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CONVOCAZIONE OF THE XIII GENERAL CHAPTER

To all Rogationist Religious
THEIR HOUSES

Dearest Confreres,

In conformity with art. 141 of the Constitutions, with this letter, I hereby officially convoke the XIII Ordinary General Chapter of the Congregation.

I make this important undertaking, with the consent of the General Council, aware of the concerns caused by the Covid pandemic, trusting that we will have the opportunity to celebrate it regularly.

We all know the importance of this periodic appointment in the life of the Congregation which, as stated in the Constitutions, "has the supreme authority in the Institute and must be composed in such a way to represent the entire Congregation so as to be a real sign of its unity in charity" (art. 138).

The Constitutions also states that "the ordinary Chapter is always elective and is convened every six years, at the expiration of the term of office of the Superior General" (art. 140). Also, it specifies the tasks and aims of the Chapter:

"The essential task of the General Chapter, in a dynamic and creative fidelity to the charism, mission and tradition of the Institute, is to promote the renewal of spiritual life and the updating of the apostolic activities of the Congregation.

Its primary responsibility is:

1. to elect the Superior General, the Council, the Vicar and the General Treasurer;
2. to guard the spiritual and material heritage of the Institute¹;
3. to make a diligent revision of the religious life so as to solicit the Confreres to a fervent and renewed commitment to sanctification;
4. to renew and consolidate ever more the apostolic zeal for what is required by the fourth vow, in accordance with the orientations and directives of the Church;
5. to establish Norms for the entire Congregation"² (art. 139).

Following the provided procedure, with the consent of the General Council, I have arranged as follows :

1. The General Chapter will start on July 5, 2022.
2. It will be celebrated in the House of Morlupo, Rogate Spirituality Center.

¹ Cf. CIC 631,1; 578.

² Cf. CIC 631,1.

3. On July 5, there will be a spiritual retreat; the Chapter members must be at the venue before 7:00 p.m. of the previous day, July 4.

4. Upon reception of this letter, each Religious, in personal prayer, will implore from the Divine Superiors the necessary graces for the success of the Chapter. Each Community will offer a monthly Mass for this intention. At the community's discretion, the prayers attached to this letter will be inserted in the daily practices of piety. I also invite you to sustain prayer with works of penance, charity, and assistance to the poor, especially the cloistered nuns, from whom we will ask for a special remembrance in their prayers.

5. As for the election of candidates, it shall be conducted as follows :

- a) Due to Covid-19, which has led to the difficulty of the movement religious in various places, it was considered appropriate to send the materials needed for the voting procedures of the delegates of the General Chapter online;
- b) On the homepage of our website, in the section General Chapter 2022, by entering with the personal mail rcj.org, you can find in pdf format all the documentation related to the voting procedures, for each Circumscription, in accordance with Appendix I of the Rules for the Composition of the Chapter (letter of convocation, list of members by right, list of religious with active voice, list of religious with passive voice, list of Coadjutors Brother, ballots for Priests/Deacons, ballots for Brothers);
- c) **the Superior and the Secretary of the Circumscription** may consider the possibility of directly downloading and printing the documentation and sending it by post to the Communities under their jurisdiction.
- d) alternatively, **the Superior and the Secretary of the Circumscription** will verify that the documentation is downloaded in the Communities;
- e) **the Superior of the Community** shall ensure that those who have the active voice write their preferences on the two ballots that are downloaded and printed, and put them inside the envelope and seals it; written on the front of the envelope are the name of the Circumscription and the title "Election of Delegates to the XIII General Chapter". Once the Confreres have completed the above mentioned procedure, on a specified date, **within two months from the date of the convocation** (cf. art. 144 of the Norms), at the latest on September 5, **the Superior of the Community** will assemble the Community and in the presence of all: - he will receive from the confrere-electors the envelopes which contain the ballots on which their preferred delegates are written; - he will put the said envelopes inside another bigger envelope, which will be sealed with the stamp of the House, and signed by him and his Councilors; - he, together with all the other Electors of the House, will sign the minutes of the session; - he will put the sealed envelope (containing the individual envelopes with the ballots) and the signed minutes of the session in another pouch, which he will send in a **safe and expeditious** manner to the General Curia.
- f) If a member of a different community resides in the community, he may vote with the members of that community, and this matter will be reported in the minutes.
- g) At the discretion of the Superior of the Circumscription, the parcels of the Houses can be sent all together to this Curia from the office of the Circumscription.
- h) If it happens that there is only one religious in the House, he votes according to the same procedure, reporting the matter in the minutes; the minutes and the envelope containing the two ballots will be placed in another envelope.

