

## STATUTE OF DELEGATION

A Delegation is a community under the Generalate, according to the decisions of the 2013 General Chapter and in conformity with CIC 581. It is part of the structure of the Congregation and functions like a local house community (Const. 90) with the exception of the norms contained in its own Statute. The following can be erected as a Delegation: a Province suppressed by the General Chapter or any other community according to the discretion of the General Government.

1. The erection and suppression of the delegation belongs to the General Superior with the consent of his council.
2. The seat of the Delegation is decided by the General Superior with the consent of his council after consultation with the members concerned.
3. The erection and suppression of the local religious houses within the Delegation belongs to the General Superior with the consent of his council (CIC 609 §1, 616).
4. It belongs to the General Superior with the consent of his council to describe and to determine who belongs to the Delegation, and to transfer from Province to Delegation and from Delegation to Province, and between Delegations (cf. Const. 99, 181 n. 13; DG 073). In every case, those involved must be consulted.
5. The Delegated Superior has all the rights and obligations of a local superior as described in the Constitutions and the General Directory (cf. Const. 134-138; DG 090a), with the exception of the points stated here.
6. The Delegated Superior, his two assistants and the procurator are proposed by the chapter: either by the Provincial Chapter of the Province that is becoming a Delegation or by the local chapter of the community that is becoming a Delegation, or by the chapter of the Delegation in which all members in perpetual vows participate. In the case of a chapter that cannot be convened (Const. 110) due to a lack of the necessary majority (because of the health or the age of the members of the Delegation), the General Superior with the consent of his council names the Delegated Superior, his two assistants and the procurator, after consultation with members of the Delegation.
7. The Delegated Superior is appointed for three years and can be reappointed by the General Superior with the consent of his council (Const. 134).
8. The Delegated Superior, every three years, a month before his term expires, convokes, if possible, the Delegation Chapter. The other two years he should convoke a general assembly to review the life of the Delegation.
9. Before the General Chapter a Delegation Chapter is convoked to elect a representative to the General Chapter (cf. DG 082). In this case, the Delegated Superior has active and

passive voice. The Delegated Superior is not an automatic member of the General Chapter, but he can be invited by the General Superior to the Council of the Congregation.

10. The two assistants of the Delegated Superior, of which the first is his substitute, and the procurator are appointed by the General Superior with the consent of his council, taking into consideration the wishes of the Delegation Chapter or after listening to the opinions of the members of the Delegation. The Delegated Superior cannot be the procurator.
11. The Delegated Superior is the legal representative before the State and the representative of the Congregation in the Conference of Major Superiors (CIC 620; DG 085).
12. The appointment of the members within the Delegation belongs to the Delegated Superior with the consent of his two assistants.
13. The Delegated Superior makes a report every year to the General Superior concerning the state of the personnel, the administration and the financial situation of the Delegation (cf. Const. 200, 204).
14. The important administrative and financial decisions of the Delegation must be approved by the General Government. The maximum amount is established by the General Government for each Delegation (CIC 115, 634, 1291; Const. 190, 191, 193).
15. The Delegated Superior with his assistants are responsible for preparing the *Particular Norms of the Delegation*. In the case of a Delegation erected from a suppressed Province, these *Norms* must be based on the Provincial Directory. The *Norms* must be prepared within one year of the erection of the Delegation. The *Norms* and their modifications are approved by the General Superior with the consent of his council.
16. Details for each Delegation not contained within these norms will be included in the decree of erection of each individual Delegation.
17. Decisions concerning situations not foreseen here belong to the General Superior with the consent of his council after listening to the Delegation Government.

These norms will come into force with the decree of erection of the Delegation.

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