



## Information n.2

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Dear Sisters, young people in formation, Friends of the Divine Master and collaborators in the mission, members of the Pauline Family...

It is with joy that we share with you the second stage that has marked our Chapter journey in these days.



From June 9 to 11, we completed a virtual journey, visiting the reality of the Congregation spread over the five continents: *the great Africa* (Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of the Congo), *the immense Asia* (Philippines/Taiwan/Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, India), *the promising Oceania* (Australia), *the troubled Europe* (Italy, Vatican, France, Poland, Spain, Portugal, Ukraine, Czech Republic), *the two Americas* (Mexico, Chile, Venezuela, Colombia/Ecuador, Argentina, Brazil, Ireland/United States, Canada).



It was a great journey characterized by the diversity, richness of languages, cultures, human, spiritual and economic resources...many tiles that form a single mosaic in the communion of one body. However, this great journey was not only virtual but also lived in the reciprocal knowledge among the sisters who, in this synodal assembly, represent all of the Circumscriptions of the Congregation.

We have come to the awareness that we are all in the same boat: while crossing the waves of the storm of life and of the mission, Jesus, the Risen Master, is in the boat with us; therefore we are not afraid of sinking. Faith confirms us in the conviction that,

with Him, the boat will reach the shore. The pages of our story, of the vocation, the mission in the five continents consists of lights and shadows, of sun and rain (just like the weather in Camaldoli that is accompanying us in these days). It is the story of the abundant riches of grace poured upon the entire family, a beautiful story that makes us sing with joy the *Magnificat* and with humility the *Miserere*.

Each day the prayer in the Chapter Hall is animated by the sisters from a different Circumscription; they all express themselves with simplicity and creativity. In the afternoon, before beginning the work, we watch and listen to, with deep emotion and gratitude, the stories of the pioneer sisters of the foundations around the world, through the video-narratives prepared for the Centennial on the website <https://www.pddm.org/-100anni/visual-story-telling/>.



Monday, June 12, was dedicated to the reading and sharing of the Institutional Report presented by Sr. M. Micaela Monetti, from which we present a short passage: *«The 10th General Chapter offers us the opportunity to listen, directly from the Delegates, to the different voices of the polyphony of the Congregation which, in the peculiarity of each Circumscription, manifests the unity of the mission: to be, in that portion of the faithful People of God of*

*which we are a part in the various nations and cultures, a living and active presence that Jesus Master might be made known, loved and followed, and that everywhere praise may be lifted up to God, in beauty and in truth».*

The following day, June 13, Sr. M. Giovanna Colombo presented the economic-administrative report of the Congregation. It was a realistic reading of the situation which, in these six years, was marked by the pandemic, by the war in Ukraine and in other parts of the world, by poverty and social situations in various countries. It is a reminder of our responsibility and solidarity in relation to the entire world. *«The economic and social difficulties – clearly present and still more evident in these past years – do not prevent us from recognizing the beauty and the good that is present in our communities and around us, despite everything. Together, let us ask Blessed James Alberione and Mother Scholastica Rivata that we may obtain from the Divine Master a great heart to receive*



*the cry of a humanity that is hungry and thirsty for God, especially in this dark period of history, the courage to offer ourselves totally for him, the humility to recognize our mistakes, the strength to begin anew through the experience and struggles of each day. But especially, we ask for a strengthening of the communion among the various Circumscriptions and the communities, making us experience the unity in the love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit».*



Sufficient time is allowed for sharing either in diverse linguistic groups or together in the chapter hall, making resound what is the subject of reflection or the inspirations that the Spirit suggests to each one for the benefit of the entire body. There is lively dialogue with a great deal of freedom, listening, mutual respect and scheduled at precise times that our facilitator marks for us like a Swiss watch.

This period, which we can consider the second stage of our chapter work, concluded on June 13 with the celebration of reconciliation. This liturgical moment was observed in the chapel, utilizing a subsidy prepared for the Centennial, sincerely asking and offering forgiveness of each other with an embrace of peace: *«Remember how for 40 (100) years now the Lord, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by afflictions and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments»* (Dt 8:2).

Since June 14, our journey continues with a new illuminative stage... that we will tell you about in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your messages that we receive gratefully each day and for your prayer that sustains us.

Affectionate greetings from all the Chapter members!

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