

Definition of Membership

ACTIVE members are members who actively attend meetings and live the *Rule of St. Albert* according to the *OCDS Constitutions*.

INFIRM members are those who actively live the *Rule of St. Albert* according to the *OCDS Constitutions*; however, due to illness, they are unable to attend meetings. These members keep in contact with the community in some way (by personal contact, phone, email, letter, etc.).

EXTENDED members are those who actively live the *Rule of St. Albert* according to the *OCDS Constitutions* and are associated with a community/group. Extended members have a valid reason, approved by their Community Council, for not attending meetings regularly. These members keep in contact with the community in some way (by personal contact, phone, email, letter, etc.). See Provincial Statutes, Section XX, #8; Section XIII, #5; Section XXI, #5(j).

INACTIVE members are those who have made promises to live the *Rule of St. Albert* according to the *OCDS Constitutions*, but are not participating in meetings and have no valid reason for this lack of community participation. The procedures in our *Provincial Statutes*, Section XIII, #6 should be followed. The Provincial Delegate must always be consulted.

When a person is put on inactive status, the member's name is removed from the active roster and placed on the inactive roster. A person who is officially inactive is not eligible to vote or participate in the business meeting of the community. The community is no longer required to remain in contact with him/her.

For possible re-admission as an active member of the community, the Council and member need to contact the Provincial Delegate for his approval. The member will need to contact the Provincial Delegate/Provincial Council to be considered for re-admission as an active member of the community. An inactive member who receives permission to return is re-integrated into the community in the same manner as a person returning from a leave of absence.