



CONVOCATION

GENERAL CHAPTER 2019

Dear Sisters of the Institute:

At the beginning of this year 2019, **good thoughts** and great desires burn in all our hearts. Thoughts of leaving behind everything that did not serve us, those which have not helped us in the past year. **The desires of change**, of overcoming, of seeing with new eyes full of new illusions within reality and actuality arise and like Mary our Mother, we go out diligently to meet the will of the Father where the Spirit takes us.

In compliance with No. 204 § I of our Directory I send you the convocation of the XVI General Chapter, XV elective, which will begin, God willing, next July 15, 2019, in our Generalate, Rome.

A General Chapter is a moment of grace, if it is lived as a sign of unity in charity. That is why it is important that we become aware of the historical moment that we are going to live.

Also, that we become aware of the responsibility that falls on each of the participants. We must forget about particular interests. We search for the common good. We must have an open heart and mind, be willing to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit and to interpellate through the word of others.

It affects in a very real way the whole Church and not only the members of the congregation that celebrate it. The ecclesial sense must always preside and orient the guidelines of a General Chapter as a guarantee of fidelity and service to GOD and to men.

The logo of the Chapter is:

"In the wings of the Spirit carried and supported in: FAITH, JOY AND HOPE".

The Faith, which does not disappoint, taking the examples of our Father Abraham, of Mary, of Jesus, of Dominic de Guzmán.

Our joy lies in: "Be always joyful. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in everything, because this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."(1 Thess. 5,16-18)

We must serve humanity in the name of Jesus, not to value what we do but for whom and to whom we do it. We have to go back to him to share the wounds of men. Let's follow the example of our father St. Dominic, speaking of God to men and of men to God.

We are **bearers of hope** when we are faithful announcers of the **Word of God**. When we are able to enter into the cultures of the people, respecting them and accepting their

customs. We will be bearers of hope if we live among the brothers showing the mercy and compassion of the heart of Christ.

When the Convocation is received, the Delegates will be elected as established in numbers 249 and 250 § I of the Directory. The election will be by sending the vote by letter. The deadline for sending the Delegate election ballots to Rome will be until February 20.

All the Sisters who are entitled to it, will send the petitions they wish to present to the Chapter (see Dir. 207 § I, II and III).

The Local Prioresses will send a report of their Houses to their respective Provincial Prioresses. Taking these into account, the Provincial Prioresses shall prepare a report of their respective Provinces and shall send them to the Prioress General, in such a way that she could receive them three months before the celebration of the Chapter. (Dir. 208) The Delegations and Filial houses will send it directly to the General Prioress, so that these reports can be received three months before the celebration of the Chapter.

We will begin to pray, in Community, the proper prayers for the General Chapter, as indicated in the Manual of Prayers of the Congregation, p. 36 (see Dir. 206) three months before the celebration of the General Chapter. Sisters who cannot pray in common will do so in private.

The vocals to the General Chapter by right are: the Prioress General, the General Councilors, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer, the Provincial Prioresses and the Delegates.

On December 24, 2018 the General Council determined the Groups of Sisters of the Houses to elect the delegates to the General Chapter (cf. Dir.203). The formation of the groups was as follows:

A. PROVINCIA DE SAN LUIS BERTRÁN

1. Casa Provincial y Residencia “Ntra. Sra. del Rosario”, Madrid y Residencia Universitaria “Sta. Rosa de Lima” y Juniorado Internacional, Valladolid: una Delegada.
2. Colegio “Santo Domingo de Guzmán”, Palencia y Residencia “Ntra. Sra. de Fátima”, León: una Delegada.
3. Residencia “Villa Sto. Domingo”, El Escorial y Colegio “Santísimo Rosario”, Ávila: una Delegada.

B. PROVINCIA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

1. “Sta. Catalina Ladie’s Residence”, Manila y “Missionaries of St. Dominic Convent”, Lucena: una Delegada.
2. “Dominican College”, San Juan, Metro Manila y “Noviciado de la Sagrada Familia”, Tagaytay: una Delegada.
3. “Our Lady of the Rosary Nursing Home”, San Juan, Metro Manila y “Convento de la Sagrada Familia”, Santa Rita: una Delegada.
4. “Dominican School”, Dagupan; “St. Mary’s Dominican School”, San Manuel; “Our Lady of Manaoag College”, Manaoag y “Dominican House of Prayer”, Tagaytay: una Delegada.

5. “Dominican Academy”, Unisan; “Dominican School of Camalig”, Camalig; “St. Catherine’s College”, Carcar; “St. Joseph Catechetical Center and House of Spirituality”, Mandaue, “y St. Dominic Mission House”, Basco, Batanes: una Delegada.
6. “Dominican School”, Manila; “Dominican College of Sta. Rosa”, Laguna ; “Dominican School of Cebu”, Pitogo, Consolación y “Sta. Marina Omura Home”, Cabanatuan: una Delegada.

