

TABLE 1: DIMENSIONS OF CLC VOCATION

Dimension↓	Area/Aspect	Aims <i>Constantly journeying to ...</i>	Specific Notes
SPIRITUAL	Being with Jesus	Be open to transcendence Make sense of faith and hope	The divine in the human and creation Study and deepening of faith
	We are people of God	Participate in the sacraments Live out the sacramentality of life	Especially the Eucharist In daily life and of the community
	Ignatian identity	Pay attention to Ignatian spirituality Be contemplatives in action	Prayer, Sp Ex., the Examen, Spiritual guidance God in everything and everything in Him
COMMUNITY	To serve and be with others	Live in fraternal union, simple way of life Discern the plans	In humble groups of the Lord's friends Individual and group
	Growing in universality	Feel as one global community Encourage working teams	The world community as one body Councils, Apostolic groups, guides
	To feel with Church	Be united with the Church and its mission Identify ourselves as lay	Hierarchy, parishes, movements Contribute the aspects of our own vocation
APOSTOLIC	Preaching the Gospel	Live our life as mission Available without limits – indifference	In all our activities and areas of operation Take up apostolate, services.
	Apostolic Community	Work together for the Kingdom Share our mission	For better results and universality Discernment, commission, support and evaluation
	Co-responsibility with others	Build a more divine world Work together for a more just world	With Church groups, especially Ignatian Institutions and civil and political personnel
	Preferential Option	Identify with the poorest Reform the inhuman structures of the world	With whom Jesus identifies Sign of our effective apostolic work

TABLE 2: A JOURNEY FOR CLC FORMATION– ITS STAGES

STAGE 1: PERIOD OF RECEPTION/WELCOME

Definition: This is the CLC induction period.

Aim: It is intended that the participants make themselves known to and get to know the others in the group, working on getting to know and accept themselves as they are, that they may discover within themselves the deep desires which have been inspired by the Lord. At the same time, they live out the experience in this early stage of what CLC Community life is like receiving the basic information which deals with its structures and spirituality.

Time Scale: This can go on for several months. It is completed when the individual actually joins CLC.

CONTENTS	MEANS	SIGNS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To know and accept one's own life ▪ To draw close to the person of Jesus ▪ To personally relate to and welcome the others ▪ To undertake some responsibility in the group ▪ To receive explanation of the CLC vocation ▪ To be introduced to Baptism and Confirmation ▪ To accept reality as a place where to meet God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meetings ▪ Bible and prayer workshops ▪ Communication media ▪ Guidance from the guide and the coordinator ▪ CLC documents, witness and life stories of other members etc. ▪ Invitations to service and commitment experiences ▪ Contact with the world of the poor ▪ Regular receipt of the sacraments especially the Eucharist ▪ Meetings with other groups, community celebrations, retreats etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sense of being able to accept one's own life history ▪ Desires to deepen the relationship with God, with the Church and with one's own individual vocation ▪ Regular attendance, enthusiastic attitude ▪ A feeling of responsibility within the group ▪ A clear willingness to begin the CLC process ▪ A feeling of concern and sensitivity for the reality of the world ▪ A willingness to take part in internal and external service tasks.

STAGE 2: LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR VOCATION

Definition: This is the first stage in the formal CLC formation process. It finds its inspiration in the First week of the Spiritual Exercises and in the call suggested at the beginning the Second Week.

Aim: To experience the Call to conversion, recognising Him as the '*Principle and Foundation*' of our being and of all creation. We understand that we are unconditionally loved by God destined to find our fulfilment in love and service.

Time Scale: Between 1 and 4 years. It is completed with the Temporary Commitment or with the search for another vocation within the Church.

