

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS

Art. 187 - The Chapter proceeds by separate ballots through written votes, to the election of the four General Councillors, in this order: first the General Vicar, then the General Secretary and successively the other two General Councillors. They immediately take part in the Chapter.

Afterwards, the Chapter elects the General Treasurer.

Art. 190 - § 3. She verifies the journey of each community of the Institute through the canonical visit that she or her delegate makes, at least once in six years and according to needs and circumstances.

(This Article 190.4 be removed from the Constitutions in order to insert it in the General Statutes as reformulated):

(190 § 4. She handles the matters of the Institute with the Holy See, and can also avail herself of the advice the Procurator General of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual.

Gen. St. 64: The Superior General handles the matters of the Institute with the Holy See and can also avail herself of the advice of the General Procurator of the OFMConv.)

Art. 199 - In order to act validly, the Superior General must seek the consent of her council in the following cases:

a. *approval of Particular Statutes.*

b. the erection of a house with the previous written permission of the diocesan Bishop;

(The particular Statutes after having been modified and approved by the Provincial Chapter must be submitted to the approval of the Superior General with the consent of her Council. This happens in practice, however in art. 199 this case was missing on the list).

Art. 205 - § 3. It is the responsibility of the Superior General with the consent of her council to open, modify and suppress a Province, ViceProvince, Delegation.

Art. 206 - The Provincial Chapter is the supreme authority of the Province. It is constituted by the sisters representing the Province, and as an expression of the Province itself. The Acts of the Chapter with any decisions must be submitted for the approval of the Superior General with the consent of her Council.

Art. 207 - § 2. The Provincial Chapter can *propose to erect and* suppress a Provincial Delegation. The decision is under the responsibility of the General Superior, with the consent of her Council.

Art. 213 - In separate balloting, the Provincial Chapter elects by written votes, the four Councillors in this order: first the Vicar Provincial, then the Provincial Secretary and successively the other two Provincial Councilors. They are immediately part of the Chapter.
The elections must be confirmed by the General Superior.

- Art. 215 - § 3. Once a year, personally or through one of her Councillors, she visits all the communities; and during the four-year period she makes her canonical visit at least once and according to needs and circumstances.
- Art. 231 - § 1. All the sisters are stable members in the house where they reside and in which they exercise their rights and fulfill their duties according to the Constitutions.
- § 2. Each sister in perpetual vows enjoys active and passive voice in only one house, one Province, Vice Province or General Delegation.
- § 3. It is permissible, the transfer of a sister, from one Province to another or to a General Delegation and it could be forever or for a determined period of time. After obtaining the opinion of the competent Major Superiors and having spoken with the sister, the General Superior can proceed with the transfer. The sister is ascribed to the Province in which she resides and exercises her rights and duties.
- § 4. A sister sent to another Province for an indefinite period of time, during the time that she remains there, she results ascribed and therefore exercises her rights and duties.

AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES

- 29 - § 1. A sister who has the real need to assist her parents has to bear in mind the commitments of community life, apostolic and working needs and should remind other members of her family of their responsibilities, safeguarding her vocation and her choice of life.
- § 2. Otherwise, the sister should request for permission of the leave of absence from the religious house, from the Provincial Superior who, with the consent of her Council, has the faculty of granting it up to one year. The Provincial Superior should inform the General Superior. Beyond 12 months, the authorization of the Holy See is required through the Superior General.
- § 3. During the time of absence the sister is granted the dispensation from cohabitation in the community, but retains all the rights and obligations that derive from the religious profession. To keep alive the sense of belonging to the religious family, the sister maintains the bond and the connection with the Institute through a community of her reference. She undertakes to participate in formative moments, significant celebrations, spiritual exercises, spiritual retreats or whatever is proposed. The major and local Superior are obliged to maintain constant relations with the sister who is absent, taking an interest in her situation and encouraging participation in the initiatives of the Institute.
64. The Superior General handles the matters of the Institute with the Holy See and can also avail herself of the advice of the General Procurator of the OFMConv. (the previous Gen. statute 64 has been eliminated, because of the new amendment to Const. 231.3)