

STATUTES

of the "Apostolic Movement for the propagation, defense and deepening of the Christian life"

Note: The statutes were composed by Father Kentenich himself in 1920. They are the most basic guidelines for the Apostolic Federation and the Apostolic League. These statutes remain in effect until today. Below is the part concerning the Apostolic League:

1. The task of the Apostolic Movement is to support existing organizations in the apostolic education of their members, and to propagate the concept of apostolate to the widest circles.
2. Our patroness is the Blessed Mother, the second patron is St. Paul, our motto is: "Caritas Christi urget nos!" (The love of Christ urges us on).
3. Center for Germany: Vallendar on the Rhine, Germany.

4. The Apostolic Movement is subdivided into the Apostolic Federation (A.F.) and into the Apostolic League (A.L.).

The Apostolic League (A.L.)

I. The purpose of the A.L. is the education of trained lay apostles from all circles in the spirit of the Church.

II. One may join the A.L. as a member or an associate member.

III. The A.L. requires of its members:

1. Serious striving for the greatest possible perfection according to one's state in life.

It therefore requires that each member:

a. keeps daily the particular examination (PE) and a spiritual daily order (SDO) and to control it in writing;

b. seeks out a regular confessor (spiritual director);

c. gives an account of at least his PE and SDO each month.

1. Persevering apostolic activity in their walk of life, subject to the responsible pastoral leader (pastor, parish priest, chaplain, etc.)

IV. Of the associate members the A.L. requires neither a certain degree nor a certain form of self-sanctification, but only occasional apostolic activity, such as

a. fervent apostolic prayer, or

exemplary Christian life and ardent charity of neighbor, or

b. execution of civil rights and duties for the benefit of immortal souls, especially enrollment in organizations which are active in this regard, such as Catholic Schools, or

c. the material support of charitable and apostolic organizations, such as the Missions, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, societies for the dissemination of good literature, etc.

V. In order to awaken and invigorate the apostolic spirit, all who have joined the Apostolic League will, as far as possible, participate in the yearly retreats and ascetic-apostolic seminars organized by the Central Coordinating Team to take place in the different parts of the country.