



To MI Members Registered to Attend and Vote at the 2026 MI National Elective Assembly

Subject: Change of Rules for the Elections at the National Assembly

June 1st, 2026

Dear MI Members,

I regret to inform you that on May 28, 2026, I received a letter from the International President, Miquel Bordas Proszynski, revoking our ability to conduct Electronic or On-Line voting for the next Militia of the Immaculata United States Council (MI U.S.), during the National Assembly to be held this 7-9 August in Ave Maria, FL.

I sincerely apologize for this unfortunate last-minute change. I was as surprised as you probably are. After his recent meeting with Dr. Philip Milligan, the chief counsel of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, the governing body in the Vatican that oversees our ministry, the International President stated that no Electronic or On-Line means for voting is permissible and that we are only allowed to have in person voting.

This will not affect the officially enrolled MI members who are registered to attend; therefore, *I confirm your status as registered participants*. I did receive permission to continue to hold the National Assembly this 7-9 August, 2026, and those who are registered to attend in person may continue to attend and vote. *I also want to encourage those who are registered to vote on-line to reconsider and, if possible, attempt to attend in person.*

Once again, my deepest heartfelt apologies for this last-minute change. I have been working on this and discussing it with the International Office for a couple of years and assumed it was approved. I wanted to allow all MI members an opportunity to be able to vote for their elected officials, possibly seek election, and participate in our National Assembly. Only allowing in person voting doesn't sit well with me, but as St. Maximilian Kolbe we must be obedient and follow the direction from the Church.

If the question about the ability to conduct on-line voting had been brought to the attention of the Dicastery earlier, perhaps a provision for the MI U.S. could have been negotiated with the Dicastery, given the unique reality and structure (or lack of) of the MI in our country. Perhaps this issue can be further addressed with the proper Authority in view of the next National Assembly.

I hope that this unfortunate news doesn't discourage anyone or your desire to support the National Assembly. We must keep our faith in the system and respect the direction from the Dicastery.

Respectfully Yours in the Immaculata,

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MI National President