



10TH GENERAL CHAPTER

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

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Together with a fraternal greeting, we wish to share with you some significant moments of our Chapter journey. Convoked to celebrate this important event, we have come to Rome from different places in the world, bearing in our hearts the life of our sisters, of the Christian communities with whom we share the journey and the suffering and the hopes of humanity.

The Spiritual Exercises facilitated by Fr Bouguslaw Zeman, SSP, preceeded the beginning of the Chapter and offered ourselves a way to strain forward, in the company of Moses, to recognize the steps of a Covenant that affirms God's fidelity and asks for our own fidelity too.

Continuing on the path begun, on Wednesday 28 June, we participated at the **Audience with Pope Francis** and we want to treasure the words addressed directly to us, in a confidential way: "Pray intensely, work hard and always be joyful".

Subsequently, in the afternoon was the visit to the **Basilica Regina Apostolorum**, which houses the urn of our beloved Founder, Blessed Giacomo Alberione and also to the Alberionian Museum.

On **June 29, Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul**, we participated at the Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Don Domenico Soliman, Superior General of the SSP on the occasion of the Jubilee of members of the Pauline Family. We welcomed the affectionate presence of Mother Celina.

During the celebration of Vespers, after each capitular has answered the call with her own 'here I am', the Superior General, Sr. Aminta Sarmiento officially declared the 10th General Chapter open. On the morning of 30 June, the moderator, Father Mario Llanos, a Salesian, introducing the capitular work, exhorted each one to celebrate the Chapter in joy, fruit of the Spirit, listening to the Word and to the sisters.

We then proceeded with the formalities for the Juridical constitution of the Chapter assembly: the approval of the Calendar of work and of the Chapter Regulations; the election for

the scrutineers (Sr Adriana Cortelini and Sr Veronica Atanasio), the Chapter secretary (Sr Alicia Fogliatti), the two sisters representing the Assembly (Sr Angiolina Rossini and Sr Purisima Tañedo), who together with moderator, the superior general and the secretary form the Central Commission of Coordination - CCC). Furthermore, the election of information secretary (Sr Irene Tollini). In another moment the appointment of the Editorial Commission (Sr Cesarina Pisanelli and Sr Mirina Ibarra). In the afternoon of June 30, Sr. Aminta, together with the sisters of the General Council, presented the **Report of the six-year period 2017-2023**. A narration of the congregational experience, woven in the context of the reality of the world, the synodal itinerary of the Church and in continuity with the journey made in the sexennium just ended. A grateful memory for the work of the Lord.

On Saturday 1 July, Don Mario presented the **Instrument of Work** which was followed by a prolonged time for personal reflection on the contents. In the afternoon, Sr. Roselle De la Cruz, Treasurer General, presented with competence and clarity the **Economic report** for the six-year period.

"Behold, I will do something: now it will spring forth. Will you not be aware of it?" (Is 43:19). With the hope of being able to really perceive what the Lord is doing in order to journey on his way by following Jesus Good Shepherd who is the WAY, we thank you and continue to count on your prayer and fraternal closeness.

For the capitular sisters
Sr. Irene Tollini