



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL®, INC.

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TO: National Council Members and Members of their Councils

FROM: Ray Sickinger, Election Committee Chair
Committee Members: Michael Syslo, Gladys Hoerner, Kieran Kneaves, Marie Wicks
Ad Hoc: Ralph Middlecamp, Dave Barringer, Pam Hudson Johnson

RE: Candidates for National Council President

ENCLOSED: Information Packet for Candidates Nomination

At the 2015 Midyear Meeting in St. Louis, Resolution 131 to amend the election process set forth in Article 12 of the Bylaws of the National Council were adopted. Implementation depends primarily upon action the Council on which a National Council Member serves and Isolated Conferences.

THE ELECTION PROCESS BEGINS NOW WITH THE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS.

The following general policies pertain to the nomination of Presidential Candidates:

1. A nomination may be made by the Council on which a National Council Member serves. Lower Councils and Conferences should have input into the nomination process.
2. Each qualifying National Council Member may, but is not obligated to, nominate one (1), and only one, person.
3. Nominee need not be a member of the (Arch)Diocese that is nominating him/her.
4. No candidate may campaign for nomination or election. No member may campaign for or on behalf of a candidate either directly or indirectly, except within the geographical confines of his/her own (Arch) Diocese.

Qualifications of the Nominee

1. The nominee shall be a Roman Catholic who is an active member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
2. The nominee shall not be a member of the clergy.
3. Any nominee who receives a salary or other remuneration (except approved reimbursable itemized expenses) from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul or any of its Conferences or Councils shall relinquish that position and/or right to remuneration prior to taking the office of National President.
4. Any married nominee must have the consent of his/her spouse before being nominated.

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Items to Be Submitted for Nomination

1. "Autobiographical Statement" (form provided) must be completed and signed by the nominee.
2. "Platform Statement" (limits on space are provided) must be signed and submitted.
3. Photograph of nominee (black and white, 5 x 7 only).
4. "Consent Statement" (provided) to be completed and signed by the nominee and the Spouse (if applicable).
5. "Nomination Form" (provided) to be completed and signed by the National Council Member and one (1) other Council Officer.
6. All of the above items (1 through 5) must be mailed to the National Office together in the same envelope conspicuously marked "**Nomination.**" Acclamation of support for a person being nominated by another (Arch)Diocese may be made by returning the "Nomination Form" (item 5) by itself.
7. Nominations must be postmarked on or before **June 13, 2022** to be valid. All late nominations will be so marked, remain unopened, and be stored with all other election material.
8. No nominee may submit more than one (1) set of items 1 through 4.
9. Items 1, 2 and 3, will be photocopied for direct distribution to the National Council Members by the National Council Office. **There will be no modification, correction, or retyping whatsoever.**

Upon receipt of this letter, the National Council Member is expected to activate the involvement of his/her Council in the nominating phase of the election. The National Council Member is responsible for notifying affiliated Councils and Conferences of the pending nomination process and should invite their thinking and recommendations about potential nominees.

A special meeting of the National Council Member's Council should be scheduled and held. The purpose of the meeting will be to review any suggestions about possible candidates that have already been received; to discuss these prospects and other possibilities that may be introduced at the session and to reach a decision about the naming of a candidate. All Councils in the (Arch)Diocese should be invited to participate in this special "Nomination Meeting" for the (Arch)Diocese.

The enclosed information packet must be given to your nominee for his/her completion of the required information and the required signatures. Please make sure that the nominee understands that the required items must be returned to you **May 10, 2022** in order that you can conform to the required deadline date for mailing of all nominee information to the National Office.

The election of a National President can deeply affect the future of the Society. All members are expected to give this matter thoughtful and prayerful attention. We especially call upon National Council Members to take prompt action and to exercise leadership so that the Vincentians in their jurisdiction will fully share in the selection of the Society's next National President.

May the Peace of the Lord and the Spirits of St. Vincent and Blessed Frédéric be with each of you.

Enclosure: 1 set to each National Council Member

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