MINISTRY & SERVICE AMBASSADOR

Program





HERITAGE

So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us.

II CORINTHIANS 5:20

The mission of the Ministry & Service Ambassador (MSA) Program is to **form faith-based disciples who have a servant's heart** through learning and teaching of Heritage's **core values of** radical hospitality, devotion to the Blessed Mother, restoration, service, historic preservation, and community.

With these core values at the heart of our professional development, prayer, and formation experiences, our MSAs will grow together in their faith and relationships with others and be ready to confidently pursue a life of service to Christ and His people in any vocation.

As a Ministry & Service Ambassador, you will be an intricate part of Heritage's faith-based mission of providing a welcoming Catholic environment that offers a sacred place to seek, find, and renew one's faith.



WHAT TO EXPECT

Ambassadors in the MSA Program commit to living at Heritage for nine months.

Onsite housing, most meals, and a weekly stipend are provided as part of the program.

Program Timeline: September - May 2-week Christmas Holiday





Our Ministry & Service Ambassadors will commit time to prayer and discernment while gaining real-world working experience based on our core Catholic values.



Learn how to practice our Catholic mission by serving as a member of the hospitality team at Heritage.

Mirror the image of God and our Catholic faith to all guests during their stay at Heritage from check-in to check-out, and act with a servant's heart toward all. Assist with day-to-day retreat operations, including guest services and retail.

Assist with retreat programming, group prayers, and faithbuilding activities.





Acquire training and real-world working experience, and learn how to use these skills to glorify God.

Work with our marketing team to promote the Heritage mission by developing strategies and content for social media and digital marketing. Learn the strategies behind non-profit management, including governance, fundraising, and budgeting.

Connect with God's creation through regenerative agriculture and make a lasting impact on the Heritage community through sustainable farming, creation care, and radical hospitality. Learn the ins and outs of caring for the 200+ acres of Heritage, including facilities maintenance, landscape maintenance, and project management.



Revitalize the first Catholic settlement in Georgia.

Help care for the historic Church of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and participate in the planning and execution of the liturgy.





Honor our Catholic heritage by helping with the upkeep of Locust Grove Cemetery, Georgia's first Catholic Cemetery.



Experience curated faith formation activities that will foster a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His people



Attend daily Mass and participate in communal prayer with other Ambassadors.

Live in an intentional faithbased community with fellow Ambassadors. Receive guidance and growth in your faith through regular access to a spiritual director.

CORE VALUES

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Receive others as Christ would receive them. Become a physical manifestation of His love by showing that we are anticipating and ready for guests and that they are welcomed and accepted.

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

Like Mary, learn how to point all of your actions to her son, Jesus Christ. Through prayer and action, grow in obedience to and friendship with Jesus.

RESTORATION

Renew your faith as you participate in the restoration of the Catholic community identity, the faith of the area, and the renewal of the Catholic Church.

CORE VALUES

SERVICE

Embrace the purest form of love by denying yourself for the good of another. Learn the disposition of a servant's heart by learning how to serve each and every guest as a child of God.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Preserve the heritage of the Catholic faith by helping care for and revitalize the first Catholic settlement in the state of Georgia.

COMMUNITY

Experience community with likeminded missionaries and the Heritage team while learning and living our Catholic mission. MSAs live together, work together, and pray together.



What do Heritage Ministry & Service Ambassadors (MSA) do?

 Heritage MSAs commit to a nine-month immersive experience living, serving, praying, and growing in community with other MSAs and the Heritage staff. MSAs, with a servant's heart, will serve the guests at Heritage and the Sharon community at large through our core values of Radical Hospitality, Devotion to the Blessed Mother, Restoration, Service, Historic Preservation, and Community.

Is the MSA program a missionary program?

 The Heritage Ministry & Service Ambassador program is a unique blend of professional development and spiritual formation while living in an intentional faith-based community. Through hands-on experience working in areas of hospitality, retreat logistics and planning, non-profit business management, liturgical planning, and regenerative agriculture, our MSAs will gain valuable work experience. In addition, our MSAs will have opportunities to grow spiritually through a daily rhythm of prayer and regular formation experiences.

What is the duration of the MSA program?

 The MSA program is nine months in length. The 2024-2025 MSA program will begin on September 1, 2024, and end on May 31, 2025. The MSAs will have a two-week Christmas break from December 21, 2024-January 5, 2025.



Do the MSAs receive a paycheck?

- The MSAs will receive a weekly stipend.
- Where will the MSAs live?
 - An integral part of the MSA experience is living onsite at Heritage, a rural 200-acre property in Taliaferro County, GA, that includes prayer spaces, a chapel, an event center, guest cottages, walking trails, and fellowship spaces. Housing is generously provided by donors and is included as part of the MSA program.

Do the MSAs have to raise their own funds to participate?

 No. Through the generosity of donors, Heritage does not require the MSAs to raise their own funds. We do believe that asking for the financial or spiritual support of family, friends, and parishioners is an excellent way to grow the Heritage community and share the mission of Heritage to help all seek, find, and renew their faith.

How many MSAs will there be in 2024?

• The inaugural MSA year will have four ambassadors. Apply now to begin your journey to Heritage today!



How can I become a Ministry & Service Ambassador at Heritage?

 <u>Apply here!</u> After you submit your application, a member of our recruitment team will be in touch to schedule you for one of our two interview weekends in February 2024. Please submit your application no later than February 2, 2024, for the 2024– 2025 MSA year.

When are your MSA interview days, and are they mandatory?

Our MSA interview days are Saturday, February 10 and 24, 2024. MSA candidates who are invited to continue the application process are required to attend one of these interview days. The interview day will include in-depth group tours of Heritage, the historic Church of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Purification Cemetery, and Locust Grove Cemetery, as well as meet and greets with Heritage team members. The day will also include one-on-one interviews with each candidate, time for personal prayer and reflection, and will conclude with a vigil Mass.





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