

PROVINCE OF MOST PURE HEART OF MARY

DISCERNMENT APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

TO FORMATION IN THE LAY CARMELITE COMMUNITY – Part II

The following questions must be used by the community director and/or formation director during the initial interview with each potential candidate for the phase 1 formation program.

1. Initial formation occurs over a period of at least 6 years with usually 2 required meetings per month during the first 3 years, and usually one monthly meeting after temporary profession.

1-A Considering your age and family circumstances, do you feel able to fulfill this degree of required commitment during the formation program? _____

1-B Are you willing to explore authentic Carmelite spirituality as a means of personal growth through the process of the Lay Carmelite formation program? _____

1-C Do you feel you are willing and able to contribute to community life in some way in order to help the community remain strong and active? _____

2. How far do you live from where community meetings are held? _____

2-A Will this be a deterrent in bad weather or evening travel? _____

2-B Will the distance have an effect on how actively you participate in community responsibilities (e.g. community functions, community outreach such as visiting sick members, special events that the community participates in)? _____

3. Do you anticipate family responsibilities such as the care of young children, either your own or grandchildren, to become so time-consuming in your life, that they hinder you from living out your Lay Carmelite commitment? _____

4. Do you (or does your spouse) anticipate relocation due to career or military re-assignment? _____

5. Is your life structured for extended travel/vacation plans? Would you arrange your travel plans so as not to interfere with Lay Carmelite activities most of the time?

6. Can your professional or work related duties be arranged so as not to conflict with current community meetings most of the time? _____