

Conditions Necessary for Admission to the Third Order

Persons of either sex and of all conditions—ecclesiastics, and lay-people, single, married or widowed—may be admitted to the Third Order, provided they fulfil the following conditions:

- (a) That they are not bound by vows either perpetual or temporary in any Religious Institute;
- (b) That they do not belong to any other Third Order either as professed members or novices;
- (c) That they may be of exemplary life, constant and firm in their profession of the Catholic Faith, and steadfast in their obedience to the Holy Roman Church;
- (d) That they be actuated by a sincere desire of leading a more perfect life by the fulfillment of their duties both general and particular, and the intention of serving God and Our Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel more faithfully;
- (e) That they be of good repute and, either possessed of adequate means, or capable of earning a livelihood by their own honest labour;
- (f) That they have attained the age of twenty-four years; the Superiors and Directors, however can dispense from this last condition in the case of those whose good character seems to justify the dispensation, provided they have attained the age of twenty. ¹ (Chapter IV, No. 12)

¹ Our Very Rev. Fr. General, by faculty granted by the S. Congregation with Rescript N. 2018/19 dated 29th Dec., 1923, can dispense those who have completed their sixteenth year. Corso d'Italia, 38 Roma (34) Italy.