

BY-LAWS OF THE FATHER SOLANUS GUILD CIRCLES

Traditionally, Circles of the Father Solanus Guild were formed according to geographical areas of the members. However, given the wide-spread use of digital communication common today, they could also be formed as Online-Guild Circles which need not be limited to a particular geographic area. In either case their purpose will be the same as that contained in the Fr. Solanus Guild Constitutions which states:

The purpose of the Father Solanus Guild is:
to keep alive the inspiring memory of Blessed Solanus,
to bring knowledge of his inspiring life to others,
to do collective activities locally/virtually after the spirit and example of Blessed Solanus and
to pray for and support his Cause for Canonization.

All Circles shall be guided by the Director of the Father Solanus Guild and are part of the one Father Solanus Guild.

1. A minimum of five members can form a Circle
2. The Circle meetings shall consider only business pertaining to the "Purpose of the Guild," as stated above.
3. A Name for the Circle should be chosen by those present for the first meeting. The Name the members chose; the names and addresses of the members; the decisions of the meeting; and the Annual membership fees should be sent to the Father Solanus Guild office at the earliest.
4. Circle meetings will be held monthly/ bi-monthly/ or even quarterly as decided by the members according to their convenience.
5. Election of the Circle Officers shall be held every two to three years, as decided by the voting members at the time of elections.
 - a. A Chairperson and Secretary will be the Circle Officers.
 - b. Circle Officers are elected by the members of the concerned Circle.
 - c. At least half of the members of the Circle should be present for the election.
 - d. The Guild Office will be notified by the Circle Chairperson, preferably by email, regarding the election and the names and addresses of the new Circle Officers.
6. The regular Circle meeting will be conducted by the Circle Chairperson or a member designated by the Chairperson- whether in person or online.
7. Activities and ministries organized by the Guild Circles should be ones that capture the spirit of Blessed Solanus.
8. Meetings should be open with the approved prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Solanus and close with another appropriate prayer (example: Rosary, Litany of Loretto, Peace Prayer of Saint Francis, etc..), unless there is some liturgical service (Mass or Benediction) connected with the meeting.
9. Dissolution of the Circle shall be voted on by the Circle Officers and members of the Circle. In the event of dissolution, all the remaining assets and property shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be donated to the parent organization of the Fr. Solanus Guild.