6. Once the pouches are received in the General Curia, during a special session of the General Council, possibly by September 28: a) the pouches will be opened in the presence of all the Councilors; b) the minutes of the House will be read and the number of envelopes will be checked if it corresponds with the number of the Electors of the House; c) then the opening of each envelope will begin, by Circumscription, followed by the scrutiny and the counting of votes; d) the list of the elected confreres will be communicated immediately to the Congregation, according to the provisions of Art. 143 § 2.3. Norms.


7. According to the procedure established by the current Norms (art. 147), after due consultation, the following particular theme has long been chosen: “*Rogationist religious life today – unity, coordination, sharing*”. On February 15, 2021, the Commission on the Lineamenta sent a questionnaire to the Circumscriptions and Communities and examined the replies received.

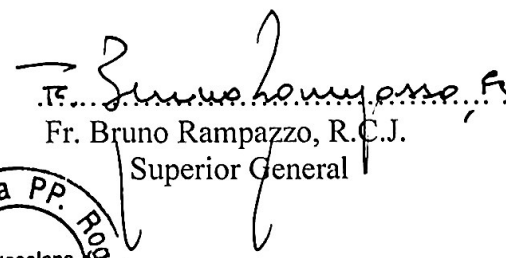
8. Once the Delegates are defined, as provided by the Article. 147 § 2 of the Norms, the Pre-capitular Commission will be set up “to prepare the Instrumentum laboris for the Chapter, on the basis of the draft prepared by the previous Committee.”


As I mentioned at the beginning, we hope that the pandemic will not affect the celebration of the Chapter. The Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life has issued a number of provisions in this regard: - on April 2, 2020, it authorized the postponement of the celebration of the general chapters; - on July 1, 2020, it transmitted the disposition of the Holy Father that “no general or provincial chapter could be held by means of telecommunications, or the combination of partial physical presence and partial presence through telecommunications, but only by means of physical presence”; - on May 31, 2021, it gave the possibility that until the year 2022, the chapter may be celebrated by means of telecommunications, but with a stringent set of conditions, including that the election of the Supreme Moderator and respective Council be made by post. The faculty to celebrate the General Chapter electronically does not abrogate the predetermined one that may be postponed until it can be celebrated in the ordinary form.

In the General Council, it was agreed that the convocation of the XIII General Chapter would proceed regularly, in accordance with the Norms, with the stipulation of assessing at the appropriate time the choice of a different modality.

With the hope that the next General Chapter could really be, according to its purpose, an important moment of growth and renewal of the Congregation, according to the will of the Divine Superiors, and through the intercession of our Founder, Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia, I cordially greet you.


Fr. Fortunato Siciliano, R.C.
Secretary General


Fr. Bruno Rampazzo, R.C.J.
Superior General



Attachments:

1. Computation of the *quorum* and the Chapter Members
2. Sample of the Minutes of the Meeting
3. The list of Chapter Members by right and the list of those with **active** voice (those who can vote) and **passive** voice (those who can be voted)
4. Ballots for voting and the label on the individual envelopes for the ballots of electors
5. Prayer Intentions

Attachment 1

Computation of the *quorum* and of the Chapter Members

***Quorum* of Chapter Members (49)**

According to the current Norms (Cf. Appendix I, n. 2), participating to the General Chapter are the 11% of all Priests/Deacons and perpetually professed Religious Brothers and perpetually professed Religious Students with active voice. This percentage constitutes the *quorum*. All those having the right to vote on the date of the convocation of the Chapter, on July 5, 2021, are 441. The XII General Chapter decided that the percentage is 11% (Minutes, Session 10, July 20, 2016, p. 10). The 11% of 441 Priests/Deacons and perpetually professed Religious Brothers corresponds to 48.51 which is rounded off to 49 (total *quorum*).

