

Church Reference Form – Community of Trinity

To be filled in by your Priest/Minister

Community of Trinity is an intentional non-residential community in the monastic tradition, hosted by Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Participants will be part of the Community at the invitation of the Bishops of Auckland and will be aged 20-35. Through a focus on prayer, spiritual practice, service and formation, each member will learn to nurture a growing and sustainable relationship with God.

Members will experience a year of shared life and learn spiritual practices which will deepen their engagement in their churches and in every sector of society. Participants will keep their daily commitments and local worship communities but will commit an evening a week to gathering together, as well as a retreat and times to hold the City and Diocese in prayer. The Bishop Selwyn Chapel in Holy Trinity Cathedral will be the Community's regular gathering space

As you are the priest/minister of the applicant we would appreciate if you could take some time to respond to the following questions in written form in order to help us discern the suitability of the applicant for this challenging and rewarding experience. We hope to gather a group who will be a good fit with one another, as well as individuals who will be able to make the most of what Community of Trinity will offer. Your responses will be held in prayerful confidence.

- Your name, church, and position;
- The applicant's name;
- For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- How is the applicant involved in the life of your church, and what gifts and abilities have you noticed in the applicant that might be developed through this experience?
- How does the applicant express their faith and relationship with God?

- Has the applicant shown a curiosity about aspects of spiritual growth and/or in deepening their individual and corporate prayer and worship?
- How does the applicant normally function in a team?
- How would you describe the applicant's relationships with others within your worshipping community?
- How do you think an experience of intentional community would benefit the applicant? And how might it challenge them?
- Where do you think there is potential for the applicant to grow and develop?
- Would you have any reservations about the applicant taking part in the community?
- Is your church supportive of the applicant being part of the community? Could you support the applicant in fundraising or sponsorship?

Thank you for the time you have taken to share your knowledge of the applicant with us. Please return the completed form as soon as you can to Brenda Rockell: brenda@saintlukes.org.nz