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CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR THE REVISION OF THE *STATUTES OF REGNUM CHRISTI*

Guide for phase 2

First stage: Discernment of the 1st and 2nd degree members of *Regnum Christi*

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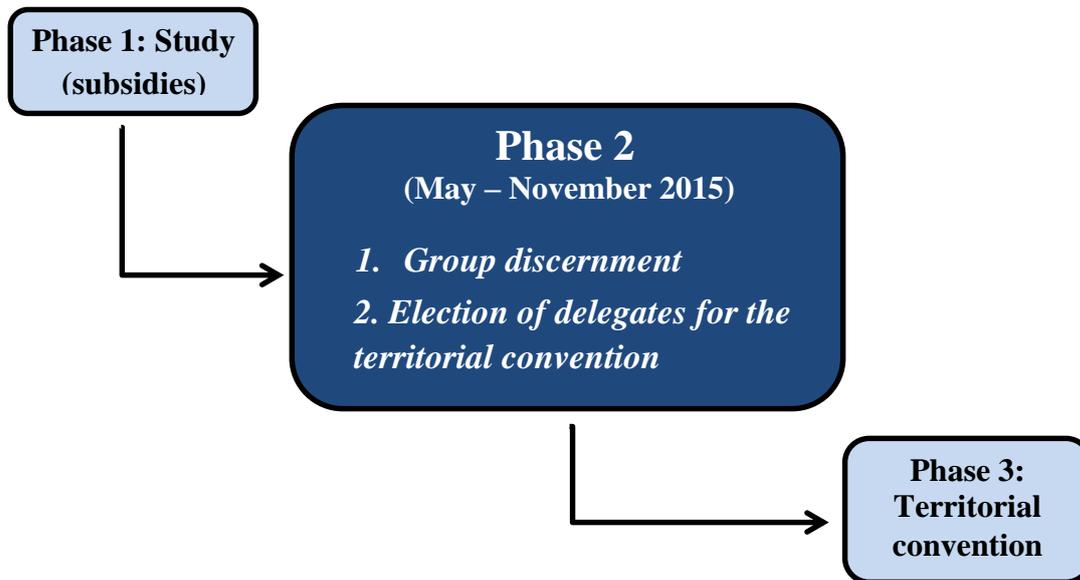
Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to explain how phase 2 of the first stage of the revision process of the *Statutes of Regnum Christi* will be carried out.

The general proposition of this first stage is that the 1st and 2nd degree members make the necessary discernment about their proper way of living the charism of the Movement, in order to prepare, in the later stages of the process, updated statutes and to present them to the Holy See.

Phase 2 begins in May 2015. Its main objective is to offer the 1st and 2nd degree members the opportunity to carry out two essential activities for the development of the process:

1. To participate in group discernment about the Working Document prepared by the Central Commission;
2. To register and vote to elect the delegates to the territorial conventions (which will take place during phase 3).



I. Group discernment

The 1st and 2nd degree members will be organized in groups to complete the discernment about the *Working Document*.

It is the task of the local leader¹, along with the section directors, to establish the most convenient way to organize the members according to the characteristics of his locality, taking into consideration those who might live geographically distant². The groups may be the same as in the study phase, the natural teams of the section, or however is convenient for allowing participation.

Each group should elect a moderator and a secretary³ so that these meetings run smoothly. The acts of the group's contributions should be sent to the local leader of the process according to the format and indications specified in the *Working Document*⁴.

Just as in Phase 1, the Legionaries and consecrated men and women of *Regnum Christi* are invited to participate in these sessions to listen, understand, support and share their experience with the 1st and 2nd degree members.

The themes common to all the *Regnum Christi* members (Legionaries, consecrated men and women, and 1st and 2nd degree members), as well as the local organization, government and administration, will be dealt with in the later stages.

