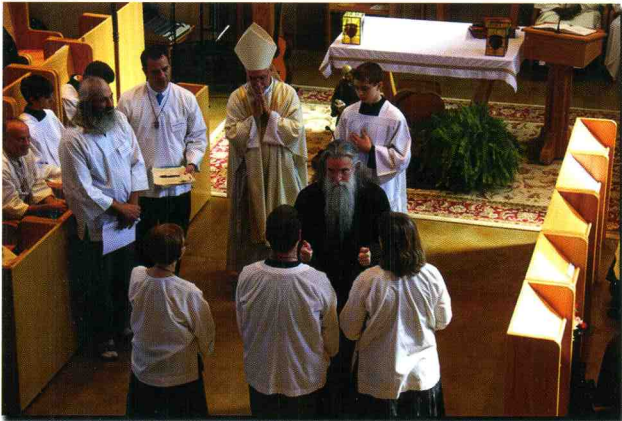


# The Domestic Expression

The Brothers and Sisters of Charity is a Christian community founded by Catholic musician, recording artist and writer, John Michael Talbot.

Many members of the community live at Little Portion Hermitage near Eureka Springs, Arkansas in the monastic expression of the community. However, most members are part of the domestic expression of the community, meaning they live throughout the United States in their own homes with their families, hold down regular jobs, and do their best to live out the Gospel more deeply by living in monastic simplicity.



Domestic members promising poverty, chastity and obedience for life.

Local chapters of the community, called cell groups, meet regularly to pray together, to grow in friendship, and to encourage one another in living the community's way of life. The various chapters come together periodically in regional gatherings, and meet annually at the Little Portion Hermitage.



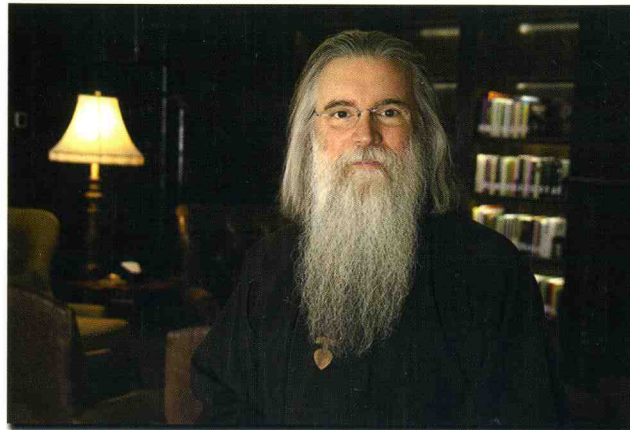
Most of the domestic members are lay people, which means that they are not ordained clergy nor are they members of a religious order. Domestic members follow the monastic way of life as much as possible through prayer, study, penance and honest work. Each member professes poverty, chastity and obedience according to their state of life.

The community takes the finest monastic and Christian traditions:

- ♦ Franciscan and Benedictine
- ♦ Contemplative and Charismatic
- ♦ Solitary and Communal life

and weaves them into an integrated whole.

The domestic expression of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity is perfect for the serious Christian, Catholic, Orthodox or Protestant who wants to get more serious about faith in Christ by living a life that is deeply rooted in Jesus.



Founder and Spiritual Father, John Michael Talbot

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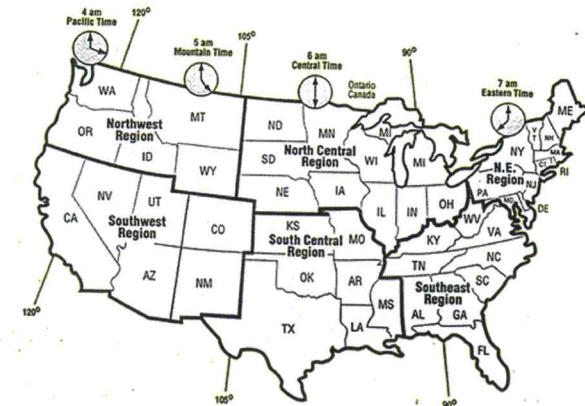
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## Membership

Becoming a member of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity is a gradual step-by-step process involving prayer, study, discernment, participation, and commitment. It requires a change or an adjustment in a person's life and a measure of discipline.

*Candidacy* – an informal period of prayer and researching the community. Prospective members are asked to read, pray, and begin to discuss the possibility of membership with family and friends.

*Postulancy* (six months to one year) – a time of asking questions or “postulating.”

*Novitiate* (one to two years) – begins when the new member is formally received into the community. This is a time of serious prayer, study, and living our way of life.

*Temporary Profession* (three years to six years) – a time of continued formation and living our way of life.

*Permanent Profession* (for life) – for those who have been in formation for at least four and one-half years as a postulant, a novice, and a temporary professed member within the community, permanent profession may be made.



Permanent Profession is always a deeply moving time for our members.

We pray God leads you to our family!



*The Rule  
of the brothers and sisters  
is the cross of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
We should be troubled  
about nothing  
except this all encompassing rule.  
All that matters  
is that one be created anew.*



We echo the simple invitation of Jesus:  
“Come and see.”

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What are you seeking?

Do you want to live more simply in this increasingly complicated world?

Is the Lord Jesus leading you to a deeper walk with Him?

Are you looking for authentic spiritual friendships to support you in that walk?

Then perhaps God is calling you to live out the Gospel more intensely and more deliberately as a member of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity.



General Gathering at Little Portion Hermitage