

Rome, July 5, 2021

Prot. No. 176/21

CONVOCATION 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" (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.

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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 <u>rcj.org</u>, 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. Bruno Rampazzo, R.C.J.
Superior General

VFr. Fortunato Siciliano, R.C.J.)

Secretary General

V. Tuscolana

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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

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:

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St. Hannibal Province
                                 391:33 = 54:X, where X = 4.55
                                                                  =5-4*
St. Anthony Province
                                 391:33 = 59:X, where X = 4.97
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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
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Total Priest/Deacon Delegates 33

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)

MINUTES

for the Election of the Delegates to the XIII General Chapter

CONGREGATION OF THE ROGATION ISTS
CIRCUMSCRIPTION
House
Today,
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
Read, approved, and signed.
(Place and date) Seal
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(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).

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	Rampazzo Ezpeleta Maia Pottokkaran Sanavio Chiapperini	Bruno Jose Maria Luiz Gilson Unny Matteo Gioacchino	 Superior General Vicar General, Councilor General Councilor General Councilor General Councilor General Treasurer
7.	Siciliano	Fortunato	- Secretary General
8.	Perrone	Alessandro	- Superior of the Province St. Hannibal (ICS)
9.	Superior of Ci	ircumscription	- 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 Ca	ircumscription	- 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 Thomas Quasi 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 exclaustrated 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 exclaustration, 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	ARACKALAN Augustine Lijo	26	KOYIPURATH Samson
2	ARACKAPARAMBIL Rinish		Mathew
3	ARACKAPARAMBIL Robin	27	KULAPURATH Manu
4	ARAKKAL Joseph Paulose	28	KUNDAPARAMPATH Steny
5	ATTUKARAN Nikhil		Tomas
6	BLAYIL Tony	29	KUZHUPILLYNIRAPPIL Jain
7	CHAKIATH Alex	30	LIPARI Vito Antonino
8	CHAKIATH Simoj	31	MACHINGAL Libin
9	EDASSERY Vibin Sijo	32	MADATHETTU Christy
10	EDATHIPARAMBAN Jiby	33	MALIT Fijo
11	ELAMTHURUTHIL Albin	34	MALIYEKKAL Sijo George
12	KALARICKAL Lijo	35	MATHEKKAL Jomon
13	KALAYATHINAMKUZHY	36	MULAVARICKAL Sijo Jose
	Jinto	37	MUNDANCHERY Praveen
14	KALLOOKKARAN Saji	38	MURINGAYJL Babu
	Varghese	39	NADUVILPEEDIKA Vineesh
15	KANIYAMPARAMBIL	40	NELLITHANATHUPARAMBIL
	Romal		Anish
16	KANNAMPUZHA Aneesh	41	ODANADAN Stany
	Joseph	42	PAINADATH Devassy
17	KAPPIKUZHY SAJI Varghese	43	PALAKUZHIYIL Doney
18	KARAKUNNEL Jibin	44	PALATHINKAL Cineesh
19	KARUKAPALLIL DILEEP		Thomas
20	KAVUNGAL Joby	45	PANICKASSERY Varghese
21	KAVUNKAL Shibu	46	PARACKAL Deleep Antony
22	KOLLAMKUDY Albert	47	PARIYADAN Sabu Paul
	Chacku	48	PAZHAYIL Shajan
23	KONNANKUDY Devassy	49	PLAKUDIYL Pradosh
	Dinu	50	PLATHOTTATHIL James
24	KOONATHAN Shaju Josè	51	PLATHOTTATHIL Augustine
25	KOORANMANELIKUDY		Deepu
	Vimal	52	POOVELY Sibin
		53	POTTOKKARAN Unny

54 55 56	PRABIN R.S. PULICKATHADATHIL Dino PULIMALAYIL Sabu
57	PUTHANANGADY Lixon
58	PUTHUPARAMBIL Saji
	Thomas
59	THAIKKOOTATHI Jomon
	Joy
60	THALIYAN Jithin
61	THOPPIL Albin
62	URUMBADAYIL Danish
63	VADAKKEPURATHAN Rinu
64	VELUTHANAKUZHIYIL
	Abhilash
65	VELUTHEPILLY Vinu

Religious Students 66 MARAKASSERY Sebin 67 MOOLAN Stephin 68 VAIPUKKATIL Akhil

XIII General Chapter 2022 List of Priests/Deacons with *passive voice* belonging to the Saint Thomas Quasi 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 exclaustrated Religious do not have active and passive voice (Norms art. 142).

Priests

1	ADACKALAN Augustina Liio	35	MATHEKKAL Jomon
1 2	ARACKALAN Augustine Lijo ARACKAPARAMBIL Rinish	36	MULAVARICKAL Sijo Jose
3	ARACKAPARAMBIL Robin	37	MUNDANCHERY Praveen
4	ARAKKAL Joseph Paulose	38	MURINGAYJL Babu
5	ATTUKARAN Nikhil	39	NADUVILPEEDIKA Vineesh
6	BLAYIL Tony	40	NELLITHANATHUPARAMBIL
7	CHAKIATH Alex	40	Anish
8	CHAKIATH Simoj	41	ODANADAN Stany
9	EDASSERY Vibin Sijo	42	PAINADATH Devassy
10	EDATHIPARAMBAN Jiby	43	PALAKUZHIYIL Doney
11	ELAMTHURUTHIL Albin	44	PALATHINKAL Cineesh
12	KALARICKAL Lijo		Thomas
13	KALAYATHINAMKUZHY	45	PANICKASSERY Varghese
	Jinto	46	PARACKAL Deleep Antony
14	KALLOOKKARAN Saji	47	PARIYADAN Sabu Paul
	Varghese	48	PAZHAYIL Shajan
15	KANIYAMPARAMBIL	49	PLAKUDIYL Pradosh
	Romal	50	PLATHOTTATHIL James
16	KANNAMPUZHA Aneesh	51	PLATHOTTATHIL Augustine
	Joseph		Deepu
17	KAPPIKUZHY SAJI Varghese	52	POOVELY Sibin
18	KARAKUNNEL Jibin	53	PRABIN R.S.
19	KARUKAPALLIL Dileep	54	PULICKATHADATHIL Dino
20	KAVUNGAL Joby	55	PULIMALAYIL Sabu
21	KAVUNKAL Shibu	56	PUTHANANGADY Lixon
22	KOLLAMKUDY Albert	57	PUTHUPARAMBIL Saji
	Chacku		Thomas
23	KONNANKUDY Devassy	58	THAIKKOOTATHIL Jomon
	Dinu		Joy
24	KOONATHAN Shaju Josè	59	THALIYAN Jithin
25	KOORANMANELIKUDY	60	THOPPIL Albin
	Vimal	61	URUMBADAYIL Danish
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33	MALIT Fijo		
34	MALIYEKKAL Sijo George		

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 Saint Thomas Quasi Province

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Congregation of the Rogationists XIII General Chapter 2022

«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 n. 1, art. 4)

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

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Label for the envelope of electors.

Congregation of the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus	
Circumscription:	
Election of delegates to the XIII General Chapter	

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 delightsome Guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow.

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