



CONVOCATION OF THE XI GENERAL CHAPTER

Prot. no. 140c/21 SG

Rome, 6 August 2021
Feast of the Lord's Transfiguration

To the
Provincial Superiors
Regional Superiors
Delegate Superiors
Superiors of Houses dependent on the General Government
Their respective Seats

Dear Brothers,

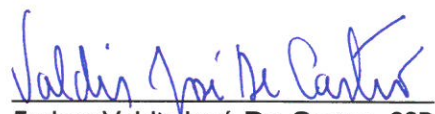
With this Letter of Convocation, in accordance with articles 213 and 213.1 of the Constitutions and Directory, I announce the following:

1. The XI General Chapter of the Society of Saint Paul will begin on Sunday 6 February 2022 and will be celebrated in the Casa Divin Maestro in Ariccia (Rome). The Chapter itself is expected to end on 27 February.
2. Those indicated in articles 215, 215.1, 215.2, 215.3 and 215.4 will participate (Annex no. 1).
3. For the election of the Delegates to the Provincial Chapters and the General Chapter and their respective Substitutes, it will proceed according to the norms of Articles 195.3, 196, 196.1 and 196.5, in the new text modified by the General Chapters (Annex no. 2). For the Regions, as per art. 182.3.
4. It will be the responsibility of the competent Superior to meet in good time the Provincial (or corresponding) Chapter for the election of the aforementioned Delegates, whose names must reach the General Government no later than 31 December 2021.
5. As regards the elections in the Houses directly dependent on the General Government, it follows the rule established by art. 215.3. Therefore, the Communities of the Generalate (Rome), Canonico Chiesa (Rome), Casa Divin Maestro (Ariccia), Casa Don Alberione (Albano Laziale), the Community of the Vatican, the House of Sidney (Australia), to which persons will be added directly dependent on the Superior General, they will form a single group, which will send two Delegates to the Chapter.
6. The official language of the Chapter will be Italian, but the Capitulars, in their interventions, can use their own language. Simultaneous translation will be carried out in the following languages: Italian, English, Spanish.
7. While I invite all the brothers to personal and community prayer for the success of the Chapter, I propose to this end the text of the prayer (Annex no. 3).

The convocation of the XI General Chapter significantly occurs on the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord: *"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!"* (Mk 9:7). Following this invitation, addressed to us today, let us try together, in the light of the Spirit, to reflect and project our Congregation starting from the theme *"Let yourselves be transformed by renewing your way of thinking"* (Rm 12: 2). *Called to be artisans of communion to prophetically announce the joy of the Gospel in the culture of communication*. Transformed by Christ, let us open ourselves with courage and hope towards the future of our mission, in fidelity to our Founder, in the spirit of the Apostle Paul.

I greet you all with deep affection.




Father Valdir José De Castro, SSP
Superior General

SEGRETERIO GENERALE

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS TO THE XI GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PAUL

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL OFFICIALS

Father Valdir José De Castro – Superior General
 Father Vito Fracchiolla – Vicar General
 Father Celso Godilano – Councillor General
 Brother Darlei Zanon – Councillor General
 Father José Salud Paredes – Councillor General
 Father Jose Pottayil – Councillor General
 Brother Luigi Bofelli – Councillor General
 Father Alberto Fusi – Procurator General
 Father Tomasz Lubas – General Bursar
 Father Domenico Soliman – Secretary General

PROVINCES

Brazil	Father Claudiano Avelino dos Santos, Provincial Superior
Colombia-Ecuador-Panamá	Father Danilo Medina, Provincial Superior
Philippine-Macau	Father Rollin Jean-Marie Flores, Provincial Superior
Japan	Father Giovanni Sawada Toyonari, Provincial Superior
India-Great Britain-Ireland	Father Varghese Gnaliam, Provincial Superior
Italy	Father Gerardo Curto, Provincial Superior
Mexico-Cuba	Father Oliverio Mondragón, Provincial Superior
Spain	Father Miguel Hernández Carmen, Provincial Superior

