

4. COMPARATIVE TABLE REGARDING THE NEMI CRITERIA

DRAFT CONSTITUTIONAL TABLE OF CONTENTS 1991 CONSTITUTIONS - 1977 DECLARATIONS



We offer a comparative table based on Fr. Rafal's conference in Nemi, 2024, "Constitutions - *Propositum Vitae* Expressed in Legal Form," which sets out the essential elements for a constitutional text (cf. 3: The Revision of the Constitutions 2024).

These elements, which were adopted as the Nemi Criteria, are included in the first column of the table and serve as a guide for comparing the draft of the new Constitutional Table of Contents with those of the 1991 Constitutions and the 1977 Declarations.

Canonical Elements Nemi Criteria	Draft Constitutional Table of Contents	1991 Constitutions	1977 Declarations
Spirit and Purpose	Part I - Chapter 1	Part I - Chapters 1 and 3	Part I - Chapter 1 and 3
Doctrinal Elements	All parts	All parts	All parts
Legal Norms	Part III - Chapter 1	Part III - Chapter 1	Part III - Chapter 1
Specific Elements	Part I - Chapters 4 and 5	Part I - Chapters 6 and 7	Part I - Chapter 6
Evangelical Counsels	Part I - Chapter 2	Part I - Chapter 2	Part I - Chapter 2
Community Life	Part I - Chapter 3	Part I - Chapter 5	Part I - Chapter 5
Life of Prayer	Part I - Chapter 3	Part I - Chapter 4	Part I - Chapter 4
Formation	Part II - Chapters 1, 2, and 3	Part II - Chapters 1, 2, and 3	Part II - Chapters 1 and 2
Separation from the Institute	Part II - Chapter 4	Part II - Chapters 4 and 6	Part II - Chapters 3 and 5
Readmission	Part II - Chapter 4		
Government	Part III - Chapters 2 and 3	Part III - Chapters 2 and 3	Part III - Chapters 2 and 3
Administration of Goods	Part III - Chapter 4	Part III - Chapter 4	Part III - Chapter 4
Obligation to Observe the Constitutions	Part II - Chapter 5	Part II - Chapter 5 and Epilogue	Part II - Chapter 4