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CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL
TO THE MAJOR SUPERIORS AND ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION
CONVOKING THE GENERAL CHAPTER 2023

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“Consider brothers your calling” (1 Cor 1:26).

Bearing in mind Directory No. 220, according to which the General Chapter should be convoked by a circular letter six months before its commencement, after consulting the Superiors of the Provinces and Vicariates, in the context of a very difficult world situation, after receiving the consent of the General Council at the session held on March 16th this year, I hereby **convoke a General Chapter in Rome: beginning with a retreat on February 6, 2023 in the morning (D 220). The closing of the Chapter is scheduled for February 18, 2023.** The Chapter members are to arrive in Rome early enough, i.e. on February 4-5, 2023 (Saturday-Sunday), so as to participate from the beginning of the day of recollection on Monday.

The following participate in the General Chapter *ex officio* according to C 260: the current Superior General, the General Councillors, the Secretary General, the General Econome, the Provincial Superiors and the former Superiors General; and by election: delegates of the Provinces, General Vicariates and Houses directly dependent on the Superior General, lawfully elected.

Each Province should hold the first session of the Provincial Chapter well in advance of the General Chapter, with prior notification to the Superior General (C 271 and C 272). The second session of the same Provincial Chapter, however, is to be held no later than three months after the conclusion of the General Chapter (C 272). Provincial Chapters are to be conducted in accordance with the directives prescribed in our law, C 271-274 and D 243-245. During the first session of the Provincial Chapters and during the Chapters of the General Vicariates, delegates and their substitutes are to be elected to the General Chapter (C 272, D 223-224).

Chapters will be held in the General Vicariates to elect one delegate to the General Chapter and one substitute delegate (D 224), with the participation of all of the perpetually professed who, according to our law, have active and passive voting rights (C 252). The time and place of the General Vicariate Chapter is chosen by its Superior after obtaining the consent of his Council and the notification of the Superior General. Instructions on



how to conduct the Chapters in the General Vicariates will be sent to the Superiors of the Vicariates in due time, to which the voting cards for the Chapter delegates will be attached.

Copies of the protocols and acts of the Chapters of the Provinces and General Vicariates should be sent as soon as possible to the Superior General and his Council for review and approval (D 245).

The Chapters of the Provinces and General Vicariates should both discuss and prepare proposals for the General Chapter (D 244.7). I also remind you that every House and every confrere can send their proposals to the General Chapter, either personally or through the delegates (C 264). Each proposal is to be properly justified and specified - whether it is an amendment to the Constitution or the Directory, a decree, recommendation, declaration, explanation or appeal.

No later than 3 months before the General Chapter, in fulfilment of point 219 of the Directory, the General Government will send to the Provinces and General Vicariates the planned program of the General Chapter.

I remind the Superiors of the Provinces and General Vicariates to prepare a report for the General Chapter on the personnel and disciplinary status of the members of the Province/General Vicariate, on the material and financial situation and the scope of the apostolic works (C 262). In order for the Chapter to be able to better discern the situation of the Congregation, please pay attention to the positive aspects of the management of the communities entrusted to them and the challenges they face, and to the possible development prospects for the Congregation as well as its works. I propose that each Provincial Superior should present his report within 45 minutes and the General Vicariate Superior within 20 minutes. Please send the texts of the report of the Provinces and General Vicariates to the General Curia Secretariat in three languages, i.e. Polish, English and Portuguese, by November 30, 2022, by regular mail and e-mail (segretariogenerale@marians.it).

The General Chapter is a momentous moment in the life of the Congregation. Its aim is to preserve the patrimony of our religious community, to contribute to its constant development and renewal in accordance with its own charism and mission adapted to the needs of the time, to deal with matters of greater importance, to issue appropriate decrees and to elect a new General Government (C 259).

We know that the fruitfulness of the General Chapter depends above all on the light of the Holy Spirit and the openness of the minds and hearts of the Chapter members and




their submission to His inspirations. Therefore, I invite all my confreres to pray fervently and incessantly. In a special way, **I ask and oblige all my confreres and every community to pray daily, beginning from September 8, 2022, the Prayer for the Jubilee of our Congregation (attached bellowed) and from January 27, 2023, (Feast of Blessed George), please pray the Sequence to the Holy Spirit (*Come, Holy Spirit*), as part of/or instead of the Marian prayers.** I also encourage everyone to support the work of the Chapter by offering Holy Masses, prayers, suffering and good deeds for this intention.

Invoking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculately Conceived, and our Founder, St. Stanislaus, our Renovator, Bl. George, Bl. Martyrs George and Antony and all the patrons of the Congregation, let us ask our Merciful God for abundant fruits for the Chapter.

In Rome, April 15, 2022.


Fr. Zbigniew Piłat, MIC
Secretary General




Fr. Andrzej Pakuła, MIC
Superior General

JUBILEE PRAYER

Almighty God and Father,
In Your Providence,
You have been shaping the Congregation of Marian Fathers from the beginning
– Your possession,
raised into existence by the Holy Spirit
in cooperation with our father, St. Stanislaus
to proclaim to all peoples and nations the deed of the redemption
carried out by Your Son,
born of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Grant, we pray, that the 350th Anniversary of the origin of our community
will renew and strengthen the charism in us,
poured into our hearts by Your Spirit.
May our life, immersed in You,
become a witness before others to Your salvific love.
Obedient to You as the Immaculate Mother of Your Son was,
transformed in the Holy Spirit,
we, individually and as a community,
want to respond to your salvific plan:
“That we should be holy and immaculate before Your sight” (cf. Eph 1: 4).
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen