



CENTER OF PAULINE SPIRITUALITY (CSP)

STATUTE

1. NATURE

1.1 In order to be able to correspond to the “abundant riches of grace” bestowed upon the Pauline Family (cf AD 4), creative fidelity to the charismatic legacy of the Founder blessed James Alberioe is necessary. In order to pursue this goal, the Pauline Family needs qualified Centers of study that promote the historical-theological apostolic deepening of its spirituality and the dissemination of the same as a prophetic voice in the Church (cf *Constitutions and Directory*, art. 13 and 13.1).

1.2 The Center of Pauline Spirituality (CSP) has been set up on 19 June 1971 by decision of the Special General Chapter of the Society of Saint Paul (1969-71) for the service of the Congregation, of the entire Pauline Family and of the Church.

1.3. It is an operational body of the Society of Saint Paul, called to cooperate with the Superior General in his role as primary spiritual animator of the Congregation and promoter of the unity of the Pauline Family (cf *Constitutions and Directory*, art. 201).

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 *General objective*

2.1.1 Promote, within the Society of Saint Paul, the Pauline Family and the Church, the knowledge of the history, the hermeneutical research and the apostolic application of the charismatic legacy of blessed James Alberione.

2.1.2 The spirituality of the Pauline Family has for its center Jesus Christ the Master, the Way, the Truth and the Life, with a particular devotion to Mary Queen of the Apostles and to Saint Paul, as models of sanctity and of the apostolate. From this derive some specific objectives.

2.2 *Specific objectives*

2.2.1 Premise and condition for the activity of the CSP is the *solicitous care, attentive custody, enrichment and ordering of the historical-charismatic Archives* of the Society of Saint Paul.

2.2.2 The *historical knowledge of the Pauline spirituality*, starting from how Fr. Alberione has lived and communicated it from the beginning and in its successive developments, taking into account the context, the sources used, the practices established and integrating it with the testimony and contribution of the first Pauline generations.

2.2.3 The promotion of the *study of the Pauline spirituality* in its biblical-theological roots, and in its ascetical-pastoral ends that can be synthesized in: to live and give Jesus Christ to the men of today, using the means of today.

2.2.4 The *bringing up to date of the Pauline spirituality*, in sintony with the culture of communication and also in view of our service to the Church for a “pastoral of the means of social communication” (cf *San Paolo*, October 1971).

2.2.5 *The animation and the coordination* of the activity of the various Centers of Pauline spirituality, holding dialog and interacting with the Director of the CSPs in every Circumscription.

2.2.6 The deepening with the use of scientific methods of the *unity of the Pauline Family* through the historical study and the interpretation of the Pauline charism which unites the ten Institutions in a single spirit and with converging apostolic ends.

2.2.7 The carrying out of the *Operative line 2.3.1* indicated by the *General Chapter* of 2010: “The General Government is to entrust to the Center of Pauline Spirituality the task of preparing aids for the reading and understanding of the charismatic texts of reference.”

2.2.8 The carrying out of the *Operative line 5.3.2* indicated by the *General Chapter* of 2010: “The General Government is to promote the realization of an updated biographical volume about the Founder and about the Congregation and of a volume with abundant photographic documentation. Also, to evaluate the possibility of producing a film or documentary.”

3. MEMBERS AND DIRECTION

3.1 Members of the CSP are the perpetual professed of the Society of Saint Paul who the Superior General after hearing his Council chooses in this connection.

3.2 The members must dedicate themselves to the activities of the CSP according to their specific preparation and realizing the program that will be established annually with the approval of the General Government.

3.3 The number of the members must be such as to be able to guarantee the activity and the goals of the CSP by means of an effective coordination, the full and systematic collaboration of all. In any case, the members residing in the seat of the Center must be at least three.

3.4 It is the competence of the Superior General, with the consent of his Council and after consulting the members of the CSP, to nominate among them a Director.

3.5 The *principali functions* of the Director are:

- a) the coordination of the internal activities of the Center;
- b) the redaction of the draft of the program to be presented to the General Government for approval;
- c) the editing of the publications of the Center; while the production and the diffusion of the same is entrusted to the offices assigned for it within the general Curia;
- d) the administrative management of the Center, in accord with the General Bursar;
- e) the service of being the primary resource in the formal rapports of the CSP with the Society of Saint Paul, the Pauline Family and with any other group or institution.

3.6 The Director of the CSP remains in office for three years; his task however ceases with the due date of the General Government.

4. FINANCING AND RAPPORT WITH THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4.1 Both for the ordinary expenses and for the extraordinary ones, the CSP is financed by the General Government.

4.2 The CSP, at the end of every year, presents the report of its expenses and activities carried out, as well as its program for the new year with relative budget, submitting everything to the approval of the General Government.

5. SEAT

5.1 The CSP has its seat close to the General House of the Society of Saint Paul, and is aggregated to it.

5.2 It is the competence of the General Government to decide to change the seat of the CSP.

6. STATUTE

6.1 This Statute has the approval of the General Government, which shall provide to update it every time it shall deem it necessary.

6.2 The legitimate interpretation of this Statute is the competence of the Superior General.

The present Statute has been examined and approved by the Superior General and by his Council during their meeting of Tuesday, 21 December 2010.

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