



## Ave Maria House

### A House of Discernment for Women

Ave Maria House is a house of discernment located in Plaistow, New Hampshire for women seeking to discover God's call in their lives. It is sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, an international religious community of women whose life goal is to follow Jesus Christ and act according to His Spirit. Women who live at the house of discernment have the opportunity to discern their vocation in community with the sisters. The house of discernment gives the sisters living at the house the opportunity to share their own journey of discovering a vocation to Religious Life. The sisters seek to provide women with an environment that is conducive to hearing God's voice by praying for them and supporting them in their discernment process.



*"Rely on Jesus Christ. Act in accordance with His Spirit and do everything out of love for Him."*

*~Blessed Marie Riviere~*

If you are interested in learning more about discerning your vocation at Ave Maria House, please contact Sr. Holly Gauthier at: [shollypm@gmail.com](mailto:shollypm@gmail.com)

For more information about the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary check out our website at: <https://presentationofmary-usa.org>

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*



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*A place set aside for prayer and discernment*

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Have you ever wondered about your future and how God is inviting you to live your life? Every individual is called to holiness by following Jesus more closely. A

deep question we are all invited to answer is whether we are called to live life as a single person, as a married person, or as a consecrated person. If this question or one similar has ever crossed your mind or heart then Ave Maria House may be a place for you.





## Come and See

How can I develop a deeper relationship with God?

What is Religious Life like today?

Is God still calling people?

How do I know my vocation?

What is a vocation?

How do I find a Spiritual Director?

Women who live at the house of discernment are encouraged to grow in their relationship with God by developing a daily prayer life. They join the sisters for morning prayer, evening prayer, adoration, and the rosary on a regular basis. Whenever possible the women are also encouraged to attend daily mass. They meet with one of the sisters regularly to talk about their lived experience at the house, to receive guidance, and to discuss a variety of faith related topics. Each week they participate in community meetings and faith sharing. Through these experiences they discover how community life can help them to know God personally and to know themselves at a deeper level.

Women living at the house work or study while taking part in the life of the community. They are also encouraged to be involved in volunteer service in the parish or local area. To further their discernment, the women may reflect on these experiences by asking:



“What brings me energy? What inspires me to grow? What enables me to be more loving? What helps me to serve more generously?”

In addition to welcoming women to live at Ave Maria House the sisters are open to inviting women to join them periodically for evening prayer and a meal.



Come, follow me.

