

The fourth step is the actual decision to apply for entrance to a community and the confirmation of that decision by a formal acceptance by the Order. While you are in the process of discernment and after you have made your decision it is a good idea to seek out someone you trust with whom you can share your discernment experience.

A religious vocation is a precious gift from God. It is nurtured by a life of prayer, reflection and service. If you think God may be calling you to this way of life take some time to evaluate your life experience and ask yourself: what is it that gives me lasting joy and peace? Imagine yourself as a religious. Finally, if you are discerning a vocation we invite you to call or write our monastery and request the prayers of our Sisters.

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**Happy are those to whom it is given to follow this way and to persevere to the end.**

**St. Clare**



*Love Him totally  
in complete  
surrender*

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