

In communion with the Church and with the Chapter Assembly

"The Lord said to Peter: get up quickly!"

It is the official start of our 10th General Chapter. We rejoice at this ecclesial event which brings together the entire Congregation of the Pastorelle Sisters, present in five continents. Its representatives are gathered in the Chapter event so as to be a true sign of unity in charity.

LET US INVOKE THE HOLY SPIRIT

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD (Acts 12:6-7)

"The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly."

Brief pause

Our heart rejoices!

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you (psalm 33:20-22)

LET US PRAY:

Merciful, loving Father, who sent your angel to awaken Peter from the 'sleep of death' and prompted him to get up quickly, to go out into the light, kindle in us, your daughters, the fire of your love, to make us cross the threshold of all the doors closed inside and outside of us, to look to the future with hope. We ask this through Christ your Son and our Lord. Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of thanksgiving