



SOCIETÀ SAN PAOLO
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TO THE SUPERIORS OF CIRCUMSCRIPTIONS
OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PAUL
THEIR RESIDENCE

OBJECT: Convocation of the Meeting of the Major Superiors on 14-20 November 2011

Dear Brothers,

fraternal greetings to all of you and heartfelt thanks for the generous dedication you are giving in the service of authority for the good of the Provinces and Regions that constitute our Congregation.

Blessed James Alberione reminds us that we have to consider the communities in all levels, “societies in which there is union of forces in order to achieve these two goals: sanctification of the members and apostolate-ministry” (*Ut perfectus sit homo Dei*, III, 278).

After the IX General Chapter of 2010, we have programmed the Meeting of the Superiors of Circumscriptions with the General Government, in which we will deal with the following themes:

A. THE EXERCISE OF THE SERVICE OF AUTHORITY

- It could be of help, regarding this proposal, the enlightened reading and discussion on some passages of the Instruction of the CONGREGATION FOR INSTITUTES OF CONSECRATED LIFE AND SOCIETIES OF APOSTOLIC LIFE: ***The Service of Authority and Obedience*** (11 May 2008): for example nos. **13** (*Some priorities in the service of authority*); **20** (*The role of persons in authority for the growth of the community*); **23** (*In mission with all one's being, as Jesus the Lord*); **25-26** (*Authority and Mission and Difficult Obedience*).
- It is possible to share, through the direct information on the part of the GG, the actual accomplishments and what are still being programmed after the IX General Chapter: canonical and verification visits, meetings and activities, projects and reorganisations.
- It is possible to discuss among ourselves the requests related to authorizations provided by the *Constitutions* in some particular cases.

B. COLLABORATION

- In particular the question of “collaboration” will be dealt with between the General Government and the Government of Circumscriptions and the various levels of solution to the problems.
- The other area of “collaboration” is between the Circumscriptions and some organizations like the CTIA and the SIF.

C. CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY

- Activities and Celebrations
- Projects and Programmes to be shared

D. VARIOUS

- Short report of the General Postulator, of the General Procurator, of the General Bursar, of the General Secretary, and of the General Delegate of the Pauline Institutes of Consecrated Secular Life.
- Methodology: continental/linguistic group meetings: CIDEP, CAP-ESW, GRUPPO EUROPA-CONGO
- Others

To deal with these themes, I convoke the Meeting of all the Superiors of the Circumscriptions with the General Government, which will take place in the General House of the Society of Saint Paul in Rome, from 14 to 20 November 2011.

All the participants are expected to be in Rome at 16:00 of Monday, 14 November 2011 and it foreseen that their return journey will only be after 13:00 of Sunday, 20 November.

For now I am thanking you for your availability, wishing you every good wish in Christ the Master.



Don Silvio Sassi

Father Silvio Sassi
General Superior

Information

1. Expenses for the trip: the “pool” criterion will be followed as already practised in the past, that is, the total costs of the various round trip tickets will be summed up together – *in economy class* – from the point of departure to Rome, and will be divided by the number of participants. For this purpose, each has to communicate to the General Bursar the precise details related to the trip (cost of the transportation used – in US\$ or Euro – of the round trip ticket).
2. As foreseen, the days of the meeting will be demanding, and those who desire to have personal dialogue with the General Superior or with the General Officials, it is advised that they do this before or after the meeting, with prior appointment.
3. Those responsible of the various groups (CIDEP, CAP-ESW, GEC) should organise their meetings on Friday, 18 November, and submit the report of their meetings to the General Secretary. The time of the meetings is as follows: 09.00-10:30 GEC; 10.45-12.15 CIDEP; 15.00-16.30: CAP-ESW.
4. The General House is available for accommodation as the participants arrive one by one in Italy. For reasons of organisation, it is necessary to communicate to the Coordinators, through e-mail or fax, the date and the time of arrival, the company and flight number. For the same reasons it is advised to communicate also the days of departure after the meeting.

