



## Information n.3

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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...

*As we are in the midst of our Chapter, we are back to tell you more.*

We are experiencing very intense days that are passing quickly and, at the same time, it seems that we have been living here together forever, because we feel that we are an intercultural Chapter Assembly that, despite the Babel of languages, is guided by the Holy Spirit, who unites us.



On **June 14** we began a new stage in the work of the Chapter: the «illuminative phase». This stage was scheduled for two days: in the first we were guided by Fr. Mario Oscar Llanos, SDB, professor at the Salesian Pontifical University, specializing in pedagogy and vocational ministry. He presented the following theme: «*That the integral formation may become a source of beauty*», with the objective of responding to the questions:

«*What is meant by living an integral formation today? And what are the specific ways in which the integral formation becomes a source of beauty?*». Fr. Mario developed his presentation beginning with these questions and allowing time for sharing in the assembly.

We concluded this period of reflection with Mary and Elizabeth, women of the encounter: «*With whom do I want to share the beauty of my humanity, to rejoice together in the depths of our being and thank the Lord for his works? On what foundation do I build my relationships? God asks for our collaboration for a society based upon love, beginning with the smallest things*».

The second day of the illuminative phase was marked by a Pauline tonality. Fr. Bogusław Zeman, Vicar General of the Society of Saint Paul, accompanied the work of the Chapter with a presentation on: «*Complementarity of the mission in the Pauline Family*». Naturally, this topic piqued our interest, since it touches upon not only the reality of the mission, but also the identity of the Pauline Family. Calling ourselves and being «Pauline Family» is one of the essential characteristics of the Pauline charism. Fr. Bogusław invited us to reflect, first of all, on the meaning of the word «complementarity», and then proceeded to search for this characteristic in our history as a Family, in the heritage entrusted to us by Blessed James Alberione, and finally the complementarity of the Pauline Family in its mission



today. Referring to the passage of *Gen 2:23* he concluded with a wish that is also an awareness: «*You are bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh. I need you to live and*



*fulfill my mission».*

On **June 16**, with great exultation, we were granted a day of visit/pilgrimage to Siena in the footsteps of St. Catherine. Our guide was Sr. M. Regina Cesarato, who helped us to experience the beauty of this medieval city. We returned to Camaldoli thanking the Lord also for giving us a sunny day. On the website <https://www.pddm.org/10-capitolo-generale/galleria/> there are some photographs that speak eloquently of this trip!



On **June 17-18**, scheduled on our calendar was the reading and personal insight and sharing on the «Working Document». Thus continues, for this Chapter Assembly, the process of discernment that looks at the entire Congregation, at the universal and particular Church, at today's society and at creation, realities characterized by challenges and epochal changes.

The Working Document we have in our hands in these days is the fruit of the research by every community of the Congregation; the Preparatory Commission for the 10th General Chapter collected every contribution from the Circumscriptions, and these have become the bright morning stars that guide the discernment of the Chapter. The method of discernment is the **spiritual conversation**, learned in the ecclesial synodal journey.

The Holy Spirit that breathes upon us and renews all things, thanks also to your prayer, guides us in identifying the calls that God has wisely traced for us, that we may be women of the Gospel, disciples/apostles of the Risen Master called to live the beauty of the Encounter and to bear witness to the joy of a mandate to the world today.



We are now beginning the phase of discernment for the elections. We count on your prayers.

In communion,

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