The *Working Document*

This is the fundamental material for discernment that the 1st and 2nd degree members will be completing during Phases 2 and 3, which we are beginning. The document develops certain themes to enlighten reflection, either because of their importance in the life of the 1st and 2nd degree members or because of the need for greater clarity.

The structure of the *Working Document* is the following:

- Introduction
- I. Identity, purpose and spirit of the 1st and 2nd degree members
- II. Apostolic activity
- III. Spiritual life
- IV. Formation
- V. Members, incorporation and exit
- VI. Structure and direction
- VII. Authority and the place of the laity in the Ecclesial Movement of *Regnum Christi*

¹ Please read the section about the local leader in phase 2.

² The way in which they participate, either in person or at a distance, must be sought.

³ Please read the sections about the moderator and the secretary in phase 2.

⁴ See the *Presentation of the Working Document and methodology of group discernment*

II. The election of delegates for the territorial convention

The 1st and 2nd degree members may elect the delegates who will participate in the territorial conventions.

The election of delegates will take place along with the group discernment sessions. This will be done so that the delegates who participate in the territorial conventions can form their opinions by listening to and assimilating the reflections of the other members.

It is recommended that the local leaders, along with the section directors and moderation of the discernment groups, coordinate among themselves to organize meetings before the election that favors mutual knowledge among the members of the same Electoral College⁵, such as: summer courses, day or weekend get-togethers and discernment, etc. These types of activities are important to reduce the possible dispersion of votes and to make sure the elected delegates represent a significant majority in the territorial convention.

A. Parameters for the election process

Periods of registration and voting

The territorial commissions will define the periods of registration and election of the 1st and 2nd degree members in their territories within the following timeframe: between May 7th, when the system will be functioning; October 15th, when the registration of the participants will be closed; and November 15th, when the voting will close.

Each territorial commission will name someone to be in charge of the system of registration and election, who will coordinate with Fr. Carlos Martínez Teuscher, LC, secretary of the Central Commission.

***NOTE: In the Territory of North America, registration will take place May 7 2015 to June 30 2015. Voting will take place July 15 2015 to September 15 2015.**

Participants of the territorial convention by office

All the members of the territorial directive committee (Legionaries, consecrated men and women and 1st and 2nd degree members) and its secretary participate by office. The 1st and 2nd degree members of the committee can neither vote nor be voted for in the process of the election of the delegates, but they will have a voice and a vote during the territorial convention. The members of the consecrated branches will have a voice but not a vote in the territorial convention.

⁵ The Electoral College will be explained in the next section.

Delimitación de los colegios electorales

The Electoral College is a group of 1st and 2nd degree members, delimited by the territorial commission, who can vote for each other to be delegates to the territorial convention.

An Electoral College can include the members of: a whole locality, many localities together, one or more parts of a locality (for example, one or more sections) or the same category (for example, young men or young women of a territory).

The territorial commissions will delimit the Electoral Colleges, looking to assure the following:

1. That all the realities of the territory can be represented in the territorial convention (such as geographical zones, ages, culture, etc.);
2. That all the members of the same Electoral College know each other, as much as possible⁶;
3. That the estimated numbers of members incorporated into *Regnum Christi* in each college have a similar number, as much as possible⁷.

Here we propose an example of the delimitation of the Electoral College in the territory of Greece, according to the criteria just mentioned:

1. Athens East men's section
2. Athens East women's section
3. Youth section of Athens
4. Athens South (men and women)
5. Athens West (men and women)
6. Philippi
7. Corinth, Delphos
8. Youth sections of Greece (except Athens)
9. Patmos, Rhodes, Santorini
10. Crete
11. Mykonos, Thessalonica, Troy
12. Sparta

The number of 1st and 2nd degree delegates to participate in each Electoral College

- a. Defining the total number of participants in the territorial convention:

The territorial commission should first determine the total number of participants in the territorial convention, in order then to define the number of delegates who will participate in each Electoral College.

⁶ Meetings that foster this mutual knowledge should be organized.