For other information and clarifications you can get in touch with Fr. Celso Godilano (vicgen@stpauls.it) or with Br. Giuseppe Galli (giuseppe.galli@stpauls.it), Coordinators of the Meeting; also with Fr. Vincenzo Vitale, General Secretary (seggen@stpauls.it).

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

and selected themes

MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER

- 17:15 Presentation of the Meeting (Fr. Celso GODILANO and Fr. Carlo CIBIEN)
18:00 ***Eucharistic Visit*** (animator: Fr. José Salud PAREDES)
19:00 Supper
20:00 “*Getting-to-know*” *each other* (Br. Giuseppe GALLI)

TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

- 7:00 ***Opening Mass of the Meeting*** (presider: Fr. Silvio SASSI)
7:45 Breakfast
9:00 1st SESSION The Role of the Major Superiors in synergy with the Gen. Government
10:30 Break
11:00 2nd SESSION Reflection on *The Service of Authority and Obedience* (CICLSAL) (1)
12:30 Lunch
15:00 3rd SESSION Reflection on *The Service of Authority and Obedience* (CICLSAL) (2)
16:30 Break
17:00 4th SESSION Application of *The Service of Authority and Obedience* (in groups)
18:30 ***Eucharistic Visit*** (animator: Fr. Gilles COLLICELLI)
19:30 Supper

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

- 7:00 ***Holy Mass*** (presider: Fr. Michael RAJ)
7:45 Breakfast
9:00 5th SESSION Conflicting problems between canonical and delegated authority
10:30 Break
11:00 6th SESSION Meeting with the *General Procurator*
12:30 Lunch
15:00 7th SESSION Activities of the General Government after the General Chapter (1)
16:30 Break
17:00 8th SESSION Activities of the General Government after the General Chapter (2)
18:30 ***Eucharistic Visit*** (animator: Fr. Nestor CANDADO)
19:30 Supper

THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER

- 7:00 : ***Holy Mass*** (presider: Fr. Vincenzo MARRAS)
7:45 : Breakfast
9:00 : 9th SESSION Collaboration with the General Government (*Constitutions & Directory*)
10:30 : Break
11:00 : 10th SESSION Collaboration between the Gen. Government and the Circumscriptions
12:30 : Lunch

15:00 : 11th SESSION Meeting with the CTIA: norms and procedures in the apostolate
 16:30 : Break
 17:00 : 12th SESSION Meeting with the SIF: sharing of proposals in the formation
 18:30 : ***Eucharistic Visit*** (animator: Fr. Roger WAWA)
 19:30 : Supper

FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER

7:00 : ***Holy Mass*** (presider: Fr. Faustino HERNÁNDEZ)
 7:45 : Breakfast
 9:00 : 13th SESSION GEC Meeting
 10:30 : Break
 11:00 : 14th SESSION CIDEP Meeting
 12:30 : Lunch
 15:00 : 15th SESSION CAP-ESW Meeting
 16:30 : Break
 17:00 : 16th SESSION Meeting with: *Postulator, Director of Charism Course, Director of Centre of Pauline Spirituality*
 18:30 : ***Eucharistic Visit*** (animator: Fr. Gustavo NOVA NOVA)
 19:30 : Supper

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

7:00 : ***Holy Mass*** (presider: Fr. Valdecir CONTE)
 7:45 : Breakfast
 9:00 : 17th SESSION Centennial Celebration 2014: Gen. Government and Circumscriptions (1)
 10:30 : Break
 11:00 : 18th SESSION Centennial Celebration 2014: Gen. Government and Circumscriptions (1)
 12:30 : Lunch
 15:00 : 19th SESSION Meetings with *General Secretary, General Bursar, General Delegate of the Institutes*
 16:30 : Break
 17:00 : 20th SESSION Concluding Meeting in the Assembly
 18:30 : ***Eucharistic Visit*** (animator: Fr. José NUNES)
 19:30 : Supper

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

7:00 ***Eucharistic Visit*** (individual)
 7:45 Breakfast
 9:00 21st SESSION Concluding Meeting with the *General Superior and Council*
 10:30 Break
 11:00 ***Closing Mass of the Meeting*** (presider: Fr. Silvio SASSI)
 12:30 Lunch - End of the Meeting