

## Frédéric's E-Gazette

### Q&A 4-16-2020

**Q: A member of my Conference said our Regional Vice President does not have a vote at the National level. Can you verify this?**

**A:** According to National Council Bylaws, each of the eight Regional Vice Presidents is a voting member of the National Board of Directors. However, the Regional Vice Presidents do not have a vote on the National Council. The voting members of the National Council are the National President and the duly elected National Council Members (each representing a Catholic Diocese where the Society is present).

**Q: We want to be contributing members. Is there some membership form or anything?**

**A:** Contributing Member status is available at the parish Conference level. No one should be considered a Contributing Member without the Conference as a whole agreeing to it. All new members should be formally approved by the Conference. There is no special interview process or checking that has to be done except that they meet the criteria specified in The Rule.

Contributing Members require no formal action for enrollment. Recognition of such status is simply granted by the Society in acknowledging the financial, material or time donations of generous or regular contributors. Contributors are invited to be present at general and special meetings. Contributing members also include those who regularly contribute resources other than money, such as food, clothing, etc.

Although their contributions are essential to our ministry, our National Council is no longer gathering information about Contributing Members. We are encouraging our Contributing Members to help us in our efforts by becoming Associate Members. Associate Members assist by helping in the direct service to our friends in need. Associate Members help us not only in direct service but also contribute financially and materially to our ministry.