

ELECTION OF THE NEW COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL FRATERNITY

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THE GENERAL FRATERNITY COUNCIL ELECTION SYSTEM

1. Before the celebration of the General Assembly, each Provincial Fraternity chooses a candidate from its Fraternity who may be elected as a member of the General Council. Each Fraternity shall carry out this election following the procedure it deems most appropriate. The elected candidate from each Fraternity must be present at the General Assembly.
2. At the General Assembly, each Provincial Fraternity shall vote for three of the candidates from those who have been put forward by each of the Fraternities. Regardless of how many Provincial Council members are present from each Fraternity at the Assembly, each Fraternity may only vote for 3 candidates. Voting shall be carried out in a balanced way to ensure proportionality with respect to the number of members of each Fraternity. For this purpose, three groups or Fraternities will be established according to their number of members: large fraternities, medium-sized fraternities, and small fraternities.
3. Once the voting is completed, the four candidates with the most votes will be elected to form the General Fraternity Council for the next term. The final formation of the General Council will be completed with the person directly designated by Fr. General.
4. It is important to note that any Fraternity not present at the General Assembly will not be able to vote.

At the General Council, taking into account the experience from recent years, we would like to set forth some criteria that, we suggest, should be taken into account when electing the candidate from each of the Fraternities in order to ensure the smooth running of the future Council.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING CANDIDATES FOR EACH FRATERNITY

1. It is important to ensure that the person has enough availability. The activity of the General Council involves a demanding pace of meetings, international meetings (often one a year), and possible visits to Provincial Fraternities, which involve international travel.
2. It is advisable to ensure that the person has a broad view of the Pious Schools beyond that of their local reality. Of course, this view can be acquired over time, but a minimum level of global knowledge covering the situation of the Order and the Fraternity would help the Council to run smoothly from the beginning.
3. During this moment of expansion of the Fraternity, a knowledge of languages is becoming more and more necessary. Where it is true that most of the Fraternities are still Spanish-speaking, knowledge of English and, if possible, French, is highly desirable.

In order to establish the weighting for the voting that will take place at the Assembly, it is very important to ensure the database of all the Provincial Fraternities is up to date at <http://fraternidadgeneraldata.blogspot.com>.

CANDIDATES

1. **Leandro Martín Maximino** (Fraternity of Argentina)
2. **Alfredo Marcos de Prat** (Fraternity of Betania)
3. **Willian Henrique Silva** (Fraternity of Brazil-Bolivia)
4. **Carolina Paredes** (Fraternity of Central America and the Caribbean)
5. **Leonardo Henao** (Fraternity of Chile)
6. **Alberto Cantero** (Fraternity of Emaús)
7. **Andrej Kmotorka** (Fraternity of Slovakia)
8. **P. Zsolt Labancz** (Fraternity of Hungary)
9. **Julio Carreón Rosas** (Fraternity of Mexico)
10. **Santiago Gavía Yepes** (Fraternity of Nazareth)
11. **Ilona Rudka** (Fraternity of Poland)

WEIGHTED VOTING

- With vote weighting 3 (Fraternities with over 150 members): Betania, Brazil – Bolivia, Emmaus,
- With vote weighting 2 (Fraternities with 51-150 members): Argentina, CA – The Caribbean, Mexico, Nazareth
- With vote weighting 1 (Fraternities with fewer than 50 members): Chile, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary