

Qualifications of Members of the General Curia

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The broad qualifications of members of the general government presume those set forth in the *Normative Texts* and include those one would expect of any who serve in the ministry of leadership: holiness of life, prudence in judgment, love of the Congregation and the Church, and living the life of the Congregation.

The qualifications given here are more specific in nature, reflecting characteristics that will be especially useful in meeting the needs of the Congregation at this time in our history. Thus, they may be of service in helping discern those members who might be especially suited for positions in the general curia.

Safeguarding Common Law and the *Normative Texts* of our Congregation, any definitively incorporated member is eligible to be elected a general councilor. The moderator general must be a priest and definitively incorporated for at least five years. The vice moderator general is by statute (S30) the first councilor, so he also must be a priest, since he could be called up to represent the moderator general or to replace him should he vacate his office (C63).

The Moderator General (C61)

1. Vivifies and unifies the Congregation and promotes its expansion);
2. Helps people live the charism and spirituality of the Precious Blood;
3. Animates through his presence and participation in symposia/workshops, days of renewal; and retreats on our charism and spirituality, and written communications (S15);
4. Is an effective communicator: listening skills, speaking skills, command of languages;
5. Is a bridge-builder and encourages people;
6. Facilitates dialogue among different regions;
7. Facilitates collaboration with communities associated with the CPPS;
8. Participates in international meetings with other general superiors;
9. Is willing to travel at least six months per year;
10. Resides in Rome.

A General Councilor (C67, C68)

1. Helps in animation through his presence and participation in symposia/workshops, days of renewal, and retreats on our charism and spirituality, and written communications;
2. Is prepared to accompany the Moderator General on his visits;
3. Is willing and able to learn another language spoken in the Congregation as needed;
4. Has skills in listening and speaking;
5. Is able to see accurately and to communicate effectively the realities of the situations from which he comes and which he will visit;
6. Appreciates cultural differences;
7. Is willing to steep himself in the patrimony of the Congregation;
8. Is willing to work as a member of an international team.

The Vice Moderator General and First Councilor

1. Represents the Moderator General and replaces him should he vacate his office (C63);
2. Resides in Rome.

Councilor Residing Outside Rome

In addition to the qualifications for a general councilor as listed above, is free for general curia work for two to three months per year.

Collectively, the General Council (Moderator and Councilors)

1. Have experience and skills in formation and advocacy of justice, peace, and the integrity of creation;
2. Have knowledge of the patrimony of the Congregation;
3. Have skills for helping inculturate the patrimony of the Congregation in new situations as well as having skills in helping renew that inculturation in established regions of the Society;
4. Have skills for cross-cultural communication and experience.

CURIAL POSITIONS

The following positions are appointed either from within or from without the General Council, according to S34 of the Normative Texts.

Procurator General (S34)

1. Serves as the official liaison of the Congregation with the Holy See in canonical matters;
2. Is the legal representative of the Casa Generalizia to the Republic of Italy.

Secretary General (S34, S35)

1. Is the notary public of the Congregation;
2. Is able to communicate well in written and spoken English;
3. Is able and willing to learn Italian;
4. Has technical skills in the use of a computer and the Internet;
5. Is able to supervise the maintenance of the web site of the General Curia;
6. Is able to edit texts for publications.

Economist General (S34)

1. Acts as a liaison with economists of the units;
2. Is in charge of the program for funding the general curia;
3. Is responsible for preparing the annual budget and annual economic reports of the general curia.

Postulator General (S34)

1. Promotes causes for beatification and canonization;
2. Supervises the maintenance and distribution of relics.

Archivist (S34)

Maintains the official records and files of the congregation.