is the first formal step along the formation journey. Aspirants live in a community and may continue to work or study as they come to have an initial experience of our life.

Postulancy: Postulants live more fully the life of the community and its mission or apostolate. Postulants will have completed their previous employment or may be concluding their study. In the United States, postulancy happens in our parish in Seminole, Florida. There is ample opportunity for engagement in the parish and school life, as well as further introduction to the spirituality of the Order and to Religious Life. Postulancy is usually for a minimum of 3 months and maximum of 2 years.

Novitiate: The inter-provincial English language novitiate is in Rome. American Novices would live and learn with novices coming from other countries. It is a two-year programme of spirituality, deeper study of Religious Life and some mission experiences. At the conclusion of this stage of formation, the first profession (temporary) of the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience may be taken.

Scholasticate: This refers to the years of academic studies. For most this is a degree course in Philosophy and Theology. Our International Houses for Formation are in Rome and in Ngong, Kenya.

Someone who discerns that he does not have a call to priesthood but wishes to be a consecrated Brother, may pursue different studies with an apostolate in mind.

At the conclusion of these years, you may apply for Perpetual Vows after which you become a full member of the Order ready to collaborate in its mission. Diaconate and Ordination to Priesthood, or religious life as a Brother, follow perpetual Vows in accordance with the guidance of our Superiors and the will of God.

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