Participants by right (14)

Chapter members by right (Constitutions n. 191 § 1) are the Superior General (1), the General Councilors (4), the General Treasurer (1), the General Secretary (1), the Superiors of the Circumscription (7). (Total = 14). The former Superior General, who has become Bishop, is not entitled to participate (Authentic interpretation of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, 17.V.1986 - AAS 78 (1986) 1324).

Delegates (35)

The number the Chapter Delegates resulting from the *quorum* (49) less the participants by right (14) = 35, which is composed of 33 Priests/Deacons and 2 Religious Brothers.

Priest/Deacon Delegates (33)

The total number of Priest/Deacon Delegates, being formed by the *quorum*, less those who participate by right (14), and less the two elected members from the list of perpetually professed Religious Brothers (2) is 33.

The number of Priest/Deacon Delegates for each Circumscription is obtained by subtracting the members by right of the same Circumscription from the number of Priests having passive voice and applying the following proportion: 391 (total number of Priests/Deacons with passive voice): 33 (total number of Priest/Deacon Delegates) = Y (number of Priests/Deacons with passive voice of each Circumscription): X (number of Priests/Deacons delegates of the same Circumscription). Based on the numbers, the result of the computation is as follows:

St. Hannibal Province	$391:33 = 54:X$, where $X = 4.55$	$= 5 - 4^*$
St. Anthony Province	$391:33 = 59:X$, where $X = 4.97$	$= 5$
St. Luke Province	$391:33 = 56:X$, where $X = 4.73$	$= 5$
St. Matthew Province	$391:33 = 103:X$, where $X = 8.69$	$= 9$
St. Thomas Quasi Province	$391:33 = 63:X$, where $X = 5.32$	$= 5$
St. Joseph Quasi Province	$391:33 = 44:X$, where $X = 3.71$	$= 4$
Our Lady of Guadalupe Delegation	$391:33 = 12:X$, where $X = 1.01$	$= 1$

Total Priest/Deacon Delegates 33

*(N.B.: To arrive at the number of delegates, one unit has been subtracted from St. Hannibal Province because it has the lowest decimals).

Religious Brother Delegates (2)

All Religious Electors will elect two perpetually professed Brothers from a single list for the whole Congregation (Norms, Appendix, n.4).

N.B. 7. To ensure a greater representation of the entire Institute, the Superior General may convoke to the General Chapter two perpetually professed Religious with active and passive voice. (Norms, Appendix I, Norms on the Composition of the General Chapter)

Grand total (49)

Attachment 2
Sample

MINUTES
for the Election of the Delegates to the XIII General Chapter

CONGREGATION OF THE ROGATIONISTS

CIRCUMSCRIPTION

House

Today, (date) 2021, at (time), the Community of this House of is gathered upon regular convocation by the Superior, Fr.

The purpose of the meeting is to collect and to send to our General Curia the envelopes containing the filled-out ballots for the election of the Delegates to the XIII General Chapter.

Those entitled to vote, all present, are the following:

(Put here the names, in alphabetical order of their surname, of the Electors of the House).

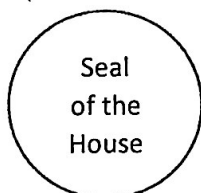
The Superior, having noted the presence of all, invited them to hand over their envelopes containing the filled-out ballots into a packet.

Everyone, one after another, starting from the Superior, the Confrere-Electors hand over their individual envelope.

