



Standing Order 3

Procedure and criteria for nomination of candidates to the World CLC Executive Council

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General Norms 21a)

The elected members of the Executive Council are: the president, the vice-president, the secretary, and four consultors, all elected by the General Assembly for a period of five years. They may be re-elected only for three terms maximum and two terms maximum in one office.

1. PROCEDURE FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Each National Community affiliated to the World Community is called to nominate candidates for all the elected positions (7) on the Executive Council: **President, Vice-President, Secretary and four Consultors**

The General Assembly elects the Executive Council for the period until the next Assembly (General Norm 16f). Each member community may nominate one person for each position, making a maximum of seven nominations. Those nominated can be members of the same National Community or from any other National Community.

According to General Norm 21a, an Executive Council member can be re-elected maximum for three terms and two terms maximum in one office.

Nominations should be forwarded to the World Secretariat as soon as possible through the National Executive Council. A respective deadline will be set by the Exco early enough, so that national communities could take candidates into account when nominating their delegates.

The World Secretariat will contact the nominated candidates to ask for their consent. At the same time they will receive a questionnaire.

The list of candidates, who have accepted nomination, with their answers to the questionnaire, will be sent in a further mailing to allow an initial discernment before the election itself.

The nomination of candidates is a great responsibility for the National Community. A prayerful approach is needed, as well as discernment on the basis of the following criteria.

2. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

When the Assembly elects the Executive Council, they are not called to add another task to the number of their activities. They are invited to amend and reform their personal life and state (Spiritual Exercises 189) according to the call they have received from the Lord by means of the Assembly that elects them. They learn to consider and ponder how all the dimensions of their life have to be reordered (Spiritual Exercises 21). Considering that CLC is called to be an apostolic body, Executive Council members are expected to respond in a spirit of love and be thorough in their commitment.

In order to be accountable and adequately discharge the responsibility that the World Assembly entrust into its care, the Executive Council perceives its work as a mission in which it discerns, sends its members, supports and annually evaluates its own performance.

According to General Norm 20, the Executive Council is responsible for the ordinary government of our World Christian Life Community. For this important task, mature personalities, with leadership qualities, are needed to govern an international association. Thus, the following basic criteria have to be met by the candidate:

1. commitment to CLC as his/her vocation;
2. identification with the General Principles of CLC and a personal life style that is not contradictory to them;
3. availability (willingness and time) to give priority to the obligations of an active, working member of the World ExCo and having the support of one's own National Community, family and CLC group;
4. awareness and commitment to the one World CLC;
5. have an experience of the complete Spiritual Exercises (GN 4);
6. a profound experience of the CLC way of life that includes:
 - a. an understanding and experience of the Spiritual Exercises as a life process,
 - b. membership in a small CLC group where communal discernment and sharing life and faith can be practiced,
 - c. an apostolic commitment and an understanding of mission;
7. leadership skills coming from a sound CLC formation
 - a. understanding of the group process and the process of personal growth,
 - b. experience of leadership in the National CLC or in the ecclesial, professional or civic fields.
8. a good relationship within the National CLC, the Church hierarchy and with the Society of Jesus;
9. a good knowledge of Holy Scripture and the teachings of the Church;
10. the ability to work in a team
11. good knowledge of at least one of the official languages - English, Spanish or French.

3. PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Availability to prepare and actively participate in at least the annual Executive Council meeting(s). (8 days plus travel days)
2. Availability to be sent for periods ranging from two to ten days to any Regional or National Community that requires support in order to maintain an active and effective presence in the region.
3. Ability and readiness to discharge shared responsibility of ExCo in between ExCo meetings. This will involve availability and ability to communicate at least weekly with other members of the ExCo using required means such as e-mail etc.
4. Ability and willingness to work in English.

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