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LETTER CANCELLING THE GENERAL CONVENTION
PLANNED TO BE HELD FROM OCTOBER 19-24, 2020

Dear Confreres, Members of the General Convention:

By the letter of May 22, 2020 (Prot. No. 56/2020), in accordance with our legislation, I convoked a General Convention, the celebration of which was planned to be held at the religious house of the Assumption of the B.V.M. in Licheń (Poland), from October 19-24, 2020. In my letter convening the General Convention, I indicated that the state of the pandemic is active and unsettled, therefore I asked all Convention members to “refrain from purchasing tickets until July 31 of this year. I shall announce the final decision as to the possibility of holding this meeting prior to this date.”

The current state of the pandemic in the world, especially in places where we are, is still cause for much concern. To acquire a greater confidence, and in the context of the visitations planned much earlier this year, I turned to the competent authorities to inquire about the possibility of traveling between countries and continents where our Congregation is present. I learned that there are still many regions where the situation is getting worse and that it won't be possible in the coming months to either leave or enter certain countries. Even if such opportunities appear in two months, it would still be necessary to undergo a two-week quarantine in Poland (generally, everywhere in the European Union), followed by the same quarantine after returning to the country of departure. For this reason, there are still difficulties related to intercontinental flights, and in some cases, travel opportunities are reserved for a narrow group of people (family reunions, diplomats, top-class specialists at the invitation of certain companies, etc.) which does not include meetings of a religious order, such as a General Convention. However, the quarantine applies even to that group of travellers.


In view of the above, after consulting the Provincial Superiors and the General Council at its session on July 24, 2020, I hereby cancel the celebration of the General Convention to be convened at the Religious House of the Assumption of the B.V.M. in Licheń (Poland), from October 19-24, 2020.

Other Jubilee meetings are planned for 2021: from July 10-21, 2021, in Licheń, Poland, a worldwide meeting of the Marians in initial formation, regional symposia on the school of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, organized by our Provinces and General Vicariates as part of their annual Conventions, and the traditional annual


meeting of Provincial and General Vicariates Superiors in September in Rome. I hope at least these meetings can be held.

Furthermore, the First Theological Symposium of the Marian school of spirituality on *Oblatio and Consecration* was to take place as part of the General Convention. Articles that have been prepared by the participants of the General Convention will be published in a special book later this year, so that they can serve as the conferences for the monthly Days of Recollection throughout 2021. At least in this way, the main topic of the General Convention will bear fruit and help us all to deepen our reflection on our charism and the Marian school of spirituality, and to strengthen our fidelity to our vocation.

May the holy Patrons of our Congregation, especially St. Stanislaus Papczyński, our Father and Founder, Blessed George, Archbishop and Renovator, and Anthony and George, the Martyrs of Rosica, help us bear witness to the Risen Christ in our consecrated life and service in the Church.


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