

If the designated Leadership Team member grants an excused absence, she lets the delegate know ways in which she needs to be brought up to date on the Chapter proceedings during her absence.

If the designated Leadership Team member does not grant an excused absence, the delegate will need to move to another mode/level of participation. The President and sister then determine the appropriate mode/level of her participation.

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That at least 10 percent of those eligible to vote need to be elected as delegates.

Change to the Way of Life

70.2 That the election of Chapter members occurs at least three (3) months before Chapter

Enacted by the Congregational Chapter
April 2007

Sisters of the Holy Family



Changing the face of the mountain

Acts of the Chapter
2007

Focus of the 2007 Congregational Chapter

In order to live our mission as fully as possible we, as a Congregation, choose to explore our congregational configuration and our options for the future.

PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The Leadership Team (President with her Council) determines which sisters would be unable to select a mode/level of participation for Chapter.

The dates of Chapter and the modes/level of participation are to be sent to all eligible sisters. A sister selects a mode/level of participation and states in writing her reason(s) for choosing that mode/level of participation. A sister selecting the delegate mode/level of participation means that she is willing to have her name placed on the ballot.

The ballot will list the names of all sisters willing to be delegates to the Chapter. To vote for a sister, a mark must be placed next to her name. For a sister to be declared a delegate to the Chapter, she needs to receive one over half of the votes from ballots received. Since delegates are elected by the congregation, a delegate may change her mode/level of participation only with the consent of the President.

Delegates to the Chapter need to do all the preparation work, be willing to serve on committees, do any required reading, participate in all discussions and attend all meetings.

In dialogue with the sister, a member of the Leadership Team, designated by that Team, may grant an excused absence or change a mode/level of participation. In doing so, she takes into consideration:

- the purpose and collegial nature of the Chapter,
- the value of communal participation and understanding of materials, issues and decisions under consideration,
- the movement within the congregation during its preparation and Chapter sessions, and
- the major types of business and decisions made by the Chapter.

The 2007 Chapter commissioned the Leadership Team with the following:

- to engage the congregation in a process leading to a decision to have or not have an intermediate level of governance by Assembly 2008.
- to work toward strengthening the local level.
- to engage the congregation in a process in order to determine which option
 - stand alone
 - merge
 - refine
 - union
 - other

we choose to pursue for our future. The congregation is to make a decision to stand alone or continue to explore other options by Assembly 2009.