

Rome, 17 April 2021

Reverend
SUPERIORS AND DELEGATES OF CIRCUMSCRIPTIONS
DELEGATES OF DEPENDENT HOUSES
Their Seats

Subject: ***Reworking of the Instrumentum Laboris for the XI General Chapter***

Dear Brothers,

First of all, we hope to find you in good health, given the emergency we are experiencing due to the pandemic. Considering this reality that has persisted for a year already, we have reflected within the General Government on the need to rework the *Instrumentum Laboris* which will serve as a basis for reflection and discussion both at the level of each Circumscription and, above all, in the General Chapter, in order to be able to plan the path that the Congregation will choose to take for the next few years.

After having identified the 5 areas of challenges, the result of the previous questionnaires and the meeting of the Major Superiors, it seems appropriate to take into account the difficult situation that we are all experiencing and that will certainly affect our future.

In this period, the fragility emerged on the system on which we built our civil coexistence, the organization of our Pauline religious life and also our structures.

For this reason, we ask you for a corresponding collaboration, answering these few questions:

1. In your opinion, what are the frailties that this time of pandemic has highlighted in our approach to Pauline life: at the level of community life, at the level of formation, at the level of the apostolic mission of your Circumscription?
2. What values, at this time of pandemic, have emerged and which we think we Paulines must assume, on which to base and relaunch our identity and our Pauline mission?
3. Struck by the pandemic, what does humanity ask of us today in order to be of help for its rebirth and to have hope?

It would be useful if the responses were the joint efforts of the various Councils: Circumscription Council, Council of Apostolate, Team of Formation.

The Superior of the Circumscription, after having collected the answers from the various Councils, will draw up a single text in his own language to be sent to the address below.

We ask you to send your answers by 31 May 2021 to the e-mail address: capitologenerale@paulus.net.

This additional exercise of synodality that we ask of you becomes an effective contribution to the success of the General Chapter and, at the same time, a reason for reflection and for personal and community growth.

Faternally

for the Pre-Preparatory Commission
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