Afterward, the packet has been duly closed and sealed with the stamp of the House and the signature of Superior and of the Councilors. The said packet, together with the minutes of this meeting, is enclosed in a final pouch that is properly sealed and sent through a safe and rapid way to our General Curia in Rome. Having nothing else to discuss, the meeting is adjourned at (time)

Read, approved, and signed.

(Place and date)



(Signatures of all Electors)

XIII General Chapter 2022
List of participants by right as of July 5, 2021

Members by right are: the Superior General, the General Council, the General Treasurer, General Secretary, the Superiors of Circumscription and the last former Superior General (Const. art. 142, §2).

To guarantee the right of passive voice to a Superior of Circumscription who is about to end the mandate, it has been decided that, when the end of his term is foreseen between the act of convocation of the General Chapter and the moment of its celebration, his name should be inserted in the list of religious with passive voice (Norms, Appendix I, 5 d).

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|-----|-----------------------------|---------------|---|
| 1. | Rampazzo | Bruno | - Superior General |
| 2. | Ezpeleta | Jose Maria | - Vicar General, Councilor |
| 3. | Maia | Luiz Gilson | - General Councilor |
| 4. | Pottokkaran | Unny | - General Councilor |
| 5. | Sanavio | Matteo | - General Councilor |
| 6. | Chiapperini | Gioacchino | - General Treasurer |
| 7. | Siciliano | Fortunato | - Secretary General |
| 8. | Perrone | Alessandro | - Superior of the Province
St. Hannibal (ICS) |
| 9. | Superior of Circumscription | | - Superior of the Province
St. Anthony (ICN) |
| 10. | Furtado | Geraldo Tadeu | - Superior of the Province
St. Luke |
| 11. | Cajigal | Orville | - Superior of the Province
St. Matthew |
| 12. | Superior of Circumscription | | - Superior of the Quasi Province
St. Thomas |
| 13. | Cruz | Wilfredo | - Superior of the Quasi Province
St. Joseph |
| 14. | Fiorenza | Antonio | - Superior of the Delegation
Our Lady of Guadalupe |

XIII General Chapter 2022
List of Religious, Priests, Deacons,
Perpetually professed Brothers with *active voice*
belonging to the Saint Anthony Province as of July 5, 2021

All perpetually professed Religious have active and passive voice, except the perpetually professed students, who have only the active voice. The exclaustated Religious do not have active and passive voice (Norms art. 142).

5. *For the purpose of participation in the General Chapter:*

- a) Religious who requested an indult of exclaustation, have no active or passive voice;*
 - b) Religious who were involved in serious public scandal, especially those involved in criminal cases, lose their active and passive voice.*
 - c) Religious who live extra domum, excluding those accomplishing tasks assigned to them by the Superiors or those who are sick, are suspended from active and passive voice.*
- (Norms, Appendix 1, art.5).

Priests

1	ALBISINNI Pasquale
2	AMATO Luigi
3	BAJDA Marcin
4	BERTAPELLE Paolo
5	BINI Sergio
6	BORILE Eros
7	BUCCHERI Vincenzo
8	BUONANNO Mario Rosario
9	CABBIA Luciano
10	CALO' Adamo
11	CANETE Herbie
12	CAPIZZI Carmelo
13	CAYAO Francis Ferrucci
14	CHIAPPERINI Gioacchino
15	CHIRULLI Antonio
16	CHOVANEC Vlastimil
17	CIUTTI Giuseppe
18	D'ANGELO Biagio
19	DANKO STEFAN
20	DE BONI Sebastiano
21	DE VITO Antonio
22	DI BITONTO Luigi Paolo
23	DI TUORO Antonio
24	DIFONZO Erasmo Vito
25	EGIZIO Giuseppe
26	FILIPPONE Mario Salvatore
27	FORMENTON Paolo
28	GIORGIO Vito
29	GOLEZ Philip
30	JANICKJ Dawid Franciszek
31	KIDHER Gabriel Firas
32	KNUT Pavol
33	LAZZARI Luigi
34	LO RUSSO Gaetano
35	MAGISTRO Vito

