

General Assembly 2023

Agenda item : **Updating of St John XXIII Statutes**

The ECR (Eglise Catholique Romaine Genève) has been working several years now towards harmonising the administrative statutes for the over fifty parishes under its umbrella in Geneva. A special committee was assembled to gather feedback to better understand the current practices in the Geneva parishes, as well as to refine and simplify the language in the statutes. The result was the development of harmonised statutes that incorporate current best practices and can be applied across the canton.

Since our General Assembly last year, we have taken this opportunity to modify our own statutes in line with the ECR's vision. Our current statutes date from June 2012 and already have a few areas which need updating. Importantly, our parish name has changed to *St John XXIII Parish*, as has the name of the Vicariate to the "Diocesan House of Geneva".

After working closely with our contact at the Diocesan House of Geneva, we have examined the harmonised proposal carefully and found that it is already quite close to our own version. In a nutshell the most significant change is in the term limits for PAC and PPC members by one year. Additionally, there are a few language corrections and simplifications, a few minor variations in how we communicate before and after the General Assembly, as well as a few adjustments to reflect a digital world.

However, as a linguistic parish, we did make a few modifications to the proposal to ensure that it is appropriately tailored to our status. These modifications were accepted and approved by the Bishop in March 2023.

It is now our pleasure at the General Assembly to request the members' final approval so that these new statutes can come into effect.