



10TH GENERAL CHAPTER

Delighted with the sapiential reading of the Charism, we become integrated, missionary and vocational communities

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here we are with another information to continue sharing our experience of the Chapter journey.

After the various contents received in the *Illumination phase on 7-8 July*, we continued the process of personal discernment in groups and in assembly, guided by the indications of some Worksheets on topics of general interest proposed by the various Circumscriptions. The Drafting Committee gathered the contributions of the five working groups and formulated a first draft of a unitary synthesis, indicating priorities and lines of action.

9 July Sunday, we went on a pilgrimage to the Catacombs of St. Callixtus and in the footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul, to the Church of St. Sebastian, the Church of 'Quo Vadis?' and the Tre Fontane, the place of Paul's martyrdom, according to tradition.

9-10 July, Monday and Tuesday, guided by an articulated and profound reflection of Don Mario, Chapter Moderator and some Articles of our Rule of Life, we entered into the dynamic of discernment, oriented to the election of the General Council.

After having done the norms - the appeal of the capitulars, the oath with the commitment to secrecy, the promise to fulfill one's duty according to conscience – and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the **Superior General** was elected. Then the election the individual Councillors followed, until the completion of the new General Council, who will remain in office for six years, from 2023 to 2029 (See the Information nos. 3 and 4).

The customary visit of some members of the General Governments of the various Institutes of the Pauline Family and other persons who came fostered a beautiful atmosphere of fraternity and the joy of friendship. Among all the signs and expressions of good wishes received, the one of the Liturgy on the Feast of St Benedict, the Patron of Europe, certainly stands out: '*Put nothing before the love of Christ*'.

The journey continues. Now it is time to think about the Programmation for the next sexennium. Therefore, in the afternoon of **12 July Wednesday**, after personal reflection and group sharing, we worked on the convergence of the formulation of a General Objective, in which the whole Programmation will then unfold. As usual, it was organized in the four programmatic areas: Style of Life, Formation, Mission, Government and Administration, starting from everything that has been the object of prayer, reflection and sharing before and during the Chapter.

Thank you very much for your precious accompaniment in prayer.

For the Capitular Sisters
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