**INTERCONGREGATIONAL COLLABORATIVE NOVITIATE**

**PREREQUISITES**

**Assessments and Certificates (Documents on File with Congregation)**

* Valid form of identification (state I.D., driver’s license, passport, visa, etc.)
* Birth certificate
* Baptismal certificate
* Confirmation certificate
* Legal clearance/background check
* Academic Transcripts
* Completion of Psychological Evaluation by licensed psychologist
* Completion of Health Assessment by licensed healthcare professional

**Formation**

* Experience and understanding of a process of discernment with her congregation
* Satisfactory completion of Pre-novitiate and earlier stages of Initial Formation

**Spirituality**

* Participation in and basic understanding of Theological Reflection, especially in regards to ministry, community and life experiences
* Participation in spiritual direction (minimum of 6 months)
* Completion of at least one 8-day retreat

**Community Living**

* Successful completion of one year (minimum) living in community in the Sending Congregation
* Regular preparation and facilitation of communal prayer with increasing ease and confidence
* Proficiency in the English language as related to community living, prayer and study

**Congregational and Religious Life**

* Basic understanding of the vows, religious life and the charism and history of her own congregation
* Capacity to give a presentation on the history, charism, mission of her congregation

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