



GB National Council Conference Kenilworth 2025

Saturday 17 May 2025

Conference Motion

Proposed by Kevin Rourke Director elect P18

Seconded by Desmond Boksan-Cullen Past Director P18

We wish to propose the following change to the Rules of the Association with Great Britain.

Rule 1 currently says:

1. Admission

Membership of the Association is obtained by enrolment in a Circle or Group and is open to Catholic laymen and permanent deacons over the age of 18 years who on enrolment have the capacity to discharge the Obligations of Membership.

Exceptionally, those Members who after enrolment discern a vocation and are later ordained as priests are permitted to remain as Members of the Association.

We propose to change this by amending the word laymen to laity.

It would therefore read:

1. Admission

Membership of the Association is obtained by enrolment in a Circle or Group and is open to Catholic laity and permanent deacons over the age of 18 years who on enrolment have the capacity to discharge the Obligations of Membership.

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If this change is accepted, then other minor grammatical changes will be necessary to the rules and regulations to make them gender neutral and read correctly. (Eg. change 'he is 'to 'they are 'and change 'his 'to 'their')