

**Missionary Families of Christ**  
**CHOOSING THE SERVANT GENERAL**

The choice of the Servant General is not based on intellectual excellence, secular achievements, or societal status. His work is spiritual, and the qualities to be assessed must be spiritual. The following list does not include qualities that are already presumed, such as love for God, a good family life, living the MFC covenant, love for community, avoidance of sin, and orthodoxy in the Catholic faith. The virtues listed herein cannot just be presumed.

*In relation to God*

- 1) Humility.
- 2) Simplicity of life; not a lover of money.
- 3) Striving for holiness.
- 4) Has great faith in God and His faithfulness.
- 5) Long-suffering; does not give up easily; endures and perseveres; values the cross and is willing to embrace it with joy.

*In relation to brethren*

- 1) Open to correction and even criticism; not onion-skinned; can pass over an insult, injury or rejection; not contentious.
- 2) Does not hold grudges; forgives from the heart.
- 3) Does not malign, judge or slander brethren.
- 4) Understands human weakness and makes allowances; is patient and self-controlled.
- 5) A father to all.

*In relation to community*

- 1) Clear vision according to the mind of the founder.<sup>1</sup>
- 2) Zeal for evangelization and mission.
- 3) Not out for power or position.
- 4) Speaks with authority but as a servant leader.
- 5) Forges unity but accepts that his actions can bring division; is not afraid to act.

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<sup>1</sup> He must basically accept and identify with the founder's many writings, in his books and the "From the Servant General" articles.