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POINTS THAT COUNCILLORS MAY WANT TO CONSIDER ABOUT THE CANDIDATE PRIOR TO CONDUCTING AN INTERVIEW

“He who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning and like the sun rising on a cloudless morning.” *2 Sam 23:3-4.*

“... let all things be done for building up.” *1 Cor 14:26.*

Points to Take into Consideration:

- Punctuality at meetings
- Record of attendance at monthly meeting
- Reasons for any absences
- Was there an absent-with-regret call prior to the meeting?
- How was participation in community life?
- Is fraternal charity practiced in community?
- Attendance at special community events
- Volunteering to do small jobs in community?
- Faithfulness daily practice of mental prayer, recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours
- Attendance at daily Mass if possible
- Participation in group discussions
- Attendance at other larger OCD/S events and functions

This ... interview does not have to be lengthy, but to the point and should give encouragement while assisting the candidate's discernment.

Helpful reminders:

Give candidate the self-evaluation sheet provided in this book to assist personal discernment at the end of every level.

Suggest some spiritual preparation before entering another year of candidacy.

Use the self-evaluation questions as a guide to your own questions. The Candidate will have used these questions reflectively and will provide you with much information in your decision and discernment process.