⁷ The number of incorporated members is the best base to estimate the number of members who will be registered in each Electoral College.

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The maximum possible number in one territorial convention will be 120 people, including the members of the consecrated branches.

The total number of participants in a territorial convention should not only permit the representation of the different realities of the territory, but also the participation of all during the convention, dialogue and the possibility of reaching resolutions within the available time. Therefore, each territory should seek the appropriate size for its reality.

b. Calculating the total number of 1st and 2nd degree delegates who will participate in the territorial convention:

Once the total number of delegates is set, these are the following steps that will be followed to calculate the number of 1st and 2nd degree delegates who will participate in the territorial convention:

1. El 80% of the participants in the territorial convention will be 1st and 2nd degree delegates, who will participate with a voice and vote; the other 20% will be members of the consecrated branches of *Regnum Christi*, who will participate by voice, but without a vote.

Continuing with the example, in order to better explain each step to calculate the number of 1st and 2nd degree delegates who will participate in the territorial convention of Greece, we put the total number of participants at 80:

Total number of participants in the territorial convention of Greece	80
Number of 1 st and 2 nd degree delegates (80%)	64

2. The 1st and 2nd degree members of the territorial directive committee will participate by office, with voice and vote.

Continuing with the example, now let's suppose that there are four 1st or 2nd degree members in the territorial directive committee:

Total number of participants in the territorial convention of Greece	80
Number of 1 st and 2 nd degree delegates	64
1 st and 2 nd degree members of the territorial directive committee (participate by office)	4
Remaining seats for 1 st and 2 nd degree members in the territorial convention	60

3. Each Electoral College will send at least one delegate to the territorial convention.

Continuing with the example, let's consider the twelve Electoral Colleges in Greece:

Total number of participants in the territorial convention of Greece	80
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Number of 1 st and 2 nd degree delegates	64
1 st and 2 nd degree members of the territorial directive committee (participate by office)	4
Remaining seats for 1 st and 2 nd degree members in the territorial convention	60
One delegate from each Electoral College in Greece	12
Remaining seats for 1 st and 2 nd degree delegates	48

4. The remaining available seats for the 1st and 2nd degree delegates will be distributed proportionally among the Electoral Colleges. These steps must be followed:

- a. Close the registration process on the appointed day;
- b. Calculate the proportion of participation of each Electoral College based on the following formula:

$$\text{Proportion of participation of an Electoral College in the convention} = \frac{\text{Number of members registered in the Electoral College}}{\text{Total number of members registered in the territory}}$$

- c. Calculate the additional number of seats for each Electoral College with the following formula:

$$\text{Additional number of 1st and 2nd degree delegates of each Electoral College} = \text{Proportion of participation of an Electoral College in the convention} \times \text{Total number of remaining seats for 1st and 2nd degree delegates}$$

Supposing that the number of members registered in each Electoral College of Greece is what appears in the table, we would have the following conclusion:

