



December 8, 2025

TO: Milwaukee District Council Conference Presidents

FM: Milwaukee District Council Nomination Committee (Lisa Simmons, Rich Mueller, Penny Krafczyk))

SUBJECT: District Council President Nomination and Election Process

Dear Conference Presidents,

We want to let you know that the original deadline for the nomination of the next District Council president has been extended until December 31, 2025.

The first three-year term of the President of the District Council of Milwaukee held by Mike Farrell will expire on September 30, 2026. As stated in Part III, Statute 12 of the Rule, **"The term of office of a District Council President is three (3) years, once renewable. Once a President has served for two consecutive three-year terms, that person will not be eligible for re-election as President until a three-year term has elapsed under a different President."**

Mike let us know that he is not planning to run for a second three (3) year term, so in compliance with the Rule, we want to let you know that the nomination process for Council President is open to any SVDP conference member that a conference would like to nominate for the position.

Please keep in mind that the Rule requires that the candidate:

- (1) Be an active member of the Society (member of a conference)
- (2) Receive no compensation from the Society (staff are not eligible)
- (3) Be a lay person (members of the clergy, including Permanent Deacons, are not eligible)
- (4) Be in good standing with the Archbishop

Consideration should be given to the fact that this position requires a firm commitment of time, energy, and enthusiasm for the Society and its mission. We have included a sheet on Council Leadership taken from page 32 of the Revised Manual(October 2024) of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States. This describes in greater detail the role of the Council President.

Attached is a nomination form for you to fill out with the name of any Vincentian you would like to nominate to be the next Milwaukee District Council President. The original deadline has been extended until December 31, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the election process, you may contact our Nominating Committee Chair, Lisa Simmons, at jsimmons8@me.com or Executive Director, Debbie Duskey, at dduskey@svdpmilw.org or by phone at (414) 667-0241.

With grateful appreciation for all that you do,

Lisa, Rich and Penny
Milwaukee District Council Nomination Committee

REVISED ELECTION PROCESS TIMETABLE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL for the term beginning October 1, 2026 and ending on September 30, 2029

- In early October 2025 - Nominating Committee e-mails/sent a letter and nomination form to all Conference Presidents inviting nominations for District Council President.
- On December 8, 2025 another letter was sent to conference presidents letting them know the deadline had been extended to nominate a person for District Council President.
- By December 31, 2025 - Nomination forms are due. (If your conference chooses to make a nomination, be certain to check with the nominee first and obtain his/her consent to run).
- By January 15, 2026 – Nominating Committee contacts all nominees to see if they agree to run and gets a statement of assent and biographical information from all eligible candidates.
- By January 22, 2025- Nominating Committee e-mails/sends statement of assent and biographical information on the candidates to all Conference Presidents, along with a secret ballot.
- From January 22, 2026, through early March 2026 - Presidents take time to review the material on the candidates with their members in order to become familiar with them.
- In March 2026 - Conference members vote at a conference meeting by secret ballot for District Council President. The candidate who gets the most votes is that conference's choice for president. Each conference gets one vote and enters their choice on the secret ballot provided to them.
- By March 26, 2026 - Secret Ballots are due and returned to the Nominating Committee in the original envelope provided to them.
- By March 31, 2026 – Nominating Committee meets, counts the secret ballots and announces who was elected as the next District Council President.
- By September 30, 2026 – the New District Council President is installed at a District Council Meeting.