

proof of irreproachable conduct, and a sincere desire of laboring to acquire the Christian virtues peculiar to their state. Some conditions are also requisite.

1st. The associates should have made their first communion, and have attained the age of fourteen.

2nd. They should enjoy an unblemished reputation with regard to morals and religion, not place themselves in any position by which they might incur the risk of being lost, and they should be in an honest employment.

3rd. They should frequent the Sacraments, and assist at the offices of the Church.

4th. They should know the Catechism, and be well instructed in their religion. If it happen that one of the candidates has committed some public and serious fault of which a member of the Congregation is aware, the latter is obliged by the