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LETTER CONVENING THE GENERAL CONVENTION
IN LICHEŃ FROM OCTOBER 19-24, 2020

In accordance with our Constitutions (C 276), having consulted the Provincial Superiors and having obtained the consent of the General Council gathered in its session on April 2, 2020, I hereby convoke the General Convention to be held at our Religious House under the title of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in Licheń (Poland), from October 19–24, 2020.

The topics, date, and place of the General Convention have previously been planned as part of the Celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the Origin of our Congregation and have been made known to everyone. I hope that – with God's help – it will be possible for all of the Convention participants to meet in Licheń, despite the global pandemic crisis and the current travel problems. We still have five months to go before the opening of the Convention and a lot can change along the way. I hope that any changes will be for better. However, acting with prudence, I ask all Convention members to refrain from purchasing tickets until July 31st of this year. Prior to this date, I will announce the final decision regarding the possibility of holding this meeting.

In accordance with the adopted Program of the Celebrations of the 350th Anniversary of the Origin of the Congregation of Marian Fathers, the General Convention takes place in the year headed by the theme "Consecrated for Christ and the Church." In addition, December 11th of this year marks exactly 350 years from the act of the *Oblatio*, made by our Father, St. Stanislaus. For all of us, his spiritual sons, this year is also a time of preparation for our renewal of the *Oblatio*, in place of our traditional renewal of vows on December 8 – the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The above reasons require the topic of the Convention to be "Oblatio and consecration." This is also the title of the symposium, which is planned as part of the Convention. A detailed program of the Convention is attached to this letter.


As stipulated by article 250 of our Directory, "Participants of a General Convention, besides the members of the General Government, are the Superiors of Provinces and Vice-Provinces, or their Vicars, General Vicariate



Superiors, as well as members with greater experience and expertise in religious life or apostolic activity, according to the subject matter of the convention.” I also invite Superiors of Provincial Vicariates to participate in the Convention. In view of the topic, I invite the following confreres working in formation to participate in the General Convention: rectors of seminaries and study centers, novice masters and postulancy moderators. I include with this letter the list of the Convention participants whom I call to come to Warsaw on the eve of the start of the Convention, i.e. on Sunday, October 18, 2020, at the latest.

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I am asking all confreres to pray zealously for the intention of the General Convention so that, guided by the Holy Spirit and through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, it may contribute to our reflection on our charism and Marian school of spirituality, as well as to strengthen our fidelity to our vocation. I also call upon the intercession of the Holy Patrons of our Congregation, in particular Saint Stanislaus, our Father and Founder, Blessed George, Bishop and Renovator, and Blessed Anthony and George, the martyrs from Rosica.


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