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"*Placet or no placet, that's the question!*" With this paraphrase of the famous exclamation of William Shakespeare's Hamlet we can summarize the final work of the Chapter Assembly, approving some motions and above all the 6 priorities and the 27 operational lines that make up the *Program Document*. It is divided into the three nuclei that have accompanied us since the beginning of the work through the *Instrumentum laboris*: 1. The Pauline and his charismatic roots, 2. The Pauline in mission: integral formation for the mission, 3. A Synodal Congregation.

At the unanimous approval of the *2022-2028 Program Document* on Friday afternoon, the synodal *placet* has overcome the question! Two important messages were also approved that soon you will receive - one intended for the communities of the Society of St. Paul and another for the Pauline Family throughout the world. Many brothers and sisters have followed the work of the Chapter very closely. They have supported us in prayer and friendship.

The welcome of Pope Francis in an audience this Saturday morning was also invigorating. We felt great closeness and friendship from the Pope who he gave us a particularly significant message. After handing his written address to the Superior General, Fr Domenico, the Pope spoke by heart to the Capitulars. He underlined the importance of our mission in the world of communication: "*You are apostles of communication*", he said. He then exhorted us: "*You have the vocation to communicate cleanly, evangelically ... Not only to communicate, but also to redeem communication from the state in which it is today... Your vocation is that communication be made clean, clear, simple. Don't neglect this. It's very important!*" Finally, the Pope encouraged us to strain forward in communicating Christ to the world: "*Thank you for your vocation of communication in the Church. Go ahead with it. The Church needs this! I thank you very much. Courage and forward!*" The full speech is available on www.vatican.va.

Returning in Ariccia, we listened in the afternoon to the last communication and concluding message of the new Superior General. He thanked all those who collaborated for the success of the Chapter and recalled some fundamental moments of the journey together with other essential elements to be kept in mind in the next six-year period.

We invite you once again to browse through our institutional website for all the information, photos and documents produced during the XI General Chapter, which will officially conclude with the solemn Eucharistic celebration in the Basilica Regina degli Apostoli (Rome), at 11.30 am tomorrow, Sunday 19 June. We invite you to participate in person or virtually through the Youtube channel of the Society of St. Paul (@sspinformationservice).

Invoking the blessing of Jesus the Master Way, Truth and Life, we greet each one of you. We invite you now to welcome the *Program Document* – solemnly signed by all the Capitulars during Vespers on Friday, June 17 – and to make it sprout as a sign of new life in every community.

Ariccia, Casa Divin Maestro, 18 June 2022

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