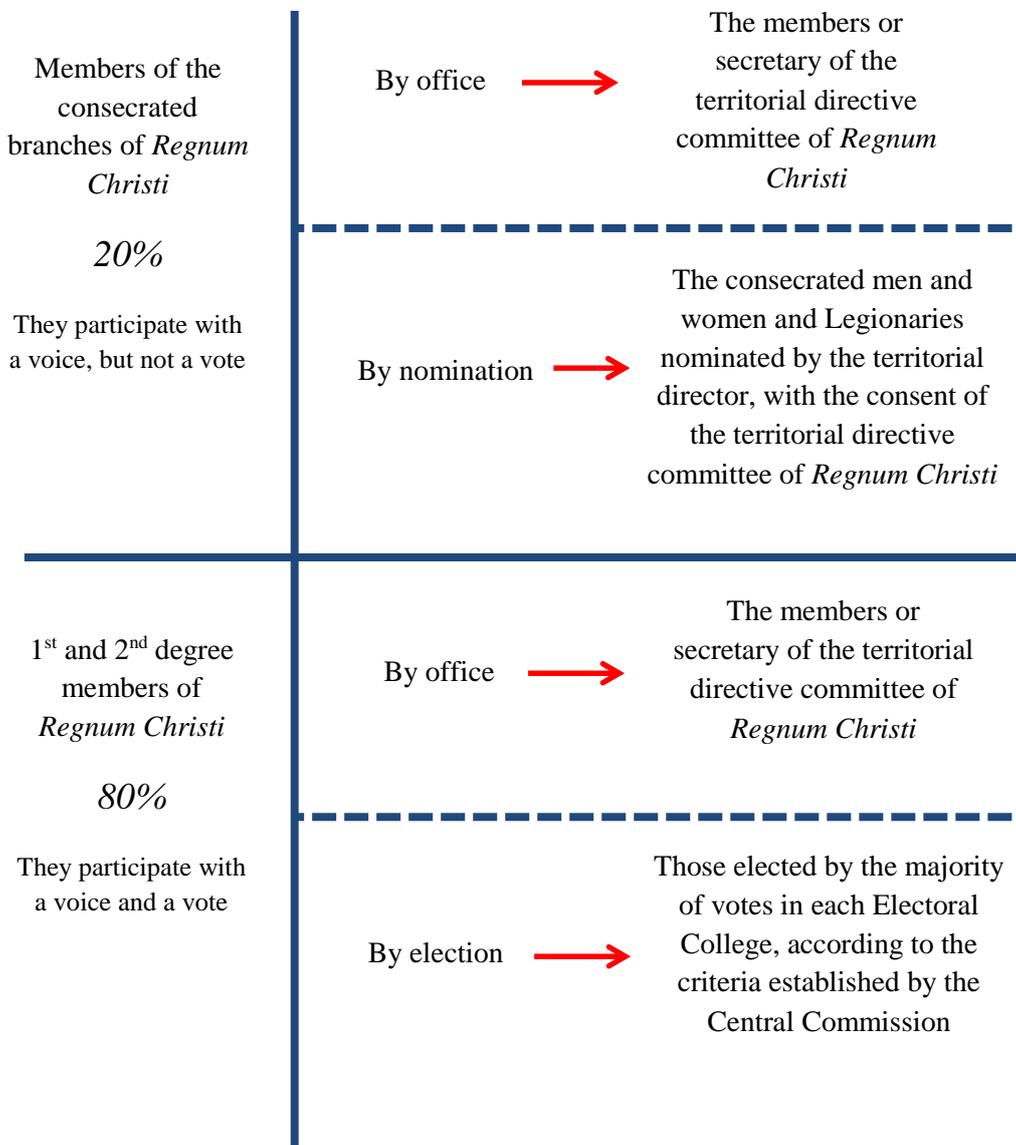
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	Number of registered members in the Electoral College	Proportion of the participation of each Electoral College in the convention	Additional number of 1 st and 2 nd degree delegates in each Electoral College	Total number of delegates of each Electoral College of the territory of Greece
Athens East men's section	200	10%	5	6
Athens East women's section	400	19%	9	10
Youth section of Athens	100	5%	2	3
Athens South (men and women)	140	7%	3	4
Athens West (men and women)	250	12%	6	7
Philippi	120	6%	3	4
Corinth, Delphos	254	12%	6	7
Youth sections of Greece	200	10%	5	6
Patmos, Rhodes, Santorini	100	5%	2	3
Crete	50	2%	1	2
Mikonos, Thessalonica, Troy	30	1%	1	2
Sparta	250	12%	6	7
Total members registered in the territory	2094	100%	48	60

1 st and 2 nd degree members of the territorial directive committee of Greece (participate by office)	4
Total number of 1 st and 2 nd degree delegates from Greece (80%)	64

Participants of the consecrated branches in the territorial convention named by the territorial director, with the consent of the territorial directive committee

The delegates of the consecrated branches who do not participate by office will be named by the territorial director, with the consent of the territorial directive committee. They will give priority to those Legionaries and consecrated men and women of *Regnum Christi* who have more experience with and closeness to the apostolate with 1st and 2nd degree members. They will participate with a voice, but not a vote, in the territorial convention.

