

THE RULE

I A NEW PROPOSITION

OBSERVATIONS

1. The present text of the Rule was adopted during the 41st General Chapter and subsequently approved by the Holy See on January 26th 1987.

2. Since 1986, there have been significant developments in the Church and in the Institute which warrant a review of the present text of the Rule:

- new Church documents, for example, *Christifidelis laici* (1988), *Congregavit nos in unum* (1994) and *Vita Consecrata* (1996);
- the Institute's new understanding of Shared Mission and Association for the Educational Service of the Poor as contained in the propositions and documents of the 42nd and 43rd General Chapters.

3. During the 43rd General Chap-

ter, notes were received from individual Brothers and groups of Brothers on possible changes in the present text of the Rule. These would require a more in-depth study by a competent group, which would formulate recommendations that were more precise.

4. The 43rd General Chapter has passed several propositions that are scheduled to be implemented

before the next General Chapter, and which may require changes in the structures and policies of the Institute as described in the present Rule, as, for example:

- the international meeting around the year 2004 which will return to the topic of Association;
- the call on the sectors to create structures which will allow our Associates to have a greater right to speak and vote;
- the creation of a Standing Committee for the Lasallian Mission (proposition 7); and,



- an International Assembly on the Lasallian Educational Mission (proposition 8).

religious, priests, former students and friends, help one another to fulfil their specific roles.

Proposition 38

That Brother Superior General and his Council appoint an ad hoc Committee to study what implications changes in the Church and in the Institute might have for the present text of the Rule. This committee will present the results of its work to Brother Superior General and his Council at least two years before the 44th General Chapter.

Proposition 40

R 45

All that concerns the transfer of a Brother to another Institute, absence, exclaustation or dismissal, must conform to Canon Law and to the norms proper to the Institute (cf. AD 33-40).

AD 33.9. When the Brother Visitor gives a Brother leave of absence, he will inform Brother Superior General.

II MINOR CORRECTIONS IN THE TEXT OF THE RULE

The French text of the Rule is the reference document.

Proposition 39

R 17B

To fulfil the purpose of the school, the Brothers foster a spirit of collaboration and mutual enrichment among all the members of the educational community. They, that is, students, parents, teachers, other

Comments:

Current Canon Law allows Visitors the right to give permission for a year's leave of absence. It often happens that when these permissions expires, there is no follow up on the part of the Visitors, and the Brothers remain absent indefinitely and illegally.

Consequently, the staff of the Personnel Office are somewhat embarrassed by these cases which are not all that rare.

By adding the word *absence* in R

45 next to *exclaustration*, and referring to the norms of the Institute (AD: Administrator's Directory), the text will remain in accordance with the norms of the Church, and the text of the Rule will not be overloaded.

Proposition 41

R95B

Vows are made according to the norms of Canon Law and the following prescriptions:

1° Admission to vows is decided by Brother Visitor.

2° The request of the candidate is examined by a Chapter of admission, made up solely of finally professed Brothers, and whose composition is determined by the District Chapter. When first profession is involved, at least one member of the novitiate staff is invited to take part. When final profession is involved, the Chapter of admission must include the members of the District Council with perpetual vows. The vote of the Chapter is consultative, except in the case of perpetual profession, when it is deliberative.

3° The Brother Visitor invites the candidate to come in person to speak to the members of the Chapter of admission, so as to inform them more fully of the reasons for his decision. If he prefers, the candidate is free to explain his reasons in a letter addressed to the Brother Visitor or to the members of the Chapter of admission.

4° In the case of special difficulties concerning the proceedings of a Chapter of admission to vows, or the non-admission of a candidate, the latter or the Brother Visitor can refer the case to Brother Superior General.

5° When perpetual profession is involved:

- If the majority vote of the Chapter of vows is negative, the Brother Visitor cannot admit the candidate to vows. Either he himself or the candidate can always refer the case to Brother Superior General.

- The minutes of the Chapter of admission must be sent to Brother Superior General, together with Brother Visitor's

decision for or against the admission. Brother Superior confirms or sets aside the decision of the Brother Visitor. The ratification of Brother Superior General is indispensable for the validity of perpetual vows.

6° Vows are received: in any part of the Institute, by Brother Superior General or his delegate, by the Brother Vicar General or by one of the General Councillors; and in a District, by the Brother Visitor or his delegate.

Comments

In R138a-”The following acts require the consent of the District Council: 1° admission to final profession.” Admission to perpetual profession requires the consent (deliberative vote) of the Council participating as part of the Chapter of admission to vows. Consequently, it can be assumed that in the other cases of admission to vows the vote of the Chapter of admission is consultative.

However, R 95b 4° applies to all admissions to vows what is proper to a deliberative vote, that is, it does not allow the Visitor to ad-

mit to vows in the case of a majority negative vote.

In agreement with the opinion of the General Council, the commission proposes:

- That the deliberative vote be restricted solely to the Chapter of admission to perpetual profession;
 - That for admission to temporary vows, including first profession, the vote will be only consultative.
- The contents of R 95b will be redistributed, and paragraph 1 of 138a will be suppressed.
- 1 to 4: profession of vows in general,
 - 5: perpetual profession.

