

# St. Michael's Guard Application for Candidacy



*Please write neatly. Thank-you.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (w/ Area Code):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\* This is very important, since most of our basic communication is done by email.*

**Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long have you been a Catholic?** \_\_\_\_\_

**On average, how frequently do you attend mass (including Sunday mass)?** (circle one)

Daily

2-3 times/week

Weekly

Monthly

< 1 time/month

**Are you part of any other fraternal organizations?**    Y    N

**If so, which one(s)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have experience serving at the altar? If so, how much?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Are you involved in any other ministries at your parish? If so, which ones?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How did you hear about St. Michael's Guard?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly, why do you want to join St. Michael's Guard?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Participation and Commitments**

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Full membership in St. Michael's Guard is a process of discernment and prayer, and consists of the following steps:

- Candidate - The candidate has completed an application for membership and is interested in the Guard, but has not begun his training yet.
- Postulant - 4-6 sessions of training in how to serve the mass. Learning about the Guard, who we are, and what our spirituality consists of.
- Novice - 1 year of discernment, during which the novice serves in the liturgy alongside his brother guardsmen and participates in the life of the Guard.
- Guardsman - If a novice's contingent director and the Governing Council approve, he is recognized as a full member of the Guard in a special installation ceremony held twice a year, in which he consecrates himself to Mary and St. Michael.

All men installed as Guardsmen make a commitment to the following obligations:

- Pray morning and evening offerings from the Guard Prayer Book daily (~15 min. each)
- Attend the installation ceremony twice a year (March 25 and September 29)
- Be active in serving the liturgy
  - At least once every 3 months; preferably once a month, if possible.
- Abide by the following 3 promises made at their installation:
  - To serve our Lord, Jesus Christ, at his altar faithfully.
  - To be both a servant and answerable to our Lord's holy priests.
  - To follow and be obedient to those placed over them in the Guard.

Novices are expected to begin participating in these obligations as they grow in their formation.

*I have read and understood all of the above, and I wish to be considered for Postulancy and eventual full membership in St. Michael's Guard. I assert that I am at least 18 years of age, and that I am a Catholic in good standing with the Church.*

**Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**

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