



CONVOCA TION

TO THE BELOVED SISTERS PROVINCE OF ST. VINCENT FERRER, JOY AND LOVE IN THE LORD

I hereby convene the thirteenth Provincial Chapter (sixteenth elective) to be held at our Provincial House in Taipei, beginning on January 15, 2018 as determined by the last Provincial Chapter held in 2015 (Acts # 23).

By right the members of Provincial Chapter as indicated in #155 of the Constitutions are:

- The Provincial Prioress
- The four Provincial Councilors
- The Provincial Secretary
- The Provincial Treasurer
- The Formator of Novices (China)
- The delegates elected according to the norms of the Directory among the Sisters with perpetual vows and those who have active voice.

In the meeting on September 6, 2017 the Provincial Council proceeded to form the groups for the election of Delegates to the Provincial Chapter in accordance with our Rules (# 235 Directory).

THE HOUSES THAT HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE TWO DELEGATES, are:

- ✓ Convent of St. Vincent Ferrer, Taipei.
- ✓ Dominican International School, Kaohsiung.

GROUPS: Each group has the right to elect two Delegates.

Group A: St. Catherine's Convent, Taishan

Sor Josephine Tan
Sor Cecilia Chan
Sor Inmaculada Chiang
Sor Agustina Lee
Sor Ana Li

Casa Misión Ntra. Sra. del Rosario, Lindong China

Sor Isabel Zhang

Casa en Xiamen, China

Sor Rosa Lin

Misión de Changting, China

Sor Edith Jía
Sor Catherine Wang

Group B: Dominican Child Development Center, Ordot

Sor Verónica Díaz
Sor Versamin Calamiong
Sor Eva Gamotin

Dominican Catholic School, Yigo

Sor Leticia Estero
Sor Milagros Emralino
Sor Julia Patimo
Sor Esperanza Seguban
Sor Matilde Gabieta
Sor Stephanie David

Group C: St. Dominic's Senior Care Home, Barrigada

Sor Bernardita de los Reyes
Sor M^a Imelda Aquino
Sor Milagros Elesterio
Sor M^a Evangeline David
Sor Úrsula Apacionado
Sor Victoria Cambronerero
Sor Teresita Manaloto

Misión de Fuqing, China

Sor Paula Lee
Sor Catalina Lien
Sor Inmaculada Wang

Group D: Dominican International School, Taipei

Sor M^a Socorro Teófilo
Sor Margarita Lin
Sor Inés Chen
Sor Zenaida Ancheta
Sor Leticia Delfín
Sor Evelyn Qidoles

Convento de San José, Santimen

Sor Imelda Liao
Sor Rosa Hung
Sor Catalina Villacruzada
Sor Susan Predas
Sor Daniela Pang

After receiving this convocation, you may proceed to the election of the Delegates according to the norms # 234, 236 § III of the Directory making sure that the ballots will arrive in the Provincial House before **November 2, 2017**.

May I remind the Local Prioresses to send their *RELACION*, as soon as possible. At the same time, I invite the Sisters in the communities to profoundly reflect and consider our life as consecrated persons, the promotion of vocation and formation, the apostolic work, the administration of goods and proper management of assets etc. You may put forward your questions, suggestions, plans or request to the Provincial Chapter either as a community or individually.

We are aware of the importance and significance of the Provincial Chapter, it is the gathering of the sisters of our Province to renew our commitment to the charism of the Order, and the apostolic ministry, considering the present situation of the Province and how we can move forward towards the future. Together we will pray, discern, examine and plan how we can respond more generously to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Mindful of these responsibilities, I encourage all the Sisters to accompany us in this journey through your prayers, concern and cooperation.

As stated in our norms all communities will begin the prayers for the Chapter on November 15 two months before the date. Sisters who are unable to pray with the Community, may do so privately. Kindly read again the Statues of the Province and the Acts of the Provincial Chapter in the community. Use it as a theme for your reflections and meditations.

Before the end of my humble service as Prioress Provincial I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the Sisters of the Province, the Local Prioresses, the Representatives of the Provincial, especially the Provincial Councilors, the Secretary and the Econome. Thank you for your generous cooperation and dedication and your concern for the common good and for making up for my shortcomings. I implore the Lord to bless and reward your generous spirit. May the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary continue to protect us and like her to help us do the will of God. May the intercession of Our Holy Father St. Dominic help us to give true testimony before the world as faithful followers of Christ.

Given at our Provincial House in Taipei on October 15, 2017.

Sor Cecilia Hsü, OP
Provincial Prioress

Sor Loida Lim, OP
Provincial Secretary

Pre-Chapter Survey

Taipei, October 15, 2017

Dear Sisters,

Together with the Convocation of the next Provincial Chapter, we send you these survey questionnaires which the community or individually may consider for discussion or suggestions. Kindly photocopy and give to each Sister according to their language. Hopefully the answers will arrive at the Secretariat before **November 15**.

1. How can we effectively promote a consecrated life that is full of life and a credible witnessing to others?
2. What are the constructive and destructive attitudes or behaviors that affect community life? How do I see myself? In faith, what are my hopes for my community? On my part, what can I offer to build a better and holier community?
3. Review our prayer life, liturgical celebrations and regular observance. What is the motivation that impels us to meet God? What part needs changes or improvement?
4. How do we face the challenge of old age and the care of the elderly and the sick? Confronting also the question of where to relocate the house for our Senior Sisters?
5. In the face of today's challenges, assessing the situation of our apostolic work, how can we strengthen our preaching and mission of evangelization? How can we renew the original charism of our work?
6. How to continue or transform the apostolic work making it more relevant and effective?
7. How to promote vocations and the ongoing formation of sisters?
8. Suggestions on the financial management of the assets and the establishment of the funds.
9. What is our response to the challenges of environmental protection, energy saving, carbon reduction and simple living?
10. Please indicate matters that concern the Province which needs priority of attention in the next five years.