JERUSALEM FARM

Jerusalem Farm is a Catholic intentional community located in Kansas City, Missouri, built on the four cornerstones of Prayer, Community, Service and Simplicity. We strive to transform our lives and those around us through service retreat experiences, sustainable living and home repair.

*Community Application*

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers… All who believed were together and had all things in common…Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home**and ate their food with glad and generous**hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people."*

1. **Personal Data**

**Name:** Full Name

**Name you prefer to be called:** Preferred Name

**Present** **Address:**

Address

City StateZip

**Phone number:** Phone

**Best way to reach you:** Choose an item.

**Permanent Address** *(if different)***:**

Address

City StateZip

**E-mail:** Email

1. **Commitment**

*Jerusalem Farm seeks a long term community dedicated to prayer, community, service and simplicity. We invite you to spend a year here as a time for discernment about your life’s calling.*

**Date available to join Community:** Click here to enter a date.

*If Possible, allow 3-6 months for processing your application.*

How did you first learn of Jerusalem Farm? Choose an item. Explain Here

Are there any family, financial, or personal obligations that would interfere with your commitment to Jerusalem Farm? (e.g., loans/debts, weddings, graduations, sick family member) Choose an item. Explain Here

Jerusalem Farm Community Members receiveroom, board, $300 for medical/dental needs and a personal stipend of $125.00. Can you live within these means for your committed time at the Farm? Choose an item.

Community Members are asked to raise donations for Jerusalem Farm in preparation for their time at the Farm. We ask that each Member sends out 20 letters to family and friends, explaining what it is you will be doing and a request for funding to support your stay at the Farm. Members will not be denied based on amounts of funds raised. Would you be willing to do this? Choose an item. Explain Here

Our Community Members lead and participate in home repair on a regular basis; this often includes intense physical labor. Do you desire working in these conditions? Choose an item. Explain Here

Please list other possibilities that you are pursuing besides Jerusalem Farm (e.g., other volunteer programs, intentional communities, employment options)? What is the present status of each option? Explain Here

*Before coming to Jerusalem Farm as a community member, a complete physical and dental exam is requested within three months of the beginning of a commitment.*

**III.) Criminal Record Search Release**

*Jerusalem Farm’s ministry calls us to service with young people of various ages. In order to provide the safest environment possible for children, we are required by the Dioceses to conduct a criminal background check on all applicants. Also, prior to your time at the Farm you must complete the “Protecting God’s Children” training (VIRTUS or another) in your local diocese and produce a certificate of completion for our files.*

I, Full Name authorize to Jerusalem Farm to run a national criminal background check.

**Birth Date:** Click here to enter text. **Gender:** Choose an item.

**Social Security Number:** ###-##-####

**Driver’s License #:** Click here to enter text.State

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony or crime? Choose an item. Explain Here

Have you received a driving violation within the past 2 years? Choose an item. Explain Here

**IV.) Resume**

*Please submit a resume of no more than two pages. Include all of the following: Contact information, Education and Training, Work Experience: Volunteer Experience and Related Skills and Experiences, and Honors and Awards received.*

**V.) References**

*Please list the* ***three people whom you asked to be your reference.*** *Include contact information for each person. Your references should include a person who is in a position to be a character reference, one who is/was an employer/supervisor, and one who can speak about your spiritual life. They should know you well and be able to evaluate your qualifications for service with Jerusalem Farm. None of the references may be a relative, spouse, partner, or significant other.*

***Employer/Supervisor:*** Click here to enter text.

***Spiritual Reference:*** Click here to enter text.

***Character Reference:*** Click here to enter text.

**VI.) Self Reflection**

*Jerusalem Farm is a faith-based community rooted in the Catholic tradition. Each person’s spirituality is respected. Please answer the following questions so we may gain a better understanding of who you are and your life experiences. This may also serve as an opportunity for you to discern your path.*

1. How did you hear about Jerusalem Farm and why are you interested in living here?

2. What expectations do you have for communal living? Describe your past experiences with communal living.

3. Jerusalem Farm has a focus on Sustainable living. Pease share your experiences and thoughts on sustainability.

4. Comment on your ability to work with people of differing ages and a variety of cultures. Please include examples.

5. Jerusalem Farm has a focus on simple living. What might be beneficial and challenging while living in a city.

6. What does it mean to you to be a member of a church community? How does your religion and spirituality shape your life?

7. Please share any experiences of working and sharing your faith with people of different faith backgrounds.

8. Why do you feel called to serve?

9. What calls you specifically to the service of home-repair?

10. What do you do in your free time?

11. How will living at Jerusalem Farm reflect who you are and who you see yourself becoming?

**IX.) Signature**

I authorize Jerusalem Farm to contact the above references.

I attest that all information contained in this application is true. In submitting this application I understand and agree that all materials become property of the Jerusalem Farm for review and that none of the material will be returned to me.

**Signature:** Click here to enter text. **Date:** Click here to enter a date.

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***Please return application by email:***

Jordan Schiele, Project Director

Email: Jordan@jerusalemfarm.org

*We will schedule a phone conversation after receiving your written application*