36	MAGNO Vito
37	MAGODI Giuseppe
38	MALASIG Florence Isidoro
39	MARANO' Pasquale
40	MENEGOLLI Mario
41	MILAK Wadislav
42	MOGAVERO Nicola
43	MOSKAL Dariusz
44	MUSCILLO Vito
45	NASSER Zuhir
46	NOWAK Michał Adam
47	PEGORARO Tiziano
48	PIERRI Antonio
49	PIGNATELLI Riccardo
50	PINATO Silvano
51	POBLADOR Alex
52	RITORTO Antonio
53	ROSSINI Giacomo Alberto
54	SANAVIO Matteo
55	SANAVIO Giovanni
56	SAPIENZA Leonardo
57	SOLTES Erik
58	SPAGNOLO Francesco
59	SPALLONE Renato
60	YAKO Jalal
61	ZAMPERINI Agostino

Deacons

62. OSTROZANSKI Jakub

Brothers

63. ALESSI Fabrizio
 64. AL-WAKIL Basim
 65. NETTIS Michele

XIII General Chapter 2022
List of Priests/Deacons with *passive voice*
belonging to the Saint Anthony Province as of July 5, 2021

All perpetually professed Religious have active and passive voice, except the perpetually professed students, who have only the active voice. The exclaustreated Religious do not have active and passive voice (Norms art. 142).

Priests

1 ALBISINNI Pasquale
2 AMATO Luigi
3 BAJDA Marcin
4 BERTAPELLE Paolo
5 BINI Sergio
6 BORILE Eros
7 BUCCHERI Vincenzo
8 BUONANNO Mario Rosario
9 CABBIA Luciano
10 CALO' Adamo
11 CANETE Herbie
12 CAPIZZI Carmelo
13 CAYAO Francis Ferrucci
14 CHIRULLI Antonio
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26 FORMENTON Paolo
27 GIORGIO Vito
28 GOLEZ Philip
29 JANICKJ Dawid Franciszek
30 KIDHER Gabriel Firas
31 KNUT Pavol
32 LAZZARI Luigi
33 LO RUSSO Gaetano
34 MAGISTRO Vito
35 MAGNO Vito
36 MAGODI Giuseppe
37 MALASIG Florence
38 MARANO' Pasquale
39 MENEGOLLI Mario
40 MILAK Wadislav
41 MOGAVERO Nicola
42 MOSKAL Dariusz

43 MUSCILLO Vito
44 NASSER Zuhir
45 NOWAK Michał Adam
46 PEGORARO Tiziano
47 PIERRI Antonio
48 PIGNATELLI Riccardo
49 PINATO Silvano
50 POBLADOR Alex
51 RITORTO Antonio
52 ROSSINI Giacomo Alberto
54 SANAVIO Giovanni
54 SAPIENZA Leonardo
55 SOLTES Erik
56 SPAGNOLO Francesco
57 SPALLONE Renato
58 YAKO Jalal
59 ZAMPERINI Agostino

Deacons

60. OSTROZANSKI Jakub

XIII General Chapter 2022
List of Brothers with *passive voice*
as of July 5, 2021

Two perpetually professed Religious Brothers participate in the Chapter, elected by a simple majority of all eligible from one list for the entire Congregation. (Norms, Appendix 1, art. 4)

1. ALESSI Fabrizio	St. Anthony
2. ALEXANDRE Alexsandro Ramos	St. Luke
3. AL-WAKIL Basim	St. Anthony
4. CAMINITI Roberto	St. Hannibal
5. CORTEZ Kenneth	St. Matthew
6. DE PALMA Eduardo	St. Matthew
7. DE SAGUN Christian Allan	St. Matthew
8. DRAGO Antonino	St. Hannibal
9. LACETERA Michele	St. Hannibal
10. LAVENTE Marcelino Jr.	St. Matthew
11. NETTIS Michele	St. Anthony
12. OCCHIOGROSSO Saverio	St. Hannibal
13. PELOBELLO Nilo	St. Matthew