Synthesis of who will participate in the territorial convention



B. Voting and election of the delegates

Registration to participate in the election

Any incorporated 1st or 2nd member of *Regnum Christi* can register to participate in the election of delegates to the territorial conventions on this website: <http://www.regnumchristi.org/comissione/register/>. On registering, the members should include their corresponding Electoral College⁸ and will be asked whether they would be disposed to attend the territorial convention as a delegate.

The registered member will receive an email with the information about the election.

It is the duty of the local leader to verify with the section directors that the registered voters be incorporated members of *Regnum Christi*.

Requirements for being voted for as a delegate

Any incorporated member who is legitimately registered to participate in the election, has accepted to be disposed to be elected as a delegate at registration, is at least 18 years of age, and has been an incorporated member of the *Regnum Christi* Movement for at least three years.

It is the task of the local leader to verify with the section directors that the possible registered delegates fulfill these requirements.

Election of the delegates

The registered voters may legitimately vote for the delegates from their Electoral College through a link that will arrive by e-mail when the territorial elections open and can only be used once. They will be able to vote in the time frame established by their respective territorial commission. Each voter may vote for two members of his Electoral College.

Counting and publication of the results of the voting

The counting of the votes will be made by a specifically-designed online system. The members of the Central Commission and of the territorial commissions will automatically receive the results of the voting simultaneously on the day the voting closes.

Based on the results of the voting and the criteria to calculate the number of delegates from each Electoral College who will participate in the territorial convention, the territorial commissions should publish the name of the delegates elected to participate in

⁸ The list of Electoral Colleges of the territory will be published.

the convention on the website of the Central Commission and the corresponding section directors. The names of all the members who have received votes in each Electoral College, as well as the number of votes received by each, will appear in the published lists.

In the event of a tie, the territorial commission should break it, according to the following criteria:

1. If the tie is between the two most voted members, priority will be given to the one who has been incorporated into the Movement for the longest time, and if this is equal, the older one will be elected⁹;
2. If two are tied for second place, the election will go to:
 1. The member of the sex opposed to the delegate who has already been elected;
 2. The member of a different section (youth or adults) than those already elected;
 3. The member who belongs to a different geographical zone, if possible¹⁰.

In the event of an eventual substitution (because of sickness, impossibility, etc.), the one who has received the next highest number of votes will be considered the substitute delegate. If there is a tie, the above criteria will be followed.

Responsibilities of the delegates to the conventions

The delegates should assume the following responsibilities:

1. To know the reflections, opinions and concerns of the members of their Electoral Colleges about the questions discussed during group discernment and the form responsibly their own opinion about what seems to them to be God's will;
2. To know and to assimilate the subsidies studied in phase 1;
3. To participate actively in the discernment of the territorial convention;
4. After the territorial convention, to be available to inform the members of their Electoral College and other members and friends of *Regnum Christi* about what went on during the territorial convention.

⁹ It is the duty of the territorial commission to verify with the section directors the incorporation dates of the members tied in the voting.

¹⁰ Two localities or different cities are considered different geographical zones.

