

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 Responding (Standards 8 –18)

Standard 8

Representatives of the Institute will respond pastorally and compassionately to any person who alleges sexual abuse of a minor by a Member of the Institute.

Standard 9

Representatives of the Institute who are responsible for assisting individuals who have alleged sexual abuse as a minor will be educated regarding the nature of their role.

Standard 10

Representatives of the Institute will make a significant effort to promote the healing process for individuals who allege being sexually abused as a minor.

Standard 11

The Institute will adhere to written protocols for responding to reports and allegations of sexual abuse of a minor.

Standard 12

The Institute’s policy will state the obligation of each of its Members to report to civil authorities all allegations of known or suspected sexual abuse of a victim who is currently a minor.

Standard 13

The Institute will report known or suspected sexual abuse of a minor by a Member when the victim is no longer a minor, as obligated by the civil laws of the state where the sexual abuse of the minor allegedly occurred.

Standard 14

The Institute will cooperate with civil authorities that are conducting an investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor.

Standard 15

The Institute will investigate all reports and allegations of sexual abuse of minors by a Member, to the extent possible, based on the information provided.

Standard 16

The Institute will document all reports and allegations of sexual abuse of minors by a Member, and its responses to the reports and allegations, including anonymous allegations and reports.

Standard 17

The Institute will utilize a Review Board for the purpose of providing consultation to the Major Superior on the response to all reports and allegations of sexual abuse of minors.

Standard 18

In cases where an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor committed by a Member has been established, the Institute will inform the leadership of any organization or ministry in which the Member has admitted to, or is suspected of, having sexually abused a minor, to the extent possible.