

**STATUTES  
AND  
POLICIES  
OF THE  
MEXICAN MISSION**

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**THE MEXICAN MISSION STATUTES**

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## TITLE I: Community Life

1. The Mexican Mission is part of the Congregation of Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Atlantic Province. The Mission is governed respectively by the Provincial and Mission Statutes.
2. The translation of the official title of the Congregation in the Mexican Mission will be: "Missionaries of the Precious Blood." Each member adds to his personal name the initials C.P.P.S. (S. 1)
3. The Roman cassock with sash and the crucifix with chain is the official insignia of membership. They are conferred at the time of incorporation. (PS, S,2)
4. The manual of prayers contains the official prayers for the use in the Mission (PS S. 6) Whenever possible, the liturgical feasts of the Congregation are to be celebrated in community.
5. Members of the Mission are to gather for the annual retreat at a time and place determined by the Mission Director. Anyone who wishes to do otherwise is to inform the Mission Director of his arrangements. (PS S 7)
6. Furthermore, members are encouraged to develop their spiritual life through other means offered by the community or diocese where one works: days of recollection, theological and pastoral conferences, reading and praying of sacred scripture, and the frequent reception of the sacrament of reconciliation. (C. 13)
7. At the death of the Holy Father or the Moderator General, a Mass of suffrage is to be celebrated in every Mission House or residence. In addition, at the death of a member of the Province or candidate in its formation program, a Mass is to be celebrated by each priest. All other members are to participate in one such Mass.
8. At the death of a member, a candidate, or the parent of a member, a candidate, or a benefactor of the Mission, the Mission Director immediately informs the Provincial Director and all other members of the Mission.
9. At the death of a member of the Mission, he is to be interred where he has expressed his desire in his will.
10. Once a year, each priest member is to celebrate a Mass for all the deceased members of our Province and another Mass for all the deceased members of the other provinces. All other members are to participate in a Mass annually for all the deceased members of our Province and another Mass annually for all the deceased members of the other provinces. (S. 7)

11. Each year, preferably during the community retreat, the following Masses are to be celebrated by every priest: a) for the faithful departed, b) for the deceased of the Congregation, c) for the deceased relatives and benefactors. All others are to participate in one Mass for each of the above intentions. (PS, S.9)
12. The three Masses prescribed in Article S. 7 of the Normative Texts (one for all the faithful departed, one for all the deceased Members of the Congregation, and one for the deceased relatives and benefactors) are to be celebrated at the annual Assembly. (S. 7)
13. The bond of charity extends also to the sick and aged. When a member needs to be hospitalized, he informs the Mission Director who informs the other members (C. 11)
14. The diocesan norms ought to be observed in respect to Mass stipends. Each member turns over his stipends to the house where he lives. (S. 8)
15. Without prejudice to Article C. 16 and S. 8 of the Normative Texts, in reference to expenses, personal income and other benefits not stipulated, the decision about what is personal and what is official is in the hands of the Provincial Director and his Council.
16. Only the Provincial Assembly can initiate, change, or abrogate economic expenditures of the Congregation. Safeguarding the Normative Texts and the Provincial Statutes, the Provincial Assembly reserves the right to determine what constitutes an extraordinary expense for the Mission. The Provincial Assembly also reserves the right to approve such expenses.
17. The use and the ownership of vehicles are determined by the Provincial Director and his Council. (NT, S. 9)
18. The Provincial Director, with the consent of his Council, determines the monthly allowance of definitively incorporated members. They also approve subsidies sought by a residence and/or an individual member.
19. Members can accept donations and offerings for projects officially approved and proper to the Mission. The Treasurer of the Province or of the Mission receives the donations and issues the receipts. For projects that are not proper to the Mission, such as for the local parish, the donations and the offerings will be the responsibility of the person who is in charge of that particular project. Without the permission of the Mission Director, no one is to solicit funds, in general, from people outside of the Congregation for the benefit of an individual or for some other religious entity.

