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Subject: Meeting of Superiors of Circumscription on February 17-22, 2020

To: The Most Rev. Superiors
of Rogationist Circumscriptions

Dearest Confreres,

Further to my letter of November 9, 2019, Prot. No. 318/19, I hereby send you the detailed program of our next Meeting of Superiors of Circumscription, which we will hold in at the General Curia in Rome, from February 17 to 21, 2020.

We parted from the Conference of last October with the clear perception of having widened our gaze on many problems of the Congregation and of the individual Circumscriptions, of having gained the conviction that we need to face them by joining and coordinating forces and, therefore, we returned to our offices with this new appointment to resume the reflection together and, this time, to formulate concrete guidelines and proposals that will gradually lead us to overcome the issues in order to move forward with greater confidence and hope.

The service of authority, which we share in subsidiarity, refers to the charism and the General Chapter, which periodically rereads it. The XII General Chapter left us the mandate to make the "compassion" of Christ of the Rogate our own and to renew ourselves in "our charismatic identity in today's challenges". Our programming of the six-year term has moved in this direction, and has renewed the invitation to move "from compassion to mission".

Today, we note that the mission presents itself to us with new problems which, at times, appear like insurmountable walls. The choice we are called to make is to face the difficulties with trust and hope, letting ourselves be guided by the Spirit, in the certainty that the charism that has been given to us through him, through the guarantee of the Church, has found its sure expression in our Rule of Life, which has been updated in recent years.

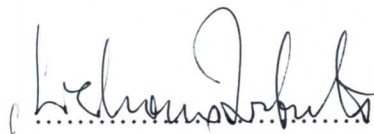
The purpose of this meeting, therefore, is to resume our discussion on unresolved issues and concerns, and to work in seeking, together, the possible solutions, aided by the "The Practical Guide for the Superiors of Circumscriptions" which, despite its limitations, recalls and reminds us of the Rule of Life.


We will be introduced to our meeting by a reflection on the relationship between the General Government and the Circumscription Governments, which wants to be characterized by fraternity, subsidiarity, sharing and collaboration.

We will then move on to the Practical Guide, reading it together, to find the elements that concretely help us to "walk together", to seek the coordination that leads us, at the same time, to give and receive, as in a real family.

With this background, we will return to dwell on some problems that came out in our last Conference, or on other questions that have arisen, aiming to discern towards concrete guidelines and choices, so that we can reach the appropriate solutions.

With this wish, which I entrust to the Divine Superiors and to the intercession of Saint Hannibal, I look forward to meeting you, and I greet all of you with affection in the Lord.


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(Fr. Fortunato Siciliano, R.C.J.)
General Secretary


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

Meeting of Superiors of Circumscription

February 17-21, 2020

General Curia, Rome

OBJECTIVES:

- To have a realistic view of the current situation of the Congregation.
- To give concrete answers to the challenges that pose questions, in dialogue and communion between the General Government and Circumscriptions, strengthening subsidiarity and "synodality" (cf. Norms, 138)
- Operational proposals

SCHEDULE

7.30	Morning prayers (meeting room, ground floor)
8.00	Breakfast
9.00	Meeting (meeting room, ground floor)
10.30	Break
11.00	Meeting
12.00	Holy Mass
12.45	Midday with the Community of the Curia
13.00	Lunch
15.45	Meeting
17.30	Break
18.00	Meeting
19.15	Vespers with the Community of the Curia (Chapel)
19.30	Dinner

- February 17, Monday morning: Conference with an expert: "Relationship between the General Government and the Governments of Circumscription"
- February 21, Friday morning: synthesis, conclusion and Holy Mass

METHODOLOGY:

- Read together some numbers of the Practical Guide (2017); presentation and comments by the Superior General, Councilors and General Officers.
- Deepen and discern together some indications and contributions that came out during the meeting with the Superiors and Councils of Circumscription last October 2019.

TOPICS:

- Some aspects of our religious life that we find in the Practical Guide for the Superior of Circumscription, with reference to the Rule of Life, the Directory and our experience in the territories and cultural areas where we work.
- Some aspects / points that emerged during the Conference last October.

