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Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

Dear Brothers,

this communication from the Pre-preparatory Commission, following the indications described in the letter of the Superior General, Father Valdir José De Castro, last 8 December 2019, wishes to share with you the journey that is to be undertaken until the official convocation of the XI General Chapter and the appointment of the Preparatory Commission.

The final objective that awaits us, in this second stage of the pre-preparatory phase, is the elaboration of the *Instrumentum laboris*, which must be delivered to the General Government before the Superior General officially convokes the Chapter, that is, six months before its celebration (see Const. art. 213), which will begin on 11 April 2021.

With the meeting between the General Government and the Circumscription Superiors, the first stage of the pre-preparatory phase ended last November. Following the method of discernment, that phase was characterized by “**recognizing**” the reality that we live today in its various areas: ecclesial, religious, Pauline and social. The result of this first stage was the definition of the five challenges that emerged from the interpretative reading of the first questionnaire, the theme of the next General Chapter and the biblical reference.

This **Preparatory Document**, which now comes into your hands, as well as proposing a brief reflection on the five challenges, on the theme and on the biblical reference, **proposes a SECOND QUESTIONNAIRE**, to which we will have to answer as a community, with more direct questions to our Pauline reality and based on what emerged in the first stage. In addition, the Document presents some schemes for the conduct of community meetings, in order that these moments be conducted in the atmosphere of prayer and of sharing.

We can say that this second stage (“**interpreting**”) will be characterized by laying solid foundations for the construction of that house that the chapter assembly, starting from the answers and suggestions received, will be asked to concretise in the third phase, that of “**selecting**”.

A fruitful work to everyone!

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