

# ELECTION NOTICE FOR HIGH COURT OFFICERS

**A**ny individual interested in running for a High Court office must submit an application in compliance with Section 13 of the Constitution & Bylaws (“C&B”) to High Secretary Betty Fiegen via email at [secretary@catholicforester.org](mailto:secretary@catholicforester.org), or U.S. mail to ATTN: High Secretary, Catholic Order of Foresters, 355 Shuman Blvd, Naperville, IL 60563-1270, no later than **June 3, 2024**.

The application can be found on our National Convention webpage: <https://www.catholicforester.org/2024-convention-landing-page>, or requested by submitting a written request to Vice President of Fraternal Judy James at [jjames@catholicforester.org](mailto:jjames@catholicforester.org).

A candidate must be younger than 68 as of January 1, 2025. All applications will be reviewed by the Nomination and Elections Committee for determination of the candidates’ qualifications. Failure to complete the application and submit it in a timely manner or failure to comply with all requirements will result in the disqualification of the candidate.

After initial review for meeting the minimum qualifications, each eligible candidate will receive an email link to complete a biographical affidavit and release forms for background investigation. Failure to promptly complete these forms will result in the disqualification of the candidate.

All candidates must be eligible COF adult members (age 18 years and older) in good standing and have their own personal email address, a desktop or laptop device, and preferably a smartphone or similar communication device to receive push notifications.

Please see the COF National Convention website for more information.

## Core Characteristics

- Dedication to and belief in society mission and vision
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Good judgment
- Integrity
- Reliability/responsibility
- Presents image that will reflect positively on COF
- Open to change
- Forward thinking
- Positive and collaborative attitude
- Good listening skills

## Key Competencies

- Represent all members of society
- Understanding of good corporate governance
- Work effectively in a collective decision-making setting
- Preparedness for meetings
- Working knowledge of COF’s Constitution and Bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order

## Desired Experiences

- Executive management
- Leadership
- Organizational expertise
- College education
- Previous board experience
- Basic working knowledge of accounting, business, financial, insurance, legal, etc.
- Vested interest in COF
- Faith community
- Technology, cybersecurity

# Faith in our Future Illinois

## IT'S OFFICIAL!

The in-person 2024 National Convention will be held at the Westin Chicago Northwest in Itasca, Illinois, from

**August 9-11, 2024!**

The convention will kick off on the evening of Monday, August 5, with a one-night online portion and will continue in Itasca — fully in person — the following weekend.

Located 20 minutes west of O'Hare International Airport and about 30 miles from Downtown Chicago, the Westin Chicago Northwest will host all National Convention activities.

Questions? Email [convention@catholicforester.org](mailto:convention@catholicforester.org) for more information.

### See you in 2024!

