

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR RECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN RUŽOMBEROK FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE 2026 – 2030

The Chair of the Academic Senate of the Catholic University in Ružomberok (hereinafter referred to as the "AS CU Chair") pursuant to Section 10(5) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Certain Acts as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Higher Education Act") and pursuant to Article 2(1) of the internal regulation Principles for the Election of a Candidate for Rector and the Acceptance of a Proposal for the Dismissal of the Rector of the Catholic University in Ružomberok (hereinafter referred to as the "Principles for the Election of a Candidate for Rector"), **announces the election of a candidate for rector of the Catholic University in Ružomberok** (hereinafter referred to as "CU") **for the term of office from August 27, 2026, to August 26, 2030.**

Pursuant to Section 10(3) of the Higher Education Act and Article 3(1) of the Principles for the Election of the Rector, the rector shall be elected by an electoral assembly consisting of all members of the Academic Senate of the Catholic University in Ružomberok (hereinafter referred to as "AS CU") and all members of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University in Ružomberok (hereinafter referred to as "BT CU"). The electoral assembly is convened and chaired by the AS CU chair.

Pursuant to Article 15(2) of the CU Statute, members of the CU academic community and members of the BT CU have **the right to nominate** candidates for the position of rector.

The nomination for a candidate for rector shall include: the name, surname, title, and academic degree of the candidate for rector, their age, a structured professional CV, a proposal for the development strategy of CU, written consent to the candidacy for rector, and an extract from the Criminal Register not older than 3 months. Candidates for the position of CU rector from among the clergy are required to submit the written consent of their own ordinary to their candidacy for the office of rector. A member of the AS CU and a member of the BT CU may not run for the position of rector during their term of office as a member of the AS CU or BT CU.

Nominations for candidates for the position of rector shall be submitted in a **sealed envelope to the AS CU chair**, either in person or by mail, within the deadline specified in the election schedule, within the period specified in the election schedule, starting on the day following the announcement of the election of the CU rector candidate, **no later than April 28, 2026.**

**Election schedule for the candidate for rector
of the Catholic University in Ružomberok for the term of office 2026-2030**

Date	Action	Responsible	Note
27.1.2026	Announcement of the election of the candidate for rector.	AS CU Chair	CU website, website of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic, and CU social networks
28.1.2026 – 28.4.2026	Submission of nominations for candidates for the position of CU rector to the AS CU chair.	AS CU Chair	The deadline for submitting nominations is April 28, 2026.
30.4.2026	Confirmation of the list of candidates for the position of rector.	AS CU Chair	Verification of the correctness of the submitted proposals in terms of compliance with the requirements, confirmation of the list of candidates for the position of rector.
30.4.2026	Publication of the list of candidates for the position of CU rector.	AS CU Chair	CU website
13.5.2026 at 14:00	Meeting of the electoral assembly. Election of members of the electoral commission. Public hearing of candidates for the position of CU rector. Election of the candidate for CU rector and announcement of the election results.	AS CU Chair	Room A 129 (next to the Auditorium) St. John Paul II Auditorium, Hrbovská cesta 1, Ružomberok Room A 129 (next to the Auditorium) St. John Paul II Auditorium Hrbovská cesta 1, Ružomberok
13.5.2026	Elaboration of minutes on the course and results of the election of the candidate for CU rector.	Chair of the election commission (AS CU Chair)	Minutes signed by the members of the election commission
by 15.5.2026	Submission of a request to the Grand Chancellor of CU for written consent to submit a proposal to the Minister of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic for the appointment of the elected candidate for CU Rector as CU Rector by the President of the Slovak Republic.	AS CU Chair	If the Grand Chancellor of CU does not respond to the proposal in writing within 14 days of receiving the written proposal, it shall be deemed to have been approved. If the Grand Chancellor of CU does not confirm the elected candidate for rector in his written statement within 14 days, the election shall be deemed unsuccessful and the election of the candidate for rector shall be repeated.
2.6.2026	AS CU meeting: adoption of a resolution on submitting a proposal for the appointment of the elected candidate for CU rector as CU rector by the President of the Slovak Republic.	AS CU	The proposal shall be submitted by the AS CU to the Minister of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic within 15 days of the adoption of the relevant resolution.