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CONVOCATION OF THE XII 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 XII Ordinary General Chapter of the Congregation.

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 state 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); therefore, they specify 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, 2016.
2. It will be celebrated in the House of Morlupo, Rogate Spirituality Center.
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 its own discretion, the prayers attached to this letter, will be inserted in the daily practices of piety. I also invite you to support the 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) attached to this circular is sent to all Communities, as many envelopes as there are Confreres who have

¹ Cf. CIC 631, 1; 578.

² Cf. CIC 631,1.

active voice; b) the Superior will gather the Community and, in front of all, distributes the envelopes to those who have the right to vote; c) in the envelope each elector will find the various lists, prepared in accordance with Appendix n. 1 of the Norms for the composition of the Chapter, from which the Delegates are chosen, the ballots for their election and an envelope in which to enclose the filled out ballots; in an occasion or another fixed date, **within two months from the convocation** (cf. Norms, art. 144), at most on September 5, the Superior will gather once again the Community and in the presence of all: - he will receive from the elector Confreres the envelopes in which each should have enclosed the ballots with the designation of Delegates; - he will put those envelopes in another bigger envelop, seals it with the stamp of the House, with his signature and the signatures of the Councilors; - he will sign the minutes of the meeting together with all the other Electors of the House; - he will put the sealed envelope and the signed minutes inside another parcel, which will be sent in a **safe and speedy** manner to the General Curia. According to the judgment of the Superior of the Circumscription, the parcels from the different Houses could be sent altogether from the seat of the Circumscription to the General Curia.

6. In the event that some Religious, meanwhile, had been transferred to another House of the Circumscription, the Superior, on his own responsibility, will take charge of transmitting the envelop to the Religious, securing for himself the appropriate receipt of delivery.

7. Once the parcels will be received in the General Curia, during a special session of the General Council, on September 28: a) the parcels 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 Institute, according to the provisions of Art. 143 § 2.3. Norms.


8. According to the procedure established by the current Norms (art. 147), after due consultation, the following particular theme has long been chosen: *Seeing the crowds, he felt compassion to them ...: Rogate. The charismatic identity in the challenges of today.* The text of the *Lineamenta* has been already sent to the Communities for sharing and for appropriate integrations and observations.

9. Once the Delegates are defined, as provided by the Article. 147 § 2 of the Norms, *the Precapitular Committee will be set up "to prepare the Instrumentum laboris for the Chapter, on the basis of the draft prepared by the previous Committee."*

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 Maria Di Francia, I cordially greet you.


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(Fr. Fortunato Siciliano, R.C.J.)
Segr. Gen.




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(Fr. Angelo Ademir Mezzari, R.C.J.)
Sup. Gen.

Attachments:

1. Computation of the *quorum* and the Chapter Members
2. Facsimile Minutes of the Meeting
3. Envelopes for individual electors containing:
 - a. List of Chapter Members by right
 - b. Lists of those having **active** voice (those who can vote) and **passive** voice (those who can be voted)
 - c. Ballots for voting
 - d. Envelope for the filled out ballots, on which the name of the Circumscription of one's juridical membership should be indicated
4. Prayer Intentions

Computation of the *quorum* and of the Chapter Members

Quorum of Chapter Members (n. 58)

According to the current Norms (Cf. Appendix I, n. 2) participating to the General Chapter is 16% 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, July 5, 2015, are 362. The 16% of 362 Priests/Deacons and perpetually profess Religious Brothers corresponds to 57.92 which is rounded to 58 (total *quorum*).

Participants by right (n. 14)

Chapter members by right (Constitutions n. 191 § 1) are the Superior General (n. 1), the General Councilors (n. 4), the General Treasurer (n. 1), the General Secretary (1), the Superiors of the Circumscription, which includes the former Superior General, (n. 7). (total = n. 14).

Delegates (n. 44)

The number the Chapter Delegates resulting from the *quorum* (n. 58) less the participants by right (n. 14) = n. 44, which is composed of 42 Priests/Deacons and 2 Religious Brothers.

Delegates Priests/Deacons (n. 42)

The total number of Delegates Priests/Deacons, being formed by the *quorum*, less those who participate by right (n. 14), and less the two elected members from the list of perpetually professed Religious Brothers (n. 2), is 42.

The number of Delegates Priests/Deacons 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: 319 (total number of Priests/Deacons with passive voice): 42 (total number of Priests/Deacons delegates) = Y (number of Priests 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	: 319 : 42 = 69 : X where X = 9,08 = 9
St. Anthony Province	: 319 : 42 = 59 : X where X = 7,77 = 8
St. Luke Province	: 319 : 42 = 51 : X where X = 6,71 = 7
St. Matthew Province	: 319 : 42 = 74 : X where X = 9,74 = 10
St. Thomas Quasi Province	: 319 : 42 = 38 : X where X = 5,00 = 5
St- Joseph Quasi Province	: 319 : 42 = 17 : X where X = 2,24 = 2
USA Delegation	: 319 : 42 = 11 : X where X = 1,45 = 1

Total Delegates Priests/Deacons	42

Delegates Religious Brothers (n. 2)

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

General total (n. 58)

Fac Simile

MINUTES

for the Election of the Delegates to the XII General Chapter

CONGREGATION OF THE ROGATIONISTS

CIRCUMSCRIPTION.....

House of

Today 2015, 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 up ballots for the election of the Delegates to the XII General Chapter.

Those entitled to vote are all present:

(Here, you have to put the alphabetical list, by surname, of the Electors of the House).

The Superior, having noted the presence of all, invited them to submit their envelopes containing the filled up ballots, into a special envelop.

All, one after another, starting from the Superior, the Confreres Electors submitted his own envelope.

Then the special envelope has been duly closed and sealed with the stamp of the House and the signature of Father Superior and of the Councilors.

The said envelope together with the minutes of this meeting are enclosed in a final parcel, properly sealed, is sent in 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)



(Signatures of all Electors)