



Rome, 15 October 2021

Most Rev.

Major Superiors and Delegates of the Society of St Paul
THEIR SEATS

Dear Superiors and Delegates,

Grace and peace!

Chapters and Assemblies have begun in the circumscriptions which, by 31 December next, will complete the composition of the XI General Chapter. In these precious moments of fraternity and sharing that the Lord offers us, we are all invited to a true synodal spirit – through motions, suggestions, writings, etc. – to enrich the debate that will take place on the occasion of the General Chapter in February, providing this material to the respective Delegates and Superiors so that they can become ambassadors for this important event.

With regard to the situation of the covid-19 pandemic, we would like to inform you that the situation in Italy is currently under control, despite the many precautions and limitations that the health authorities have imposed (mandatory mask in closed places, green pass, prohibition of gatherings, restrictions on access to places of public interest above certain quotas, etc.). In any case, and given the experience of the past months, many uncertainties remain regarding the evolution of the pandemic curve and, looking at other General Chapters of religious congregations currently underway in Italy, there may be a need to create a “bubble” from the arrival in Ariccia until the end of the Chapter (February 27), with the consequent prohibition to leave the Chapter venue during all that time. We will be more precise on this issue in the coming weeks, but we reiterate from now on the need to avoid any visit or “tour” before the celebration of the Chapter, as only one positive case among the capitulars is enough to block the work and even run the risk of interrupting the Chapter itself “indefinitely” and imposing medical isolation on all participants for an unlimited period.

Regarding the arrival in Italy by the capitulars, we cannot help but to strongly insist on the opportunity for everyone to have completed the vaccination cycle, paying attention to the types of vaccines recognized by the Italian authorities.

We therefore invite you to contact the Embassies and Consular Offices of Italy in your countries to request information on the conditions for reaching Rome. It is possible, in fact,

that limitations are imposed, such as the quarantine of a few days in dedicated facilities. In the event that some confreres are bound to this obligation, we inform you as of now that they will be hosted at “Casa Don Alberione” (Via S. Francesco d’Assisi no. 48 - 00041 Albano Laziale - RM). From now on, they will be able to indicate this address in the official documentation that they will have to fill out.

We also strongly advise you to buy plane tickets to Rome immediately with the possibility, given the risk of having to anticipate your arrival in Italy for a period of quarantine, to move the date without (or with minimal) additional costs (so-called “open tickets”). We remind you in this regard that, in accordance with a healthy tradition, the total cost of the tickets will be divided pro-rata among all the capitulars.

Finally, we inform you that those who do not need to have the quarantine will be transported to Ariccia on 5 February (Saturday), while the departure from Ariccia to Rome will take place on Monday, 28 February. Finally, we remind you from now on that the rooms in Ariccia will be available for the capitulars from 4 February to 1 March 2022. Rooms will also be available for them in Rome, at the compound in Via Alessandro Severo, from 2 February to 5 March 2022, in order to cover any early arrivals or late departures. In order to allow us to better organize hospitality and transport, we kindly ask from now on to all Superiors and Delegates to send us by 10 January next year the date of arrival and departure of all the capitulars belonging to their circumscriptions to the following email address: capitologenerale@paulus.net or to the mobile phone of Brother Darlei Zanon (+39 342 805 2114).

With fraternal affection in Saint Paul,

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