20. Every year, the members are entitled to an appropriate vacation regulated by Provincial Statutes. (PS. Section I, Title I, 3b) A member is to inform the Mission Director of the time of his vacation. In fraternal charity, it is expected that each member will endeavor to assist other members when the need arises.
21. By the time of incorporation, each member should deposit, with the Mission Office and Provincial Office, a copy of his last will and testament, approved by an attorney, as well as instructions pertaining to burial arrangements. Members are to review these matters periodically to insure their current status. Each member is encouraged to remember in his will the needs of the Province. (PS, S. 14)

## **TITLE II: THE APOSTOLATE**

22. The Mission Assembly can approve a new apostolate or suppress one already existing, the Assembly also has the authority to open a new residence or suppress one already existing. (S. 11 and C. 80)
23. The members are to live in the residence designated by the Mission Director. The mission Director will inform the Provincial of the addresses of the members so that they are included in the official directory of the Congregation. (C. 80)The
24. Provincial Director and the Mission Director visit each residence and each member of the Mission at least once during their term of office. (S. 51)
25. With the consent of the Provincial Director and his Council, the Mission Assembly can authorize a new personal apostolate for an individual member. If this is done, it is for a period of three years renewable for another three years .
26. All appointments will be made by the Mission Director with the consent of the Provincial Director, in consultation with the member. The Mission Director submits the appointment to the local ordinary for his approval.

### **TITLE III: FORMATION AND INCORPORATION**

27. Every member of the Mission promotes the growth of the Congregation through living the Spirituality of the Precious Blood, by prayer, word, and by overall witness of his life. Priest members will offer one Mass annually for vocations and non-priests members participate in one such Mass.
28. The Provincial Director appoints a Director of Formation and a Formation Committee. The Mission is to have a Vocation and Formation Programs that correspond to the norms approved by the Provincial Director and his Council. (S. 17 and S. 18)
29. The Program of Special Formation that is referred to in article C. 35 of the Normative Texts is to be approved by the Mission Director and his Council with the consent of the Provincial Director and his Council. (C. 35)
30. For a candidate to receive Definitive Incorporation, the Provincial Director must have the consent of his Councilors, after having received the recommendation of the Formation Committee and the recommendation of the members of the congregation of the residence in which he lived during his formation. (C. 36)
31. Each candidate petitions in writing for his Incorporation to the Provincial Director after having completed satisfactory his period of Special Formation. (C. 38)
32. Safeguarding the Norms of Canon Law and the Provincial Statutes, a candidate requesting orders must be a definitively incorporated member. After completing satisfactorily his formation, a candidate receives, at his request, Definitive Incorporation. He must be at least 24 years of age.
33. Once the Provincial Director, with the consent of his Council, approves the candidate's reception, the Decree of Incorporation is sought by the Provincial Director from the Moderator General. Dimissorial Letters for ordination likewise are sought by the Provincial Director from the Moderator General. (C. 40)
34. The Provincial Director or his Delegate admits the candidate to Incorporation according to the approved Rite of the Congregation.
35. The Mission Director receives all C.P.P.S. members who desire to minister in the Mission always with the approval of their respective Provincial Director. Members who are not from the Atlantic Province enjoy all the privileges and benefits of the Mission members while they remain in its service, safeguarding the policy of members working from one unit to another. An appropriate contract will be written.

36. A definitively incorporated member, for a grave reason, after consulting with the Mission Director, may request in writing, from the Provincial Director, permission to live outside the Congregation for a period of one year, safeguarding the prescriptions of Canon Law. A formal contract will be written.
37. For a grave reason, a definitively incorporated member may request, through the Mission Director or directly to the Moderator General, an Indult to live outside the Congregation or an Indult to join a diocese or another Society of Apostolic Life, safeguarding the prescriptions of Canon Law, the General Statutes, and Provincial Statutes.
38. For a grave reason, a definitively incorporated member may request a Decree of Departure through the Mission Director or directly to the Moderator General. The Provincial Director is informed, safeguarding the prescription of Canon Law, the General Statutes, and the Provincial Statutes.
39. A member who leaves the Congregation or is dispensed, cannot ask to be remunerated for his work in the Congregation or in its residences or for any other reason. Also he forfeits his right to the monthly allowance once given the particular Decree. Nevertheless, charity demands that the Congregation help the ex-member establish himself in his new state of life. Such help is to be determined by the Provincial Director and his Council. (NT. S. 25)
40. The Mission in no way assumes any responsibility for the personal debts of a member.
41. The Mission is governed by the Provincial Statutes regarding Dismissals and Departures.