III. Agents of phase 2

A. The territorial commission

During phase 2, in addition to the responsibilities mentioned in the “Regulations of the territorial commissions for the revision of the Statutes of *Regnum Christi*”, the territorial commissions must:

1. Promote and keep alive in all the members of the territory the motives, principles and values that inspire the process according to the document *Motives, principles and values that inspire the revision process of the Statutes of Regnum Christi*;
2. Train and accompany the local leaders so that they promote the participation and completion of this phase in their locality;
3. Translate the *Working Document*, if necessary, and make it accessible to all the members of the territory;
4. Establish the periods of registration and voting for the 1st and 2nd degree members of the territory;
5. Determine the size of the territorial convention and configure the Electoral Colleges;
6. Name someone to be in charge of the system of registration and voting, who will coordinate with Fr. Carlos Martínez Teuscher, LC, secretary of the Central Commission.
7. Follow up on registration process of the voters and publish in their territory the number of members registered and the list of the members who can be voted for in each Electoral College;
8. Assure by means of the local leaders that the section directors have verified that the members registered in the process are in fact incorporated into *Regnum Christi*;
9. Assign the number of delegates from each Electoral College and follow up on the voting results, breaking the ties and assigning eventual substitutes;
10. Make known the names of the delegates who will form the territorial convention by means of the website of the Central Commission: <http://www.regnumchristi.org/comissione/introduction/>;
11. Prepare the territorial convention for phase 3.

B. The local leader and his team

The mission of the local leader is to carry out the stage of discernment of the 1st and 2nd degree members in his locality. Therefore, he needs to understand the process, be able to explain it clearly to the members in his locality and answer their questions. Together with the section directors, he must seek the best way to adapt phase 2 to the needs of the members in his locality. He should involve the people who can enrich the experience of the participants with his leadership or mission. He is helped by a team of people to implement the process efficiently.

The operative tasks of the local leader in phase 2 are the following:

1. To promote and keep alive in all the members of the territory the motives, principles and values that inspire the process according to the document *Motives, principles and values that inspire the revision process of the Statutes of Regnum Christi*;
2. To define, together with the section directors, the best way to:
 - organize the groups for discernment about the *Working Document*;
 - boost the registration and voting of the 1st and 2nd degree members;
 - verify that all the registered members are indeed incorporated members of *Regnum Christi*;
3. To assure that the group moderators are trained and accompanied;
4. To seek the way for members of the same Electoral College to get to know each other;
5. To send the acts with the contributions of the discernment groups to the territorial commission and to the delegates of the corresponding Electoral Colleges.

C. The section directors

The updated statutes that will be submitted to the Holy See will better express the identity, life and mission of the 1st and 2nd degree members of *Regnum Christi* in the measure that they are involved in the first phase. Therefore, the section directors are asked to support the local leaders in implementing the process.

The responsibilities of the section director in phase 2 are the following:

1. To foster an atmosphere of family and prayer, in which the members can express their opinions, doubts and concerns with respect and freedom;
2. To motivate the members of their sections to register and participate in the election;
3. To verify that the members registered in the process are in fact incorporated into the Movement.

D. Moderators of the discernment groups

They are in charge of organizing and encouraging the participation of the *Regnum Christi* members in the discernment sessions about the *Working Document*. The moderators should inspire the members of their groups to ask for much light from the Holy Spirit and to listen to his voice in the contributions of their brothers and sisters in the Movement and in their own life experience. They should make sure that everyone who wants may share their reflections.

The responsibilities of the moderator are the following:

1. To promote the spirit that encourages the process and to understand well the objectives and the development proposed for the stage of discernment of the 1st and 2nd degree members in their locality;
2. To interact regularly with the local leader and his section director to assure that their groups have the tools and information necessary to participate in the process in a significant way;
3. To study the *Working Document* offered by the Central Commission in order to be able to carry out the discernment process according to the proposed order and to clarify possible doubts;
4. To convoke the members of their groups to the discernment sessions;
5. To motive the members of their groups to register and participate in the election process.

E. Secretary of the discernment group

The secretary is in charge of taking notes during the group discernment sessions. He should make an effort to capture the essential points of the members' contributions. He should send the local leader the contributions of the group according to the format and indications specified in the *Working Document*¹¹.

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¹¹ See *Presentation of the Working Document and methodology of group discernment*