**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.

***Sojourner Application***

*"You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."*

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 asks that Sojourners stay for a minimum of 4 weeks. Preferential option will also be given to those who are able to stay longer periods of time. By saying yes to Jerusalem Farm, one is expected to live out their time here committed to the program. Sojourners will be expected to join in all aspects of communal living, including meals, prayer, and work.*

**Date available to begin Sojourn:** Click here to enter a date.

**Desired Length of Sojourn:** #Weeks

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, weddings, graduations, sick family member) Choose an item. Explain Here

Jerusalem Farm Sojourners receiveROOM and BOARD. Travel costs, health insurance, and any incidental expenses are ***not*** covered by Jerusalem Farm. Can you live within these means for your committed time at the Farm? Choose an item.

Sojourners are asked to raise donations for Jerusalem Farm in preparation for their time at the Farm. We ask that each Sojourner 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. Sojourners will not be denied based on amounts of funds raised. Would you be willing to do this? Choose an item. Explain Here

Our sojourners lead and participate in home repair; this often includes intense physical labor. Do you feel comfortable 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, employment options)? What is the present status of each option? Explain Here

**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 Sojourner 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.) Education and Training**

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| **High School** |       | Year |
| **College** |       | Year |
| **Trade School** |       | Year |

**Academic Major or Emphasis:** Explain Here

**Other areas of training or expertise:** Explain Here

**V) Employment Experience**

*List most recent first, please.*

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| **Name and City of Employer** |       |
| **From/To** |       |
| **Position** |       |
| **Duties** |       |
| **Reason for leaving** |       |

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| **Reason for leaving** |       |

**VI.) References**

*Please list the* ***three people whom you asked to be your reference.*** *They should know you well, be in a position to judge your general character, motivation, employment record, and be able to evaluate your qualifications for service with Jerusalem Farm. Please give information for a spiritual/character reference, one for an* Employer/Supervisor*, and one for a* Roommate/Friend*. None of the references may be a relative, spouse, partner, or significant other****.***

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| NAME | ADDRESS | PHONE/EMAIL | RELATIONSHIP |
| **Spiritual/Character:**      |       |       |       |
| **Employer/Supervisor:**      |       |       |       |
|  **Roommate/Friend:**      |       |       |       |

[ ]  I authorize Jerusalem Farm to contact the above three references.

[ ]  I do not authorize Jerusalem Farm to contact the above three references.

**VII.) Interest Indicator**

Please choose the number indicating you level of interest in the following activities.

 **1** = willing to serve in this area, but not excited. **5** = passionately excited to serve in this area.

Leading Chores **Choose an item.**

Garden Work **Choose an item.**

Construction **Choose an item.**

Painting  **Choose an item.**

Washing Dishes **Choose an item.**

Cooking **Choose an item.**

Leading Prayer **Choose an item.**

**VIII.) Self Reflection Form**

*Jerusalem Farm is a faith-based community rooted in the Catholic tradition. Each person’s spirituality is respected.*

**Respond briefly to the following questions.**

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

2. Please list any prior volunteer experiences. Describe both your responsibilities & what you learned from these experiences.

3. What are your expectations of being a Sojourner at Jerusalem Farm?

4. What characteristics, gifts, & talents do you have to offer to the Jerusalem Farm community?

5. At Jerusalem Farm, Sojourners live in community with the staff for the duration of their time here, please list any experiences you have had living in community and something valuable you have learned.

6. As a Sojourner, you will find often yourself working in the garden, washing dishes, & doing manual labor. How do you feel about committing to this kind of work?

7. What role does prayer or reflection play in your life? Will you be open to sharing your faith & praying in a variety of ways during your time at Jerusalem Farm?

8. How would living as a Sojourner at Jerusalem Farm reflect who you are and who you see yourself becoming?

**IX.) Signature**

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

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