



OCDS Provincial Newsletter

California-Arizona Province of St. Joseph – January 2023

Reminders and 2023 Election Time Line

“...Whoever has a mind to become a leader among you must make yourself servant to the rest, and whichever of you would be first must become your bondsman.” (“The Rule of Saint Albert, No. 22)

Reminders	2023 Election Timeline
<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Provincial Dues & Financial Report</p> <p>Each OCDS member is required to submit annual provincial dues of \$35 in the month of February. The treasurer for each Community or Group collects the dues from the members and sends a consolidated check to the OCDS Central Office, P.O. Box 347, Oakville, CA 94562. A financial report for the Community or Group should also be included. (A year-end bank statement is sufficient.) Aspirants and Study Group members are not required to submit dues.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Apostolate Reports</p> <p>The requirement to submit 2022 Apostolate Reports in February 2023 has been waived, since many communities and groups have still been dealing with the aftereffects of the pandemic. However, if your community or group has been able to engage in your apostolate, you are encouraged to submit an apostolate report to the OCDS Central Office in order to be recognized for your efforts. A report for the 2023 apostolate activities will be required for all communities and groups in February 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Membership Rosters</p> <p>Remember to submit an updated membership roster to the OCDS Central Office (see address above) whenever ceremonies are completed or other changes in membership occur. You can obtain the Excel form on ocds.info/forms. Be sure to include the name and location of your Community or Group when submitting your roster to the OCDS Central Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Provincial Councilors</p> <p>Jim Dowd, OCDS, and Lynn Miyake, OCDS, will rotate off of the Provincial Council following the 2023 elections. Please think about replacements for the Mountain and Southeast Regions. Suggestions may be submitted to your Regional Representative prior to May 31, 2023.</p>	<p>All Canonically-Established OCDS Communities are required to conduct their triennial elections in March or April 2023, regardless of when their delayed 2020 elections were held. The following is a brief timeline of the actions to be taken in the coming months for elections held to be held in April 2023. (For March elections, the required steps should be completed one month earlier.) Please familiarize yourselves with all of the detailed requirements included in Sec. XXVI and Sec. XXVII of our Provincial Statutes (pp. 81-87).</p> <p><u>Prior to the February 2023 Meeting:</u> The Community Council reviews the attendance roster and makes a list of the members eligible to vote and members eligible to serve in office.</p> <p><u>At the February 2023 Meeting:</u> The Council distributes the list of eligible members to the Community. ALSO, the Council selects the Nominating Committee. Between the February and March meetings, the Nominating Committee becomes familiar with their responsibilities and prepares for the straw vote.</p> <p><u>At the March 2023 Meeting:</u> The Council announces the names of the members of the Nominating Committee AND the Nominating Committee conducts the straw vote. Following the March meeting, the Nominating Committee tabulates the results of the straw vote, and based on the results, selects the nominees for President and Councilors. The Nominating Committee contacts the nominees to ensure they understand the requirements of the offices and are willing and able to serve.</p> <p><u>At the April 2023 Meeting:</u> The election is held as outlined in the Provincial Statutes. Following the election, at a convenient time, the new Council appoints the Director of Formation, Secretaries, and Treasurer. As soon as possible, the “Elected Council” form (www.ocds.info/Forms.htm) is completed and sent to the Central Office, with a copy to the Provincial Council Regional Representative. In May 2023, the installation ceremonies are held for the new officers. Go to ocds.info/Forms.htm for the “Ceremony for the Installation of Officers”.</p> <p>Please refer to the September 2022 issue of the “OCDS Provincial Newsletter” for more information about the delayed 2020 elections, term limits, and eligibility to serve.</p>

Please Remember Our OCDS Members Who Have Recently Died

Carol Babson, OCDS

Auburn, CA

Elizabeth Jimenez, OCDS

Bakersfield, CA

Carmen Feria, OCDS

Redlands, CA

Beatrice Benham, OCDS

Rosita Foley OCDS

Maria Leticia Valinzuela

San Francisco, CA

Beatrice Insigne

San Jose, CA

Jean Ullrich OCDS

Westlake Village, CA