

# DIOCESAN COUNCIL ELECTION – NOMINATION FAQs

1. Who is eligible to nominate and support a candidate?

Any elected Parish representative/ Vicar can support and or nominate the candidature of other members to the post of Diocesan Secretary, Priest Representatives and Lay Representatives.

2. How many nomination/ supports can be made by one person/ representative?

As the number of Priest representatives and Lay representatives for UK-Europe Diocese is limited to 2 and 4 respectively, the maximum number of nomination/supports furnished by one diocesan representative to the post of Diocesan Secretary, Priest Representative(s) and Lay Representative(s) shall be limited to 1, 2 and 4 respectively.

3. Whether a Lay person is eligible to nominate/ support a Priest Representative and vice-versa (Priest is eligible to nominate/ support Lay Representative?)

Yes. Priests and Layperson can nominate / support the candidature for Diocesan Secretary, Priest Representative and Lay person Representative.

4. Can a candidate Nominate/ support another person's candidature

Yes, as long as the total number of allowable limits as mentioned in point 2 above does not exceed including his nomination. For example, a Diocesan Secretary candidate cannot nominate / support any other Diocesan secretary candidate. A priest Representative candidate can nominate / support maximum one more priest rep candidate and a layperson candidate can nominate/support upto 3 lay person candidates.

5. Whether digital signature of the candidate, Nominating person, supporter is acceptable

Yes. Digital signature is acceptable in digital sign version of the pdf and also signature insertion is acceptable.

6. Can one person contest for two posts (Diocesan secretary and Lay person representative or Diocesan secretary and Priest representative)?

No. One person can contest for only one position

7. Is it necessary to submit the Nomination in the Nomination form issued to the candidate from the diocesan office?

Yes. For Auditing purpose and smooth functioning of the process, all candidates should submit the nomination form in the specific form issued on request to the candidate

8. Is it necessary that the name of the Candidate should be exactly the same as mentioned in the endorsement form submitted from the Parish

Yes. It must be the same name.

Can a nomination form re-submitted before the end date of submission.

9. Yes, upon written request from the candidate a new form could be submitted and the previous one will be withdrawn from the system before the due submission end date.

## **Key Dates:**

Last date for Request of Nomination form: 15 May 2023 3 PM

Last date for Submission of Nomination from: 15 May 2023 5 PM

Approval/ Rejection of Nominations and first list of candidates: 17 May 5PM

Last date for withdrawal of nominations: 20 May 5PM

Declaration of Final List of Candidates: 20 May 10PM

Any further clarifications, please contact Diocesan Secretary or PRO

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