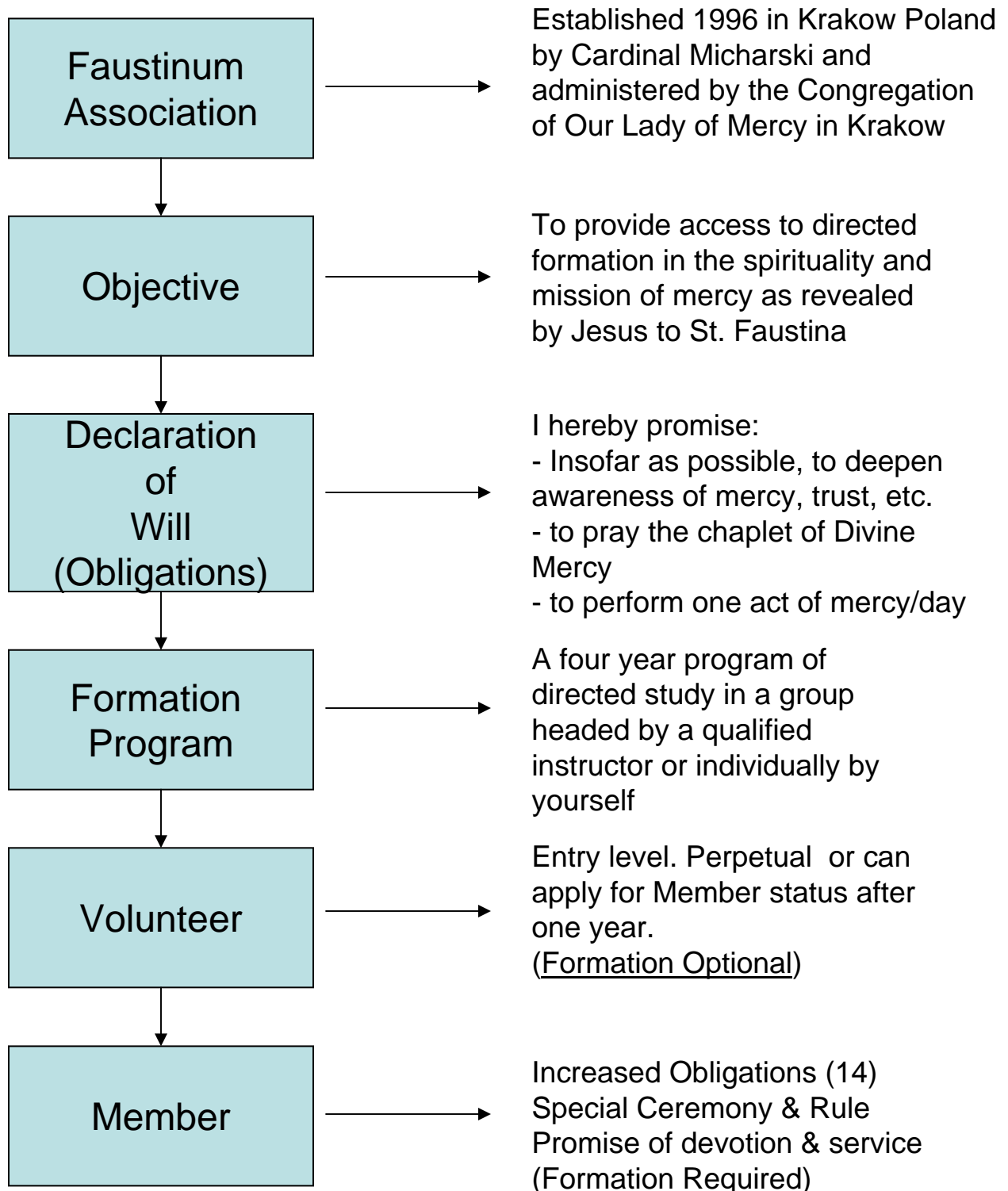


Faustinum Association and Formation Program



The “Faustinum” association of apostles of the Divine Mercy

“Faustinum” – what is it?

An association of those who desire to serve the message of Divine Mercy.

- Springing from the charism of St Faustina
- Headquartered at Faustina’s convent in Poland
- Having Ecclesiastical Juridical Personality

Goals -

- To strive for Christian perfection
- To know and proclaim Divine Mercy
- To implore Divine Mercy for the whole world

Emphasis -

- Formation, to develop the spiritual life.

General Obligations –

1. Insofar as possible:
 - Deepen awareness of God's Mercy
 - Cultivate an attitude of Trust in God's Mercy
 - Fulfill God's will for us in the commandments and our state in life
2. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
3. Perform at least one work of mercy a day in deed, word or prayer.

Volunteer –

- Entry level of all who join the Faustinum
- Formation training is optional
- May stay a volunteer for life

Member –

- Fuller commitment to Faustinum obligations
- Formation training required
- Must be a volunteer for 1 year

Member Obligations –

1. Receive the Sacraments (if possible)
2. Become thoroughly familiar with the Divine Mercy message
3. Complete the formation program (at least 4 years)
4. Proclaim the message of Divine Mercy in word & action
5. Develop an attitude of Trust in God
6. Perform works of mercy
7. Initiate works of mercy for those in need of moral renewal
8. Pray for the conversion of sinners and priests/religious
9. Implore Divine Mercy for the whole world
10. Practice the forms of devotion revealed to St. Faustina
11. Take an active part in the realization of all Association goals
12. Conform to Association statutes, by-laws and resolutions
13. Be a worthy representative of the Association
14. Pay membership dues

After completing the necessary formation, Members may make promises of devotion and service for a specified period (a year) or for for life.

Spiritual & Temporal benefits –

- Shielded in life and at the hour of death (#1075)
- Will not experience terror at the hour of death (#1540)
- Priests will receive wondrous powers (#1521)

- Able to submit proposals to the Association
- Participate in the work of the Association
- Receive an Association membership card and badge
- Vote for and be elected to the Association authorities

Paragraph number from the diary of St. Faustina

Individual or Group Formation

- Individual formation (do-it-yourself) requires Declaration of Will card* with statement “I desire to take individual formation with the association”
- Group formation (chaplain/instructor lead) requires Declaration of Will card*, a qualified instructor, permission of pastor, minimum of 10 people, notification to bishop (desirable).
- Group leader reports to Krakow on format and receives materials. (Cost & distribution TBD)
- Formation training is available to all. It is required for members and optional for volunteers. (Attendance requirements for members TBD)
- First year formation consists of 10 topics from 3 areas, namely, the Bible, the interior life, the writings of St. Faustian. (30 “conferences” total)
- Years 1-4 focus on The Mystery of God’s Mercy, His Mystery Towards Man, Trust, and Mans Cooperation with Divine Mercy.

* Declaration of Will cards available at 3rd Friday meetings