



Wives' Formation

Five Year Semester Model

1. Aspirancy Year I Discernment

- a. The ladies join their husbands in all classes and workshops for their first semester for eight Saturdays all day, including a Reflection Day - Introduction to Formation
- b. **Second Semester Formation**
 - i. One day of reflection with their husbands (*Called and Gifted*)
 - ii. They attend two Wives' Days including four workshops tailored to their needs. They participate in Morning Prayer, Mass & personal devotion, and Evening Prayer
 - iii. Marriage Retreat (August)

2. Aspirancy Year II Discernment

- a. Formation Year begins with Reflection Day
 - i. Two all day Wives' Days like mentioned above
 - ii. The ladies are assigned a one-on-one trained mentor (Deacon's wife)
 - iii. Small group mentoring
- b. **Second Semester Formation**
 - i. Two all day Wives' Days like mentioned above
 - ii. This semester ends with a Reflection with their husbands to discern about entering the Candidacy Path
 - iii. Candidacy Retreat with their husband

3. Candidacy Year I Wives' Spirituality

- i. Rite of Candidacy with their husband
- ii. Three Wives' Days equally divided throughout the semester
- iii. Small group mentoring
- iv. Social with other wives from different classes and mentors

4. Candidacy Year II Charity & Justice: A Call to Service

- a. A Day of Reflection with their husbands on Ministry of Lector
 - i. Three Wives' Day equally divided throughout the semester
 1. Wellness Day
 - ii. Small group mentoring

5. Candidacy Year III—A Women's Fiat: Their Gift to the Church

- a. A Day of Reflection with their husbands on ministry of acolyte
 - i. Three Wives' Day equally divided throughout the semester
 - ii. Small Group Mentoring
 - iii. They participate in some of the ordination planning activities
 - iv. After the last semester, they attend three days out of five-day canonical retreat with their husbands.



Other: Feedback Session for both husband & wife, sacrament of reconciliation, hands-on service, CI workshops, Lectio Divina/theological reflection, family picnic.