

Isolate member norms

First Read Sections VIII.6, XVII, and XVIII of the 2016 Statutes

“A professed member for whom excessive distance has become a significant obstacle to attendance at the nearest community’s meetings may be granted ‘isolate’ status by the local Council [Constitutions Art. 56].”

Aged and infirm members are not referred to as *Isolates*. An Isolate member may be later re-designated as an Infirm member upon becoming aged or ill. An Isolate who has become aged or ill receives the same consideration as other Infirm members.

Transfers

Community life is essential to the OCDS vocation. If a member moves and is near another community, he or she must make a good faith effort to transfer. The member should make a serious effort to accommodate him or herself to the new Community. A community should not reject a transfer request without just reason.

Formation for the Promise

- An Aspirant may **not** become an Isolate.
- A person in Formation I (clothed) may **not** become an Isolate.
- A member in Formation II (who has made First Promise) **may** become an Isolate and finish formation under the guidance of a canonical Community, but not under a Study Group. The member should make every effort to be conscientious about the studies and discussion with his or her formator. If the member does not take formation seriously, it would be a strong sign that the member does not have a vocation to the OCDS.

See the Statutes Section IX Dismissals. An Isolate that discontinues contact with the Community should be officially dismissed by the Local Council. Local Councils are not to let members simply “drift away.”

NOTE: Refer to the Provincial website for the latest version of the “OCDS Member Status Guide” for the Province, which summarizes the effects of a member being in one status or another.

See the link below for a guide to member statuses.

[Member Statuses](#)