



Selection Guide for Confrères

Objective: To assist the priest-chaplain and/or acting confrères in effectively selecting confrères for the Templars Chapter by providing questions to discern.

Your single-greatest asset in helping the male teenagers in your parish build and sustain a healthy Templars Chapter is the confrère. Confrères will keep watch and provide support during occasions or seasons when the chaplain's attention or focus is taken by other needs. The role of confrères is to mentor, form, support, and encourage the brother templars.

Recruiting confrères is necessarily a selective process; when a candidate comes to mind, ask yourself, and even ask him, the following questions:

- ☐ Can he relate to or enjoy connecting with the youth? (this goes for confrères in their 20s or 30s just as much as those in their 60s or 70s!)
- ☐ Is he of a good disposition and "steady"? (not prone to overreacting or driven by his mood/emotions)
- ☐ Would he be comfortable helping hold the brothers accountable to their work and commitments? (is he decisive, not intimidated or hesitant to engage?)
- ☐ Does he have a good reputation in the parish and/or community?
- ☐ Is there evidence that he is a faithful Catholic?
- ☐ Does he meet or exceed the standard in the Honor Code to frequent the reception of Holy Communion and the sacrament of Reconciliation as often as possible?
- ☐ Does he demonstrate any habits or qualities of a Catholic Gentleman? (as suggested in The Rule)
- ☐ Can he give and receive feedback?
- ☐ Does he respond promptly and follow up in a timely manner?
- ☐ Is he willing to give of his time on evenings or weekends to be present at Templar events or meetings?
- ☐ Is there evidence he is striving for a regular prayer life?
- ☐ Does this man embody St. Paul's words, "Be imitators of me as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1)?

NOTE:

Your Chapter Success Coach will ensure that confrères are aware they are **REQUIRED** to fulfill all diocesan safe environment protocols (i.e. training, background checks, etc.) before they serve as confrères on behalf of your Templars chapter.