



OCDS Provincial Newsletter

California-Arizona Province of St. Joseph – January 2021
Provincial Council Appointments and Important Reminders

“...Whoever has a mind to become a leader among you must make yourself servant to the rest....” (Rule of St. Albert, No. 22)

Provincial Council Appointments – Requesting Candidates

Important Reminders

- In February, Provincial Dues of \$35.00 per member should be submitted to the OCDS Central Office, P.O. Box 347, Oakville, CA, 94562, in a consolidated check by the Treasurer of each Community/Group. (Aspirants are not required to pay dues.)
- Apostolate Reports for 2020 are not required.
- No emails should be sent to the list of Presidents and Group Leaders without prior approval by the Provincial Council.

The Covid-19 lock-down prevented many of our OCDS Communities from completing their elections in the Spring of 2020. As a result, the appointment of Provincial Councilors was also delayed. Provincial Delegate Fr. Matthew Williams, OCD, and the Provincial Council have decided to go forward with appointments to the Provincial Council.

The following Provincial Councilors will be rotating off the Provincial Council within the coming months:

- Lee Ann Trunk, Northwest Region Representative
 - Amy Holmes, Southern California Region Representative
 - Margaret Shore, Northern California Region Representative
- Jim Dowd and Lynn Miyake will continue to serve as Region Representatives for the Mountain and Southwest Regions, respectively, for the remainder of the 2020 – 2023 Triennium.

Pursuant to Provincial Statutes, Sec. XXVIII, No. 3(a), each Community/Group located in the Northwest, Southern California, and Northern California Regions should submit one name to their Regional Representative for consideration. Candidates should be a member of a Community or Group within the Region for which they are proposed. Please submit your candidate to your Regional Representative by March 1, 2021, and include the following information:

- Name of candidate
- Email address
- Phone number
- OCDS Community/Group location
- Position(s) held and number of years served on the Community/Group Council

Pursuant to Provincial Statutes, Sec. XXVIII, No. 2, candidates must be definitively professed, have served on a local Council, and take an interest in the Order and all things Carmelite.

In addition, candidates should have a good working knowledge of the OCDS Constitutions and Provincial Statutes. A significant time commitment is sometimes required. Provincial Councilors maintain telephone/email contact with the Communities/Groups in their region and respond to routine questions. They participate in a monthly conference call and work with the Provincial Delegate and other Provincial Councilors on non-routine and complex situations that arise within the Province. When travel becomes advisable again, they will visit and assist the Communities/Groups in their regions and attend OCDS Congresses and Inter-Provincial Council Meetings throughout the U.S. When it is possible to schedule the next Leadership Conference, each Provincial Councilor will be required to give a presentation. One of the newly-appointed members will likely be required to serve as Secretary, since the current Secretary will be rotating off the Provincial Council.

Above all, a loving heart, a generous spirit, discretion, and humility are required.