



Rome, 9 March 2022

Most Rev.

Major Superiors and Delegates of the Society of Saint Paul
THEIR RESPECTIVE SEATS

Dear brothers Superiors and Delegates,

Grace and peace.

We return to you with this letter to update you on the organization of the XI General Chapter (Ariccia 29 May - 19 June 2022), after the last meeting of the Preparatory Commission in Rome on 26 February.

We want to entrust, first of all, in prayer to the Divine Master this tragic moment in history, with the war that is being fought in Ukraine with so many human losses and destroyed lives. We remember, especially, the confreres of our community of Lviv, who in these days are doing their utmost to bring relief to the thousands of refugees who flock to the border with Poland.

The situation of the Covid-19 pandemic in Italy is improving, although precautionary measures are still envisaged such as the obligation to wear an FFP 2 mask indoors, restrictions on access to public places and the obligation of a *Reinforced Green Pass* (which certifies vaccination or recovery for no more than 6 months) in all accommodation facilities, restaurants and, in general, in public establishments. The state of emergency in Italy will expire on 31 March and it is not known at the moment if it will be extended. We will be more precise in the successive communications.

In any case, the Commission considers it appropriate to maintain the obligation of the “bubble” in Ariccia, with the prohibition, therefore, for the Capitulars to leave *Casa Divin Maestro* during the entire celebration of the Chapter. Let us also remember, unless otherwise specified by the government, the obligation of a *Reinforced Green Pass*. Furthermore, before going to Ariccia, all the Capitulars will be subjected to a swab in a manner that will be communicated upon arrival. The self-quarantine obligation remains at the *via Alessandro Severo* Compound from the arrival in Rome until the transfer to Ariccia. Once again, we invite you to contact the local Embassies and Consulates of Italy to clarify any doubts related to entry into Italy (Visas, quarantine time, vaccination, etc.).

In order to organize the accommodation in Rome, **we recommend that you send to Father Celso Godilano (celso.godilano@paulus.net), a member of the Preparatory Commission, within 10 May, the details of the Capitulars plane tickets or the arrival date for those traveling by car or by train.**

Finally, we invite the Major Superiors who have not yet done so to transmit as soon as possible to the Secretary General the Report approved in the respective Regional Assemblies and in the Provincial Chapters. As already recalled in our letter of 1 December 2021, the presentation of the reports to the Chapter must follow the outline of the three thematic nuclei of the *Instrumentum Laboris* (“*The Pauline and his charismatic roots*”, “*The Pauline in mission: integral formation for the mission*” and “*A Synodal Congregation*”). This is to encourage a coherent reading of the whole Congregation. We remind you that the Provincial Superiors or Delegates will have 25 minutes at their disposal for the presentation of the report, while the Regional Superiors and Delegates will have 15 minutes.

For any other doubts that need to be clarified, you can contact the Preparatory Commission at any time at the email: *capitologenerale@paulus.net*

With fraternal affection in Saint Paul,

The Members of the Preparatory Commission