

Praesidium Standards for Accreditation (2016)

Each standard includes a number of Requirements that must be met for accreditation as well as detailed Clarifications of these Requirements.

NB: Praesidium uses the word “Institute” to represent the organization being evaluated. In this instance, the Institute is Glastonbury Abbey.

Standards for Prevention (Standards 1 - 7)

Standard 1

The Institute will screen new Candidates for membership in the Institute.

Standard 2

At each stage in the initial formation of Members, the Institute will assist in their ongoing growth toward a healthy sexuality as a foundation for celibate chastity.

Standard 3

The Institute will identify and utilize systems of support and accountability for its Members.

Standard 4

The Institute will establish and publish clear policies for boundaries with minors.

Standard 5

The Institute will educate its Members regarding the prevalence, identification, and prevention of sexual abuse of minors, giving special attention to topics that are of unique relevance to religious.

Standard 6

The Institute will interrupt and intervene when a Member violates the Institute’s policies regarding boundaries with minors.

Standard 7

The Major Superior of the Institute will communicate annually to the Members regarding the Institute’s commitment to the protection of minors and the institute’s current initiatives and actions with respect to the protection of the vulnerable, healing for those who have been harmed by abuse, and fulfillment of the Accreditation Standards.