

Policy on Council Member's Recusal from Certain Decisions

Members of the Local Council do not take part in discernments or other Council actions pertaining to a relative. They are not to be present for any phase of the discernment or other decision-making processes, including interviews, discussion, and voting. This is to avoid the appearance of bias and to safeguard the harmony of the Council member's family should the person receive a negative vote.

Council members should give serious consideration to their objectivity when discerning the vocation of someone who is not a relative but with whom they are particularly close (e.g., a friend, protégé, mentor, or member of the same formation group). In these situations, recusal from the discernment process is strongly advised.

This statement supersedes all previous statements on OCDS Discernments of a Council Member's relative.

The online document is the only one to be considered official.

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