CONTENTS	MEANS	SIGNS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To accept oneself and to love oneself from the awareness of being a creature loved by God ▪ To know and to accept, and also to be known and to be accepted, in personal relationships with others ▪ To make personal, the relationship of faith with Jesus ▪ To go deeply into the personal experience of forgiveness and to believe in the unconditional love of God ▪ To be introduced to the experience of Ignatian spirituality ▪ To make the initial Spiritual Exercises ▪ To know CLC more deeply ▪ To feel God present in the Community ▪ To start on a more critical understanding of social reality ▪ To make contact with the poorest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue with the means used during the earlier Reception/Welcome stage ▪ Personal spiritual guidance ▪ Self-knowledge and self-acceptance ▪ Deepening of our faith in Jesus ▪ Deepening experience of the Examen ▪ Review of Life is practised ▪ Workshops for Christian formation to deepen this calling ▪ Joint responsibility in the life of the local community ▪ Meetings and celebrations with the wider Community ▪ Autobiography of St. Ignatius ▪ Basic knowledge of psychology ▪ Prayer and Bible Workshops ▪ The Spiritual Exercises ▪ Carrying out of the first 'probation' experiences ▪ Group directed service ▪ Critical analysis of the social environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Self-acceptance with clear awareness of gifts and limitations ▪ Conviction of the group that Jesus is the centre of their lives ▪ Appreciation of and constant participation in the sacramental life ▪ A more conscious desire to accept the CLC way of life ▪ A contribution to the strengthening of the Community at different levels ▪ A greater political and socio-cultural understanding of the world ▪ A decisive adoption of the austere and simple CLC way of life

STAGE 3: DISCERNMENT OF VOCATION

Definition: This stage is centred in the Second week of the Spiritual Exercises. It leads to discernment and to the election of a state and/or way of life.

Aim: To discern and to confirm CLC vocation in the Church, as a member of this apostolic body or of another in the Church. This stage can lead to a double discernment and election depending on the age and the life situation of the individual: (1) To a state of life (eg lay, priest, religious) and/or (2) To a greater faithfulness to his/her current way of life to which the Lord is already calling the person.

Time Scale: Between 2 and 8 years. This stage is completed with Permanent Commitment or with the search for another way within the Church.

CONTENTS	MEANS	SIGNS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To integrate Christian values into all areas of life ▪ To understand the Christian faith as a vocation and mission ▪ To grow in a personal love for and in the following of Christ ▪ To deepen vocation ▪ To grow in love for the Church ▪ To experience and know more of Ignatian spirituality ▪ To make the complete Exercises ▪ To live out the universality of the CLC vocation ▪ To encourage a critical and Christian formation with regard to the problems of the world ▪ To have always as a point of reference the world of the poor ▪ To understand the conditions of Christian discipleship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue with the means used in the previous stages ▪ A greater spiritual sharing with others ▪ Reading, suggested themes and topics, theology courses for the laity ▪ Study and prayer of Biblical vocational events ▪ Being familiar with the vision of the Church in Vatican II ▪ Gaining knowledge and experience of the Spiritual Exercises ▪ Undertaking the Ignatian method of election ▪ Involvement in the service of the poorest and most marginalised ▪ Carrying out the necessary processes for election ▪ Personal prayer and Ignatian examen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member makes effective use of Ignatian methods to integrate faith and life: and integrating one's life with one's mission ▪ The individual has made the full Exercises ▪ The individual has made the election and has committed in a definitive way in the Apostolic Body of CLC ▪ Member participates in the life of the Church and feels part of it ▪ Member helps out in the strengthening of the local, regional and national community. ▪ Member participates generously in specific services within and without the community. ▪ The individual shows with his/her life a greater evangelical sensitivity to and awareness of the poor.

STAGE 4: APOSTOLIC DISCERNMENT

Definition: At this stage, individuals are seeking to give, in a permanent way, an apostolic meaning to all dimensions and activities of their lives.