REGIONS

Argentina-Chile-Paraguay	Father Hernando Jaramillo, Delegate of the Superior General
Canada-France	Father Gilles Collicelli, Delegate of the Superior General
Congo	Father Jacques Bosewa, Regional Superior
Korea	Father Ignazio Hwang, Regional Superior
Nigeria	Father Joseph Kandachamkunnel, Regional Superior
Perú-Bolivia	Father Alberto Scalenghe, Regional Superior
Poland-Ukraine	Father Wojciech Turek, Regional Superior
Portugal-Angola	Father Favio Marín Marín, Regional Superior
United States	Brother Marco Bulgarelli, Delegate of the Superior General
Venezuela	Father José Ángel Torres, Regional Superior

PAULINE INSTITUTES Father Roberto Roveran (chosen by the Superior General)

ELECTED DELEGATES

PROVINCES

Brazil	two
Colombia-Ecuador-Panamá	two
Philippine-Macau	two
Japan	two
India-Great Britain-Ireland	four
Italy	four
Mexico-Cuba	two
Spain	two

REGIONS

Argentina-Chile-Paraguay	one
Canada-France	one
Congo	one
Korea	one
Nigeria	one
Perú-Bolivia	one
Poland-Ukraine	one
Portugal-Angola	one
United States	one
Venezuela	one

**ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTIONS AND DIRECTORY
OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PAUL
RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS OF DELEGATES
MODIFIED BY THE GENERAL CHAPTERS**

195.3 In the election of delegates to the provincial chapter, all professed members enjoy active voice and all perpetually professed members enjoy both active and passive voice. The houses that number from five to eleven members are to send one delegate; those with at least twelve members, two delegates; those with more than *thirty* members, four delegates. The houses with less than five members are to be grouped together, as outlined by the provincial superior, in such a way that the groupings do not exceed twenty professed members. They will elect two delegates. *When the election of the delegates is concluded, the election of their substitutes takes place. Each substitute is elected with a relative majority.* This norm is to be applied each and every time that it is a question of electing delegates.

196. The members of the provincial chapter by right are:

- the provincial superior, who convokes the chapter and presides over it;
- the local superiors of the houses with more than four members;
- the superiors of the vocation houses, even if these are houses with less than five members;
- the director general of the apostolate;
- the elected delegates in accordance with what is set out in the directory.

To all the above-mentioned members are to be added the provincial counsellors, once they are elected in the first chapter, and the provincial secretary and provincial bursar, whenever they have been appointed by the respective government.

196.1 Members of the provincial chapter are also the coordinator of vocation promotion and formation and one or more delegates or pauline assistants of the aggregated institutes. For these last, it is for the provincial superior to determine the modalities of such a participation. Subject to the discretion of the provincial superior, the delegate of the pauline co-operators of the circumscription may be a member of the provincial chapter.

196.5 In order to send the delegates of the province to the general chapter, the provincial chapter will elect, by an absolute majority of votes, two perpetually professed members. When there are at least one hundred professed members the province is to elect four delegates. Over and above two hundred members, one extra delegate is to be elected for every hundred members or fraction of a hundred above fifty. In any case, in accordance with the norm of article 195.3 (last paragraph) the notification of substitute delegates is not to be overlooked. In the election of the above-mentioned delegates all the members of the provincial chapter enjoy active and passive voice, while all the perpetually professed members of the province enjoy passive voice. Should members not present at the chapter be elected, they are to be summoned without delay. They enjoy the same rights as the other chapter members; but, in the meanwhile, the provincial chapter continues its sittings. When the election is over and the result promulgated by the provincial superior, original documents are to be drawn up which, signed by the provincial himself and by the secretary of the chapter, are to be handed over to the elected members as proof of their legitimate delegation to the general chapter.

PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL CHAPTER

O divine Holy Spirit,
who, sent by the Father in the name of Jesus,
assist and guide the Church infallibly,
pour out on our Chapter the fullness of your gifts.

O gentle Master and Comforter,
enlighten our mind,
let abundant fruits mature from this Chapter;
may our commitment of sanctification and apostolate
acquire new vigour;
may the light and power of the Gospel
spread ever further among men.

O sweet Guest of souls,
confirm our minds in the truth,
dispose to obedience the hearts of all,
so that the deliberations of the Chapter
may find generous assent and full compliance.

Renew in our Family
the wonders of a new Pentecost.
Grant that, united in unanimous and more intense prayer,
around Mary, Mother of Jesus, and to the Apostles,
the kingdom of the Divine Master may spread,
in the spirit of the Apostle Paul. Amen.