

## **Elections 2023 for the International Council and the Moderator**

Elections for the International Council and the General Moderator take place every 5 years. They will take place from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Notre Dame de l'Ouÿe abbey.

In 2020 and 2021, in each province and country, all the members committed in the community elected brothers and sisters to sit on the Consultative Committee for their zone. Each Consultative Committee in a zone is made up of these elected brothers and sisters and a quarter of appointed members.

Then, in a second stage, the Consultative Committee of the different zones elected 75 brothers and sisters to be members of the International Consultative Committee, to which were added, after consultation in the zones, 25 brothers and sisters who were appointed by the International Council.

This International Consultative Committee is therefore made up of 100 members.

The College of Prayer and Election is made up of:

- this International Consultative Committee,
- the International Council of the Community,
- the Council of the Fraternity of Jesus,
- the Council of the Clerical Association of the Community,
- and the International Bureau.

This year it will bring together a total of 159 brothers and sisters from 30 different countries.

All consecrated brothers and sisters in the Fraternity of Jesus, and members of the College of Prayer and Election, who have not indicated that they are unavailable to be elected, are eligible for election to the International Council and, if so, as Moderator. Both terms are for a period of 5 years, renewable once.

This week of prayer and election has 3 stages.

- At the beginning of the week, the current government presents a report on the state of the community.
- Then each member of the College of Prayer and Election speaks to the whole College, for a short period, to share the main challenges for the coming years. Time is set aside for prayer and discussions.
- Finally, the various rounds of elections take place. The College of Prayer and Election first elects the International Council, then the General Moderator.

The results are then sent for validation to Rome, to the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. They are then officially communicated.

The process, as set out in the Community Statutes, is formalised in an *Ordo Electionis*. You can consult these documents online.