

COMMUNITY LIFE EXPECTATIONS

PVMs living in community with SPs

You are expected to meet with the SPs with whom you are living sometime during the first week of your stay to discuss household chores, meals, guests, phone usage, community prayer & social time, accountability.

1. You are expected to help with household chores and meal preparations.
2. You are expected to keep common living spaces neat, orderly, open and inviting, and to avoid monopolizing community space for private use. Your bedroom is your private space.
3. You are expected to practice common courtesy regarding guests.
If you are inviting someone to visit with you in the house, please let the community know beforehand. Ask them where guests are welcome in the house and where they are not. If you are having a female guest spend the night, ask what is necessary for preparing the guest room before arrival and after departure.
4. You are expected to monitor your personal phone usage.
Local communities do not have private telephones for personal use. Please do not monopolize the community phone by visiting at length with friends and/or family, especially in the evenings. your community pays for the phone.
5. You are encouraged to actively participate in community prayer and community social life, as well as any general Sisters of Providence activities.
6. You are expected to notify your housemates if you are not going to be present for meals, prayer, and/or if you will be gone for the evening/weekend.
Some communities will have a sign in/out board, others operate by communicating to one person directly.
7. You are expected to address any difficulties that you have within the house immediately and directly with those you live with.
8. Be patient with yourself.
Remember, especially at the beginning, that this is a new experience for you, and there will be a period of adjustment to living in a different city, being a volunteer, living with religious sisters, and making new friends.
9. Keep a sense of humor.
10. Enjoy the experience!