

Greetings from Sanctuary Blessed Life! - Guidelines for Matching Candidates

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Dear Candidates, Parents and Advocates:

I hope you are enjoying the spring with all of God's love shining through creation.

Please know for sure that God has prepared a match for each candidate and that you will persevere to find that person. Keep praying, studying, and approaching other parents and candidates, but do it respectfully. Here are a few suggestions to guide you with the matching approach:

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR MATCHING CANDIDATES OF SANCTUARY BLESSED LIFE:

1. Candidates are allowed to have contact with other candidates through their parents, the usual situation for first contact being through the parents of second generation candidates. Be respectful, especially if there is a significant age difference (we suggest a maximum of 10 years).
2. Candidates should communicate with only one candidate at a time.
3. When communicating with another candidate, please make your profile hidden (there is an option on the site to do so via the account settings page underneath the profile tab).
4. If a candidate wishes to decline communication with another candidate, please do so respectfully and in a manner in which you will like to be treated.
5. We suggest for each candidate to have at least two matching photos, one headshot and one standing portrait on their matching profile, but of course more is better, and family photos are also nice.
6. Update your photos if they do not look like you anymore.
7. In the questionnaire section of your profile, please avoid one word answers. Promote yourselves humbly as God sees you. Be honest, yet respectful.
8. Candidate should review their profile from time to time and make updates where necessary.
9. Candidates are given the option to select a matching advocate to assist them. Please note the role of a matching advocate is not to find a match for you, but to offer support and from time to time suggest to you a candidate from the site.
10. Candidates should take full responsibility to ascertain relevant information about a candidate, such as HIV/AIDS, STD screening, divorce papers, etc. before making a commitment.

A copy of this list can be found in the "Suggested Guidelines for Matching Candidates" document on the [Matching Education](#) page of the Sanctuary Blessed Life website, along with many other valuable resources.

May God guide you and bless you!

Sincerely,
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