



JOURNEY CENTER OF CHICAGO

Come as You Are, Encounter the Holy, Be Renewed.

LETTER OF REFERENCE

Journey Center of Chicago is offering a two-year program in spiritual direction, beginning in **March 2026**.

_____ is applying for this program and has given your name as a person who knows them well and can speak to their character, giftedness, and potential. Thank you for taking time to complete this form, and feel free to use additional space as needed. **The deadline for receiving this applicant's materials, including this letter of reference, is January 15, 2026.**

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?
2. Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

	1= This is a growth area	2= Below average	3= Average	4= This is a strength	5= Very strong
Able to listen with empathy					
Respected in their faith community					
Mature in faith and life					
Optimistic, hopeful					
Lives with integrity					
Warm, loving toward people					
Self-confident					
Trustworthy					

3. Describe how this applicant communicates with others?
4. Are people naturally drawn to this applicant to talk to?
5. Tell us what you know of the applicant's relationship with God and current spiritual journey:
6. Would you recommend this person to this program? Why or Why Not?
7. Is there anything else you would like us to know about the applicant?

8. Please give us your name and contact information, and sign and date below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about and experience of this applicant! **Please return the completed reference form online to the email address below by January, 2026.**

Don't hesitate to email if you have any questions.
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