



Lay Spiritan Associates

WHO ARE LAY SPIRITAN ASSOCIATES?

We are women and men single and married, of all ages and professions – companions to one another. We are moved by the Holy Spirit, eagerly available to God in prayer and to our neighbors in service – especially the poor, vulnerable, marginalized, most abandoned and excluded of society. We make visible the kingdom of God in the ordinary circumstances of daily life by embracing a lifestyle of compassion, inclusivity, prayer, and material simplicity.

Lay Spiritan Associates share:

- Devotion to the Holy Spirit and the holy heart of Mary
- Commitment to God’s mission and to Spiritan spirituality
- Unity as sisters and brothers in community

Lay Spiritan Associates organize ourselves in various ways: Fraternities, Friends, and Lay Spiritan Communities.

FRATERNITIES & FRIENDS

Spiritane Fraternities emphasize prayer, study, and reflection on the spirituality of the Spiritane founders. Spiritane Friends participate in Spiritane mission in the context of a familial community, accompanied by a lay or professed Spiritane. Examples of Spiritane Friends include collaborators, supporters, and advocates.

Collaborators actively engage in a particular Spiritane ministry or project and embrace ongoing formation adapted to their needs, dispositions, and contexts. Supporters provide spiritual, material or sometimes fundraising support to a Spiritane mission or project. Advocates volunteer to promote the fundraising work of the Spiritane Office of Mission Advancement (SOMA).

LAY SPIRITAN COMMUNITIES

Lay Spiritans experience a call to live their whole lives in deep embrace of Spiritane spirituality and make a life commitment to share in Spiritane mission, prayer, and community life. We experience a call from the Holy Spirit to:

- Live the grace of their baptisms more intensely
- Respond actively to the signs and challenges of the times
- Give new expression to the Spiritane charism of “evangelical availability”



Lay Spiritans participate in a lengthy period of formation and discernment. They enter into a written covenant agreement celebrated in liturgical ritual. They participate in ministry with those on the margins – locally, nationally and/or internationally. We serve on provincial committees, may be appointed to governing councils, and join in dialogue with professed Spiritans at governing chapters and other deliberative assemblies of the congregation.

LEARN MORE

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The Congregation of the Holy Spirit, or “Spiritans,” is a Catholic religious congregation whose mission for more than 300 years has been to evangelize the poor and marginalized all over the world.



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