



Application Process

1. Complete and submit the application
2. Acceptance
3. Participation in orientation and formation program focused on the Biblical understanding of the Anawim, the Anawim Community's spirit and charism, and ongoing education on the Beatitudes at Bethany Retreat Center. Distance learning option is also available.
4. Anawim Associate commitment ceremony

Meetings:

Associates are invited to 2 meetings a year. Attending at least one meeting a year is encouraged.



The Anawim Community of Frenchville, Pennsylvania

was founded in 1984 in the Diocese of Erie. Members make private vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They are persons of deep faith who seek to live out the Beatitudes in the service of God's people in total dependence upon God. Currently they minister to God's people through direct services for those in need in their homes, an emergency shelter for homeless women and children, adult and youth retreats, Christian leadership development of young adults, and medical services for those who lack insurance and are of low income.

For Information:

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*"Jesus turned and said, 'What are you looking for?' And they answered, 'Where do you stay?' 'Come and See,' He answered."
(John 1:38-39)*

Their lives changed forever!

Anawim Associate Program

*You are invited to share
in the spiritual life,
mission, and ministry of
the Anawim Community
of Frenchville, PA*



Living out Gospel values in the spirit of the Beatitudes

An Anawim Associate is a person who feels called to share in the spiritual life, mission, and ministry of the Anawim Community within the context of their own families and communities. They embrace a life of prayer, simplicity, hospitality and service in the Spirit of the Beatitudes. Anawim Associates come together periodically to pray and share faith, study, experience community, grow in their relationship with God, and receive the support of the Anawim Community.

Those who accept the call to embrace the Beatitudes with their very lives, in their person, and in their ministry, must first be persons of faith.

Sr. Therese Dush – Anawim Community Foundress

Who is invited to be an Anawim Associate?

Men and women Christian lay persons, single or married, who discern a call from God to actively engage in a commitment to a life of prayer, simplicity, hospitality and service in the Spirit of the Beatitudes within a formal relationship with the Anawim Community, and who

- *are 18 years or older*
- *seek a deeper relationship with God*
- *want to deepen their faith life*
- *hope to experience the graces and support of a community*
- *desire to serve others in ministry and charitable works*



"Anawim" means "a people poor, humble and lowly" who find their blessedness in God. They are the remnant, those who remain faithful to God. These humble believers are eager to welcome God, always ready to do God's will; their hope is in God alone. Mary and Joseph are prime examples of those who are 'Anawim,' those living in complete dependence upon God.



Suggested practices (any or all):

- ❖ 30 Minutes of personal prayer a day which can include: praying with Scripture, Daily Prayer of Christians, meditation, journaling, rosary, or other private prayer practices
- ❖ Daily Mass when able
- ❖ Regular Spiritual Direction/Spiritual companionship
- ❖ Retreat time
- ❖ Acts of charity
- ❖ Simple lifestyle
- ❖ Continued contact with the Anawim Community throughout the year
- ❖ Attendance at Anawim Associate meetings as able

Benefits:

- ❖ Participate in retreats at Bethany Retreat Center.
- ❖ Be active in the life and service of the Anawim Community as able.
- ❖ Experience opportunities to join the Anawim Community for prayer, faith sharing, meals, events, ministry, and recreation -- Our home is your home.
- ❖ Encounter the graces found in the support of the Anawim Community and its Associates as one seeks to live out the charism of prayer, simplicity, hospitality and service in the context of their own family and community.
- ❖ Find spiritual growth through spiritual education and opportunities to serve.
- ❖ Enjoy faith sharing, prayer, study, and community at the Associate Program meetings.