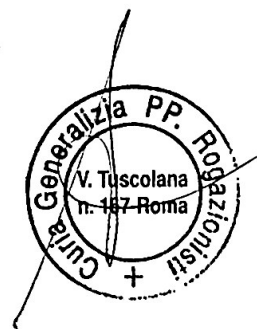
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The number of delegates is made by the quorum minus those who participate by right and minus two representatives of the Brothers. The delegates are elected by relative majority, from one list of all the Priests and Deacons eligible in each Circumscription. (Norms, Appendix I, art. 3)

**BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION
of five (5) Priest/Deacon Delegates
for the St. Anthony Province**

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- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)



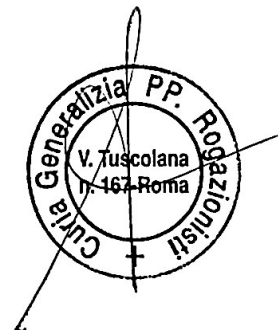
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BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION
of two (2) Religious Brother Delegates

1)

2)



Label for the envelope of electors.

Congregation of the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus

Circumscription:

Election of delegates to the XIII General Chapter

Attachment 5

Congregation of the Rogationists XIII GENERAL CHAPTER

PRAYERS

Sunday

O Father, Author of the Resurrection, who called us to celebrate the Day of the Lord of history and of the universe,
we pray for our General Chapter:
make it a favorable moment of deeper conversion to listening to your Word
to accomplish with renewed zeal the mission of the Rogate in the world today.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday

O Father, Lord of the harvest, in order to reveal to the world the word of the Rogate,
you raised up in the Church St. Hannibal Mary, “true preacher of the Gospel”;
grant that, with the celebration of the General Chapter,
we may follow, like him, the teachings of the Master
and learn from him to implore unceasingly the gift of the workers for His harvest.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday

Father of life,
who in Christ, your Son, you have redeemed the fallen humanity
and through the Holy Spirit you prepare her for the coming of the Kingdom,
through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua, “true model of Gospel worker”,
grant to our Congregation that celebrates the XIII General Chapter
to rediscover her vocation as a Community that lives and proclaims the Gospel of the
Rogate
for the liberation of the children and of the poor.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday

Eternal Father, who placed in Christ the royal throne of your wisdom,
enlighten us with the light of the Word of life, so that by the example of St. Joseph,
silent guardian of the Word, we can celebrate in faith
the next General Chapter and better understand
the beauty of the Rogate that you have entrusted to us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thursday

Lord, Holy Father, who in the Sacrament of the Eucharist,
memorial of the Passover of your Son, you placed your dwelling in our midst
and deigned to come and live among the little ones and the poor,
look with compassionate heart on our religious Family
that celebrates its XIII General Chapter,
so that, enriched with new vocations, we can always avail ourselves to a better service
of the tired and abandoned crowds of today and recognize your "Eucharistic body"
in the "broken" body of every brother and sister.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday

O Father, in the pierced heart of your Son,
you have revealed to us your immense love,
grant to those who will be gathering
for the General Chapter and to all the Confreres
the abundance of the Holy Spirit, so that we may better know
how to look with compassion at the men and women of today
and to be good Samaritans of this humanity.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday

Virgin Mary, Queen and Mother of the Rogate, you have kept in your heart
the Word of the Rogate; to you, united with the apostles in the Cenacle,
we entrust the works of the General Chapter,
so that with the gift of the Spirit, may the intelligence and zeal of Rogate be revived in
us
and may we learn from you, the Handmaid of the Lord,
how to live in the Avignone of the world. Amen.

VENI SANCTAE SPIRITUS (ICEL version)

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From Thy clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, Thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure,
Come, Thou Light of all that live.

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful Guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Light immortal, Light divine,
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill. AMEN