A. Some parts of the Practical Guide for the Superior of Circumscription (2017)

Topic	Practical Guide, 2017; Italian ed.	Facilitator
1. Communications with the General Secretary - general register and essential documents of the members; news; important events; Annuario updates	1.3	P. Siciliano
2. General Postulation - diffusion, knowledge of the candidates for the altars; website for materials; economic contribution for expenses	1.4	P. Ezpeleta
3. Study Center - Identification of at least 1 confrere per Circumscription as an "active" member of the Center, even if residence is not required	1.5	P. Pottokkaran
4. Communication - website of the Congregation; email rcj.org for all members	1.6	P. Siciliano
5. Translations - collaboration by the Circumscription; sub-commissions; translation, editing, online publishing, printing	1.7	P. Ezpeleta
6. The Rogationist Family - collaboration with the FDZ, Missionaries of the Rogate, Rogationist laity	1.8	P. Gilson
7. Religious consecration - will and testament (verify if the religious make a testament)	2.2	P. Siciliano
8. Community life - celebration of council meetings (house, family, formation)	3.1	P. Siciliano
- periodic reports annual: personnel and houses; real properties; pending cases - semestral: administrative/economic reports	3.3	P. Siciliano
- archives: update	3.5	P. Chiapperini
- visit, sojourns, trips abroad	3.6	P. Sanavio
- guarantee letter for visas: procedures		P. Ezpeleta
- indications for students residing in the Curia		P. Ezpeleta
9. Life of prayer. Community prayer: importance / necessity of daily moments of prayer together - Proper Liturgy: translation, publication, use	4.1	P. Ezpeleta
10. Rogate vocation apostolate. - strengthen the local Rogate Centers, the UPV and the USPV; diffusion of knowledge of and devotion to the Founder	5.1	P. Pottokkaran
11. Educational and social apostolate. - collaborate with the local social services and with the Rogationist circumscriptions	5.2	P. Sanavio

12. Apostolate among the poor - solidarity with the poor; in charge of the poor; at least 3% of the budget set aside for the poor	5.3	P. Sanavio
13. Parish Apostolate. - the agreement requires the authorization of the Superior General - Rogationist character of our parishes	5.4	P. Gilson
14. Vocation and formation - acceptance of candidates - Novice Master, Prefect of Religious Students: Nulla osta from the Superior General; indicate the name at least 1 year prior to appointment; ensure specific preparation - formation of formators.	6. 6.1.2 6.10.7	P. Ezpeleta
15. Novitiate - study the possibility of a novitiate for the Spanish language - or the possibility of a Novitiate for the Latin area (Italian, Spanish, Portuguese) - Novitiate Residence: updating / suggestions	6.2	P. Ezpeleta
16. admission to the profession - delegation by the Superior of Circumscription - personal documentation	6.3 6.4	P. Siciliano P. Siciliano
17. admission to perpetual profession and sacred orders	6.8 6.10	P. Siciliano
18. after Holy Orders: certificate and notification	6.10.6	P. Siciliano
19. inter-Circumscription transfers	6.6.3	P. Siciliano
20. Request for a religious in temporary vows to leave the Congregation before the expiration of the vows	7.2	P. Siciliano
21. Grant of permission to leave the religious house on the request or initiative of a confrere, without legitimate mandate from the Congregation	7.4	P. Siciliano
22. Request for the indult for temporary exclaustation, by a professed in perpetual vows	7.5	P. Siciliano
23. Cases in which a religious must be considered dismissed IPSO FACTO - update on the motu proprio Communis Vita - the judicial procedures to be followed	7.8	P. Siciliano
24. Cases in which a religious MUST BE dismissed	7.9	P. Siciliano
25. Cases in which a religious CAN BE dismissed	7.10 - 7.11	P. Siciliano
26. Dispensation from the obligations of the priestly order	7.14	P. Siciliano
27. Government	8.	P. Rampazzo
- duties and tasks of the Superior of Circumscription	8.1 – 8.4	P. Rampazzo
- Councilors of the Circumscription	8.5	P. Siciliano
- formulation of procedures	8.6	P. Siciliano
- letters of the Superior of the Circumscription	8.7	P. Siciliano
- planning and periodic reports	8.8 – 8.12	P. Siciliano

- non-juridically erected community	8.13	P. Siciliano
- Provincial Chapter; - General Assemblies	8.15	P. Siciliano
- executive tasks of the Superior of Circumscription	8.16	P. Rampazzo
- Councilor of Sector; deliberation of XII Chapter (STC, 135)	8.17	P. Rampazzo
- competent authority for agreements and contracts	8.18	P. Siciliano/ P. Chiapperini
28. administration of goods	9.1-9.7	P. Chiapperini
29. improper use of money and assets of the Congregation	9.8	P. Chiapperini

B. Some aspects / points to think about together before proceeding

Facilitator: Fr. Bruno Rampazzo

30. New mission openings: discernment, study, project, procedures - coordinated with the general government
31. Exchange of personnel to be assigned in mission stations of the PICN (Colombia), of the PSL (Argentina, Angola), of the PICS (Mother House, Albania), in the communities of the NSDG Delegation (USA, Mexico)
32. Formulate a statute with some basic points regarding the exchange of personnel
33. Towards the establishment of an international student residence (studentato)
34. Destination of some structures: Grottaferrata, Warsaw
35. Consolidation of missionary / community presence: Portugal, England, Germany, Poland, Iraq, France, Angola, Argentina, Colombia
36. New openings: Gwangju, Canada, USA (Reedly)
37. Prospects for new openings: Paraguay, Mexico. Proposal to open in Ethiopia.
38. Enhancement / Plan of collaboration with the laity: 1 st international symposium of the Rogationist laity
39. Strengthen and coordinate the formation in the Congregation.
40. Economic and administrative situation.
41. Theme of the next General Chapter 2022 proposed by the General Government: " The Rogationist consecrated life today: unity, coordination and sharing "; open for discussion to enrich the theme.