

Associate Mission Statement

We seek to join our selves more closely to this Norbertine Community of Daylesford Abbey.

We wish to share in and support Norbertine Communion; to deepen our Contemplation on God's Word; to participate in the prayer of this Abbey Church; to collaborate in the service of the local church; and to foster every work of reconciliation rooted in the mission and vision of this Abbey

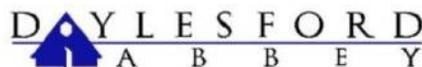
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Associate Requirements

- A minimum one-year active participation in an ongoing ministry which supports the Abbey and its mission to the local church.
- Regular attendance and participation at Abbey liturgies.
- A nine-month period of regularly scheduled discernment meetings.
- A subsequent nine-month period of regularly-scheduled formation meetings.
- Regular, ongoing participation in the receipt of spiritual direction.
- Regular, ongoing participation in meetings with a small group of other Associates.

What is an Associate?

When Saint Norbert founded our community in 1120, there were three kinds of membership: *First Order*, comprised of priests and brothers, *Second Order* of nuns and sisters and the *Third Order* of lay women and men. So too, in its earlier days, Daylesford Abbey had a "Third Order" as well.

Then, in 2000, in an attempt to revitalize this component of our tradition, **Daylesford Abbey Associates** was born. Ongoing, over sixty women and men regularly participate in this integral link to Abbey life and in its mission. Each has been engaged for at least a year in some area of "Abbey service" (*e.g. ministry at the Sunday Eucharist*) before applying to become an Abbey Associate. For the next nine months, these applicants engage in a period of "discernment" accompanied by monthly meetings with the Associate Formation Director. After a further nine months of "formation", with regular classes on the life of Norbert and the Rule Augustine (*to name just two of the topics covered*), Associate candidates make "formal promises" (*which are renewed each year*) to actively "live Norbertine *communio* through contemplation on God's Word, sharing in the Abbey liturgy as well as its service to the local church". In this context, Associates commit to a particular ministry (*decided in dialogue with the Abbot, the Formation Director and the Associate Director*) as well as to personal spiritual direction, small group participation and regular attendance at Associate meetings and key Abbey events.

Associate Gatherings

Associates Chapter Meetings

September
October
February
March

Day of Recollection

First Saturday in December

Annual Associate Retreat

Last Weekend in April
Friday– Saturday

Founders' Day

November

Solemnity of St. Norbert

June 6

Feast of St. Augustine

August 28

