



WASHINGTON PROVINCE
Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites



REQUEST TO BEGIN DISCERNMENT TO MAKE VOWS
(Constitution 45, Statutes 43-46)

City/State where OCDS Community/GID meets _____

Religious Title of Community/GID _____

Community/GID ID Code _____

Name of Candidate _____

Date of Definitive/Final Promise _____

*NOTE: Petition may be made **not less than three years** after the Definitive Promise. (Statute 45a)*

Date of Petition to the Council/Leadership Team to begin the year-long discernment process _____

Statute 45b: Member must receive consent of the Council/Leadership Team and Regional Assistant before beginning a year of prayerful discernment under the supervision of the Formation Director.

It is understood that the Candidate will meet with the Formation Director and Spiritual Mentor on a regular basis throughout the year of discernment. It is strongly recommended that Fr. Debastiani's book, *The Promise and Vows in the OCDS*, as well as other resources available on the OCDS website, be used.

Name of the actual person (Spiritual Mentor) who will be meeting with the candidate throughout the year:

*NOTE: The Spiritual Mentor does not **necessarily** have to be the Formation Director, but the Formation Director must **supervise** the process. The Spiritual Mentor may be a spiritual director, friar, or anyone else approved by the Formation Director.*

Signature of Candidate

Date

The Council/Leadership Team, in consideration of the criteria for making Vows as stated in Statute 45d, has interviewed the Candidate and votes to

recommend not recommend

the Candidate to begin the year of discernment under the supervision of the Formation Director.

Signature of President/Moderator

Date of Vote

Once permission by the Council/Leadership Team is granted to begin the year of discernment, the following date must be recorded:

Date the year of discernment formally begins (first meeting with Spiritual Mentor) _____

Statute 45c: "After the year of discernment, the member will send a formal letter to the local council and their Regional Assistant requesting consent to make vows."

Date letter submitted to Council/Leadership Team _____

NOTE: Letters must be dated at least one year after the first meeting with the Spiritual Mentor.

Date letter submitted to the Regional Assistant _____

The Council/Leadership Team votes to recommend not recommend the Candidate to make Vows.

Signature of President/Moderator Date of Vote

I am the approved Spiritual Assistant to the community and have delegation by virtue of my appointment.

I am not the Spiritual Assistant to the community but have received the required delegation from the OCDS Provincial Delegate to accept the Vows from the candidate on behalf of the Discalced Carmelite Order.

I received the Vows of the Candidate on _____
Date

Signature of Priest