

SNJM ASSOCIATE CANDIDATE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Candidate's Name: _____

Mentor's Name: _____

Date All Topics/Experiences Completed: _____

Essential Preparation Components of the SNJM Associate Candidate Program. The areas of Prayer, Community, and Ministry are integral to SNJM Association. The following checklist is a tool to help track the presentation and evidence of understanding of the following topics, and participation in SNJM community activities, which are the essential components of SNJM Associate Candidate formation (see and read pp. 1-3 of the *U.S.-Ontario Policies and Guidelines for the Formation of SNJM Associate Candidates*). To help guide the both of you through the formation process, note the dates when topics are presented and whether the candidate shows evidence of understanding, or participates in an SNJM community activity. Multiple topics may be covered simultaneously, since there can be an intertwining of subjects. **You do NOT need to submit this checklist with the *Application to Become an Associated Candidate (Form 1)* or the *Application to Make an Associate Commitment (Form 2)*.** This is intended only as a tracking tool to assure that as many of these topics as possible are covered, and the candidate has experienced as many SNJM community activities as time allows.

1. The Identity and Reality of the Congregation	[Check ✓]	[Check ✓]
	Topic Presentation	Evidence of Understanding
A. History of the Congregation, its charism and mission in the Church		
B. Life and work of Marie-Rose Durocher and other foundresses		
C. The spirituality focused on the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary		
D. The Acts of General Chapters relevant to the commitment of Associates		
E. History of the formation of the U.S.-Ontario Province		
F. History of former province as it relates to location of the Associate Candidate		
G. Role of Province Chapters in the life of the community		
H. Role of Mission Centres which are “evolving units of government designed to meet needs in a specific area”		
I. An overview of the life of Province/Sector from the Congregational perspective		
J. Leadership Structure of the Sisters of the Holy Names		



2. Experiences of SNJM Spirit	[Check ✓]
A. Prayer with Sisters & Associates in a variety of settings (e.g. retreats, prayer groups) from which the Associate Candidate can gain a sense of SNJM spirituality and in which the candidate's own spiritual gifts may find expression. <u>List and date the prayer settings:</u>	
B. Opportunity to experience a sense of shared ministry with other Associate Candidates and with Sisters and Associates. <u>List and date the shared ministry experiences:</u>	
C. Invitation to participate in the ministries of the Sisters and Associates according to individual possibilities and calls. <u>List and date the ministries participated in and any emerging calls:</u>	
D. Invitation to attend Mission Centre meetings, prayer groups, clusters (local area groups), and Chapters. <u>List and date the events/activities attended:</u>	

3. Spiritual Life and Christian Mysteries	[Check ✓]
A. Exploration of various prayer forms: personal & communal prayer & prayers of the Church (Liturgy of Hours, Eucharist). <u>List and date some of the prayer forms experienced:</u>	
B. Emphasis on contemplation in action	
C. Experiences of faith-sharing: <u>List and date some of the experiences:</u>	
D. Emphasis on one's call to justice	
E. Reflection on central mysteries of the Christian faith in light of one's life experiences	
F. Deepening of the sense of one's baptismal call and of the role of the laity in the church	