C. PROVINCIA DE SANTO TOMÁS DE AQUINO

1. Casa Provincial y Noviciado del Santo Rosario, Itami; “Dominica House”, Tokyo y Universidad de Santa Catalina, Hojo: una Delegada.
2. Hospital “San Martín de Porres”, Sakaide; “Catholic Okinawa Gakuen”, Okinawa y “Jardín Infantil de Santa María”, Niihama: una Delegada
3. Colegio de Sta. Catalina de Siena, Matsuyama; Colegio Luz de la Colina, Okazaki; “Jardín de María”, Shodoshima y Colegio de Santa Catalina de Kyoto, Sonobe: una Delegada.

D. PROVINCIA DE SAN VICENTE FERRER

1. “Dominican International School”, Taipei; “Dominican Child Development Center”, Ordot, Guam; “St. Dominic’s Senior Care Home”, Barrigada, Guam; “Dominican Catholic School”, Yigo, Guam y Casa Misión Ntra. Sra. del Rosario, Lindong y Misión de Changting, China: una Delegada.
2. Convento San Vicente Ferrer, Taipei; “Sta. Catherine’s Convent”, Taishan; “St. Joseph Convent”, Santimen y “Dominican International School”, Kaohsiung: una Delegada.

E. DELEGACIÓN DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL ROSARIO, ESTADOS UNIDOS, PONTIFICIO COLEGIO FILIPINO Y CAMBOYA

1. “Religious Missionaries of St. Dominic”, Corpus Christi, Texas; “St. Dominic’s Convent”, Oxnard, California; “Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent”, Santa Paula, California; “St. Anthony’s Convent”, Robstown, Texas; “Pontificio Colegio Filipino”, Roma; “Misión Santo Domingo”, Sihanoukville, Camboya y “San Martín de Porres”, Phnom Penh, Camboya: una Delegada.

F. DELEGACIÓN DE SAN MARTÍN DE PORRES, CHILE, Y CASA GENERALICIA

1. Noviciado “Ntra. Sra. de la Anunciación”, Santiago; Colegio “Santa Inés”, San Vicente de Tagua Tagua; “Misión Sto. Domingo”, Chillán y Casa Generalicia, Roma: una Delegada.

G. DELEGACIÓN DE SANTO DOMINGO, COREA

1. Misión Sto. Domingo y Juniorado, Seúl; Casa Noviciado “Sto. Domingo de Guzmán”, Hoengsong; “Casa de San José”, Hoengsong; “Casa Sagrada Familia”, Seúl y Casa “Santo Domingo de Guzmán”, Uijeongbu: una Delegada.

AGRUPACIÓN - H

1. “Nuestra Señora de Fátima”, Bangkok, Tailandia; “Holy Redeemer School”, Muanphol, Tailandia; Casa Noviciado, Thakham Samphran, Tailandia; “Mother Josefa Alzúa Home”, Mae Sot, Tailandia; Community of St. Joachim Catholic Center for Migrants, Samut Sakhon, Tailandia; “Missionaries of St. Dominic, Yangón, Myanmar;

“Nuestra Señora del Rosario”, Loikaw, Myanmar y Casa de Formación “Mártires de Vietnam”-“San Valentín de Berriochoa”, Vietnam: una Delegada.

I would like to thank all the sisters of the Institute for the help I have received during this six year period. Thank you for your prayer that in many moments has been of great help; thank you for your generosity and welcome when we have met. Thank you because you know how to excuse and forgive all my failures and weaknesses.

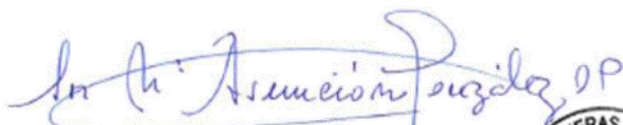
Let us strive to take responsibility for the preparation of the Chapter, let us not just think that it is the task of those who come as Delegates. In the meetings with you, you spoke of renewal. The renewal is not done once and for all, it is a continuous process, and it is not about any renewal, but a renewal from the charism itself. Because the charism that is not adapted, updated and renewed, over time becomes ineffective and is not attractive. It is about looking for new means that express the charism in the current reality in which we live.

United with Mary, always available and alert to listen, diligent in her actions and joyful in her dedication, keeping everything in her heart. May she help us to live always united with her Son so that faith, joy and hope may be a reality in all the works of the General Chapter.

Given in our Generalate of Rome, on January 10, 2019



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