Some indications concerning the composition of the Chapter of admission and the role of Brother Visitor will be included also.

Proposition 42

R 106 (2nd paragraph)

The members by right of the General Chapter are: the Superior General, former Superiors General, the General Councillors and the Secretary General.

Proposition 43

R 127d 1°

Each Region designates its Re-

gional Coordinator and specifies his mandate and responsibilities in its statutes.

Comments:

That the expressions *Regional Representatives who are full-time* and *Permanent Representative* be suppressed in the Rule. When it refers to the Regional, only these terms should be used: *Régional* (in French and Spanish) and *Regional Coordinator* (in English).

Proposition 44

R 107A

In each District, Sub-District or Delegation, the Chapter or, failing this, the Brother Visitor, Auxiliary Visitor or Delegate, with the consent of his Council, determines the rules of procedure for the election of the allotted delegate or delegates, as well as for that of their substitutes, bearing in mind the following norms:

Comments:

This change aims to avoid any ambiguity which could give the impression that the Council is autonomous and capable of taking action on its own.

Proposition 45

R 119A

On the death or resignation or deposition of the Brother Superior General in office, the Brother Vicar General succeeds him with full rights and fills the office of Superior General with the title until the following ordinary General Chapter.

Comments:

A simple indication to remove any hesitation if the situation occurs.

Proposition 46

R 138D

1° Apart from cases where the Rule indicates expressly that the vote of the District Council is deliberative, this vote is only consultative.

2° What is said of the District Council applies also, all things considered, to Sub-District and Delegation Councils.

Comments:

This addition (138d 1°) clarifies the cases where the Rule does not indicate the nature of the vote of the District Council and of other Councils.

Proposition 47

R 19B paragraph 2

The work of the Brothers in such places becomes a presence of the Church, a witness to the charity of Christ, and a place for human and inter-religious dialogue and collaboration.

1718 from RC 1718 and add ch.2.

Margin of art.7: remove 1718 from RC 1718 and add ch.2.

26.3. P. 24 Margin of art 8: remove 1718 from RC 1718 and add ch.2

Margin of art.9: remove 1718 from RC 1718 and add ch.2

III Minor Corrections of terminology, typography, etc. in the FRENCH TEXT

P. 28 Margin of art 13c: add c.666

Proposition 48

P.11 Add AD = The Administrator's Directory

P. 35 Margin of art.19a replace AG 12 by AG 40.

P.12 Remove 1718 from RC 1718. This will leave space for the number of the chapter.

P. 37 Margin of art.21: remove 1718 from RC 1718

P. 39 Margin of art.25: remove 1718 from RC 1718.

P.21 Margin of art.1: remove 1718 from RC 1718

Margin of art.1: add 1° to B.

Margin of art.2: add 7° to B:

In art. 2: add *of the Spirit* after *faithful to the call*.

P. 42: In art.32, line 3 of § 3: *the calls of the Church* replaces *the needs of the Church*

P. 54 In art.54, last line of § 2, replace *le* (cohésion) by *la* (cohésion)

P.22 Margin of art.5: remove 1718 from RC 1718 and add ch.2.

P. 55 Margin of art.54c: add c666

P.23: Margin of art.6: remove

P. 64 In art.65, line 5. Read:

grâce, intercession

**In art.66, paragraph 2, line 2:
Read *père, qu'ils***

**P. 66 Margin of art.69: remove
1718 from RC 1718.**

**P. 69: Margin of art.75: remove
1718 from RC 1718.**

**P. 73 Margin of art. 80d add AD
Ch. 8**

P. 74 Margin of art.81: add c.661

**P. 75 Margin of art.82; add LG
11, 32, 39.**

Margin of art.83: add c.233

**P. 93 Margin of art.100 add PC
18**

**P. 106 Margin of art.112: add
cc.164-179**

**P. 112 Margin of art.118: add
cc.164-179.**

**Art. 118a 4?: in the second line
replace the full stop after “*celui-
ci*” by a
comma.**

**P. 113 At the end of art.118d add
(cf.122b).**

**P. 114 At the end of § 2 of
art.119: add (cf.122b).**

**P. 115 At the end of art.119b add
(cf. 122b).**

**Art.120, at the end of § 2: add *et
compte tenu de art.112.***

**Art 120, at the end of § 3: add
(cf.122b).**

**P. 116 At the end of art.120a: add
(cf.122b)**

**Art.120b, line 6, replace *ou* by
au.**

**Art.120b, end of article add (cf.
122b)**

**P. 117 At the end of art.120c add
(cf.122b).**

**P. 118 Margin of art.122a add
c.1292.**

**P. 130 Margin of art.132 add c.
624.**

**P. 137 Margin of art. 138c: add
c.1292,2**

**P. 138 Margin of art.139: replace
cc.634-640**

**P. 143 Margin of art.141 remove
1718 from RC 1718**

**P. 145 Margin of art.147 remove
1718 from RC 1718 and add
ch.16.**



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