## **TITLE IV: GOVERNMENT**

42. The Provincial Assembly, in conformity with the Normative Texts, Provincial Statutes, and the Statutes exercises the Supreme Authority over of the Mission. (NT., S. 29)
43. Only the Provincial Assembly and the Mission Assembly have the authority to define, amend, interpret, create or suppress an Article of these Statutes. In case of doubt as to the interpretation of a Mission Statute, the Mission Director with the consent of his Council makes a practical judgment until a decision can be made at the next Provincial Assembly and/or Mission Assembly. (S. 29)
44. Safeguarding the norms of Canon Law, any member definitively incorporated for a period of three years, is eligible to hold the office of Mission Director. The Mission Director is to be elected for a period of four years.
45. The Mission Director cannot establish policies or plans contrary to the Statutes or the Assembly of the Province and the Mission.
46. In case the Mission Director cannot exercise his office for some time, for the office becomes vacant for any reason, the Provincial appoints a new Director for his term, safeguarding the Norms of the Provincial Statutes.
47. The Provincial Director appoints the Mission Treasurer, who works in conjunction with the Provincial Treasurer, and determines his term of office and also his associate, in the event of his absence. (NT., S.50)
48. The Mission Treasurer, working in conjunction with the Provincial Treasurer, is responsible for:
  - a) Taking care of the financial state of the Mission.
  - b) Giving an annual report to the members and to the Provincial Treasurer.
  - c) Allowing any member to see the accounting books if they ask.
  - d) Requesting, if he wishes, the members for a complete financial report of their residence.
  - e) Reviews the financial report of each residence with the members of that residence and reviews extraordinary expenses. (S. 49)
  - f) Each residence gives a monthly statement to the Treasurer. (S. 49)

49. The Provincial Assembly ordinarily is held once every two years and the Mission Assembly is held once a year before that of the Provincial Assembly. (A. 26)
50. All the definitively incorporated members of the Mission have the right to active and passive voice at the Assembly, safeguarding Articles S. 21, 22, 23, 24 of the Normative Texts. (C. 57)
51. At this moment, the Mexican Mission consists of one parish only.
52. The Provincial Assembly ordinarily is held once every two years and the Mission Assembly is held once a year before that of the Provincial Assembly.
53. Other individuals can assist as observers, always having been invited by the Provincial Director and his Council and only with consultative voice. (A 6)
54. A “quorum” for the Assembly exists by simple majority (one more than half) of all the definitively incorporated members.
55. The minutes (“Acta”) of the Mission Assembly are signed by the Mission Director and the Secretary of the Assembly; and they are sent to the Provincial Director for his approval and also sent to the Secretary General. (A. 28)
56. When it deems it necessary, the Assembly can establish a collegial body to deal with some important Mission item; regulating the competency of this group and the length of time designated to complete their work. (S. 42)

**SECTION II**  
**MEXICAN MISSION POLICIES**

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## **TITLE I - INQUIRY FORMATION FOR THE MEXICAN MISSION**

The purpose of the Inquiry Formation is to provide a space to help people who present signs of a vocation and who feel attracted to our congregation to make a personal choice for Christ and grow in their vocation of service to the Church through our congregation. One of the objectives is to help the person respond actively and responsibly to the call that he perceives he has received from God. The Formator helps him in this process of self-understanding and discernment and also empowers him to make a personal decision to enter into the Initial Formation Program of the congregation or not. This is done through an evaluation of the individual's skills and talents and his capacity to live in community. Toward the end of this inquiry process, the inquirers are offered an opportunity to live in community for a prolonged period of time to experience the bond of charity, times opportunities of prayer, and to be involved more closely in the life of a missionary of our congregation while continuing his discernment. This would be done at the appropriate level of the inquirer based upon the human, Christian, community, and apostolic dimensions based upon the Normative Texts of our congregation.

## **TITLE II - CONDITIONS FOR ENTERING THE CONGREGATION OF MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**

1. The inquirer is known to have been an active participant in a Christian community for at least a year.
2. The inquirer shows signs of a vocation to the congregation and to the service of the Church observable through his attitude, basic talents and skills, and his Christian and human conduct.
3. The inquirer while at home has shown some vocational discernment.
4. The inquirer has finished successfully his high school education.
5. The inquirer completes the psychological and medical exams.
6. The inquirer enjoys good physical and mental health.
7. All the required documentation that the congregation seeks has been obtained before his formal entrance into Initial Formation.
8. The inquirer puts into writing his desire to be admitted into the Initial Formation Program of the congregation.

### **TITLE III - The Inquiry House**

9. It is important that the inquirer has a minimum experience of community life and all that it entails such as fraternity, physical labor responsibly, clean-up after meals and, at times, preparing meals for the household, time for personal and communal prayer, and attendance at the Eucharist on a regular basis.
10. Furthermore, the inquirer uses his time well and participates in community activities such as meals, prayers, and days away.

## **TITLE IV - Formation**

11. For the Mexican Mission, it is proposed to accept candidates at the philosophy level which is the norm here in Mexico.
12. It is further proposed that the year of Special Formation be done with the units of Latin America.
13. It is also proposed that Advanced Formation be done at the Javeriana in Columbia with the other units of Latin America leaving open the possibility that an individual student may be sent to Rome or some other place for Advanced Formation and studies.