Aim: To integrate everyday human (and Christian) life and one's personal plans, with those of community apostolates and/or those carried out in collaboration with others; to grow in constant and sensitive awareness of world reality in order to become better agents for social and cultural change and for building up the Kingdom; to put the capabilities of the CLC Apostolic Body at the service of the mission of Christ and of His Church; to help generate dynamic Communities which will make for greater apostolic efficiency and which will promote justice in favour of the very poorest.

Time Scale: For life

CONTENTS	MEANS	SIGNS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To deepen the integration of one's life of faith and justice ▪ To evangelise in our daily life ▪ To deepen our intimate communion with the missionary Christ ▪ To use the means of Ignatian Spirituality to give apostolic meaning to the occupations of daily life ▪ To deepen the experience of one being sent out on a mission ▪ To develop a sense of our universal mission ▪ To live joint responsibility as members of an Apostolic Body and as members of the Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue with the means used in the previous stages ▪ Support the community in a personal meeting with Jesus ▪ Finding God through apostolic prayer ▪ Living the importance of making ourselves available to the Lord ▪ Undergoing continuous formation for mission in different areas ▪ Living the central importance in daily life of personal projects and of the personal and community apostolate ▪ Being sensitive with regard to the ways of the Church ▪ Have frequent personal spiritual guidance ▪ Participating in key CLC activities: eg World CLC Day, Assemblies etc. ▪ Creation of and commitment to a solidarity fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This stage of the process has no end as one must always ensure progress in all aspects which characterise a full living out of this stage ▪ A joyous living out of faithfulness to Christ in communion with the CLC Apostolic Body ▪ A full Apostolic Life and one which has been discerned, sent, supported and evaluated by the Community ▪ An attitude of ongoing formation ▪ Continued personal spiritual guidance ▪ Participation in the ordinary life of the Church ▪ Commitment to and with the poorest ▪ Financial collaboration with the CLC Apostolic Body Community.

TABLE 3: SIGNS OF GROWTH (BY DIMENSION) IN THE JOURNEY

Formation Stage→ ↓CLC Dimension	Period of Reception/Welcome (Stage 1)	Laying the Foundations for Vocation (Stage 2)	Discernment of Vocation (Stage 3)	Apostolic Discernment (Stage 4)
SPIRITUAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Feeling positive about one’s own history ▪Desire to deepen the relationship with God, with the Church and with this vocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Conviction of the group that Jesus is the centre of their lives ▪Appreciation of and constant participation in the sacraments ▪Practice of prayer ▪Carrying out some experience of the Exercises which have been adapted for this stage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Effective Ignatian integration of faith, everyday life and mission. ▪The person has carried out and is living the Spiritual Exercises in their entirety ▪Personal life project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪An attitude of ongoing formation ▪Continuous personal spiritual Guidance ▪Gratitude for the gift of life ▪A joyous life in faithfulness to Christ in communion with the CLC Apostolic Body
COMMUNITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Regular attendance and, enthusiastic attitude ▪Feeling of responsibility within the group ▪Clear disposition to live the CLC process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪A more conscious desire to accept the CLC way of life ▪A contribution to the strengthening of the Community at different levels ▪ Acceptance of oneself and of other members of the group with a clear awareness of strengths and weaknesses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Definitive commitment to the CLC Apostolic Body ▪Participates in the life of the Church and feels fully part of it ▪Helps build community at all levels. ▪Freedom and availability to practice discernment along with a joyful acceptance of the mission received from the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Engaged in the ordinary life of the Church ▪Helps with the strengthening of the community of the Apostolic Body ▪Lives a discerned apostolic life, supported and evaluated by community
APOSTOLIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Concern and sensitivity towards the reality of the world ▪Willing to collaborate in internal and external tasks of service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪A concrete adoption of the austere and simple CLC way of life ▪A greater political and socio-cultural understanding ▪A carrying out the first experiences of probation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Generous engagement in practical services in and outside the community ▪Shows, by example, a greater evangelical sensitivity to and awareness of the poor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Leads a full apostolic life ▪Has a commitment to the poorest

