



Rome, 1 December 2021

Most Rev.

Major Superiors and Delegates of the Society of Saint Paul
THEIR OFFICES

Dear brother Superiors and Delegates,

Grace and peace!

Elective Chapters and Assemblies continue to be celebrated in our Circumscriptions. To date, the Provinces of Brazil, Philippines-Macau, India-Great Britain-Ireland, Italy, Mexico-Cuba, Spain and the Regions Canada-France, Congo, Peru-Bolivia, Poland-Ukraine, Nigeria and the United States have completed this phase. This phase will be completed by the end of December and we will then be able to give you a list of all the participants in the XI General Chapter.

We hope that, as per our **indication contained in the letter of last 31 August** and in order to foster a common vision of the Congregation and its mission, the reports given by the Major Superiors and Delegates of the Circumscriptions in the circumscription Chapters and Assemblies have followed the tripartite scheme of the *Instrumentum Laboris* (“*The Pauline and his charismatic roots*”, “*The Pauline on mission: integral formation for the mission*” and “*A synodal Congregation*”). As already mentioned in that letter, we now inform you that this scheme must also be followed in the exposition of the individual reports during the XI General Chapter. In this regard, we inform you from now on that each Provincial Superior will have 25 minutes available for a summary in the Chapter Hall, while the Regional Superiors and Delegates will have 15 minutes.

We anticipate right now that all the documents that will be produced during the Chapter will be shared on the drive folder. This is why we ask each capitular to bring his own personal computer.

Regarding the situation of the covid-19 pandemic, as you may know, the situation in Italy has been worsening in recent weeks, albeit to a lesser extent than most other European countries, where new restrictive measures have already been decided. In Italy, the “Super Green Pass” requirement, which will be required to access many indoor public places, will come into force from 6 December to 15 January (with the possibility of this period being extended even further). It is a sort of reinforced “vaccination certificate”, guaranteed to those who have had the vaccine or have been cured of the infection for less than 9 months. To use the means of transport and hotels, the simple “Green Pass” will be required, temporarily issued to those who have made the antigenic or molecular swab. However, since the legislation is subject to continuous changes based on the trend of the infection, we will update you on any other provisions of the Ministry of Health.

We invite each capitular to keep themselves constantly informed on the information relating to their country by accessing the site <https://www.viaggiasesicuri.it>

However, we renew the invitation to contact the Embassies, Consulates of Italy or Apostolic Nunciatures of your countries to inform you about the conditions for admission to Italy, bearing in mind that they will in all likelihood undergo changes with effect from 15 December next, except for further subsequent measures that will be adopted before February 2022.

Given the above, we insist once again on the need for all the capitulars to have completed the vaccination cycle before arriving in our Country.

In any case, given the situation of uncertainty, from now on we consider it essential, in order to be able to celebrate the Chapter in complete safety, to foresee, also based on recent experiences of other congregations, some measures:

1. the obligation for all capitulars to undergo the antigenic swab in Rome at the latest in the 48 hours prior to 6 February 2022. Immediately after the examination, each capitular will be taken to Ariccia and will take care to avoid any subsequent external contact;
2. the obligation to use a mask indoors for the entire duration of the Chapter;
3. the creation at *Casa Divin Maestro* of Ariccia, starting from 6 February (and in any case from their arrival in this structure) and until the end of the Chapter, of a “bubble”, with consequent prohibition for all capitulars and auxiliaries to leave the house even temporarily or to meet any outside person.

Since there is the actual possibility that some confreres coming from abroad would be subjected by the Italian authorities to a preventive quarantine obligation immediately after their arrival in Italy, we invite them, in this case, to get in touch immediately with Brother Darlei Zanon or directly with the Procurator General, Fr Alberto Fusi (phone: +39 329 2841479; mail: progen@paulus.net).

Finally, we renew the advice to buy “open” air tickets to Rome with extreme promptness, taking into account any quarantine obligations.

Lastly, in order to ensure your adequate welcome in Rome, we ask you to refer to Brother Darlei Zanon (WhatsApp +39 342 805 2114; mail: darlei.zanon@paulus.net). **For any document to be presented to the Embassies, Consulates or Nunciatures you can still refer to the Procurator General, Fr Alberto Fusi (progen@paulus.net).**

We extend to all of you and to the brothers of the communities our most fraternal and cordial wishes for a good Advent journey.

The members of the Preparatory Commission
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