



Election of the new Council and the new General Moderator of the Emmanuel Community.

Press release

From Sunday 22nd July until Friday 27th July, the college of 157 members of the Emmanuel Community met at Notre-Dame de l'Ouÿe (France) for 6 days of prayer, exchanges, discernment and for the election. These members were asked to elect for a period of 5 years a new International Council of the Emmanuel Community and a new Moderator General. The elections have taken place in the presence of father Frédéric Louzeau who represented the archbishop of Paris ; Monsignor Michel Aupetit, ecclesiastical assistant to the Emmanuel Community.

While waiting for confirmation by the *Dicastery for Lay People, Family and Life*, Michel-Bernard de Vregille has been elected Moderator General of the Emmanuel Community.

Michel-Bernard de Vregille is married to Catherine, is 57 years old and father of 6 children. He has been living in-Ile-Bouchard for 20 years. After 13 years in the retail industry and 18 years in logistics, he has been in charge of the Community in France for the last 4 years.

The 15 elected members of the International Council are: Laurent Albisetti (married, Canada), Nestor Attomatoun (priest, Bénin), Marc Benoit (married, France), José-Mario Brasiliense (married, Basil), Faustine Carron (married, France), Jean-Régis Catta (married, France), Marie-Pierre Dabadie (single, France), Martin Fenkart (married, Austria), Pierre-Yves Gomez (lay man committed in celibacy, France), Pavel Kalcik (married, Czech Republic), Albert Kayigumire (married, Ruanda), Jocelyn Martin (lay woman committed in celibacy, Philippines), Otto Neubauer (married, Austria), Gabriel Priou (priest, France), Myriam Terlinden (married, Belgium).

This week has been a particularly intense time of prayer and sharing. We thank God for this election, which took place according to the new Statutes of the Association of the Faithful in the Emmanuel Community, approved by the Holy See in 2017 following the creation of the Clerical Association of the Emmanuel Community. The new Council and the new Moderator ask for the prayers of all the friends of the Emmanuel Community.

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