



CONGREGATION OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Decree of Convocation of the XXVI General Chapter

Prot. N° 0000 045/2021

TO THE PROFESSED MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Superior General of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, in virtue of Constitution 104, by this present letter convokes the XXVI General Chapter to be celebrated in 2022 (cf. *Directorium Capitulorum* [DC], published in 2020, nn. 401 & 402 and 705 § 706).

1. The Canonical Phase – Phase II of the General Chapter will be celebrated at the Istituto Madonna del Carmine “Il Carmelo” (near Ciampino Airport) Rome,
2. The Canonical Phase – Phase II of the General Chapter will begin on September 11, 2022, with arrival no later than September 10, 2022.
3. The Phase I of the General Chapter will take place in the Conferences, in accord with the Directory of Chapters (702 § 802) and the Decisions of the XXIV General Chapter (4.1 – 4.6). The dates, locations, and preparatory commissions for these First Phase meetings will be published separately.
4. The date of convocation with its effects (cf. DC 202-d and 303) is April 04, 2021.
5. The principal purposes of the Chapter are:
 - 5.1. To care for the apostolic life of the whole Congregation, to strengthen the links that bind the individual parts together (Congregation, Conferences, (Vice) Provinces and Regions, as well as the General Government and Institutes such as the *Comunità Sant’Alfonso*, *Alphonsian Academy*, *Collegio Maggiore*, etc.) and to further the adaptation of structures and norms of life for the sake of the mission entrusted to the Congregation (cf. C. 107).

- 5.2. To carefully examine the state of the Congregation and its fidelity to the Charism, including the process of restructuring, as well as present issues of greater importance existing in the Congregation, in its different (Vice) Provinces and Regions, in the Church and in the world (cf. CC. 108 and 111; St. 0116);
- 5.3. To propose guidelines for the whole Congregation in accordance with C. 109-a;
- 5.4. To provide for the general government of the Congregation, including the election of the Superior General, his Vicar and the General Consultors (cf. C. 110).
6. Preparation for and celebration of the Chapter takes place in accordance with the norms of CC. 104-111, of SS. 0115-0119 and of DC 801-808. Please note the need to establish an election commission to oversee the election of vocals (cf. DC 722).
7. It is presumed that a preparatory commission has already been established in each (Vice)Province and Region of the Congregation (DC 808; cf Letter, May 25, 2020, Prot. No. 0000 080/2020).
8. The election of representatives (*vocales*) and their substitutes (*supplentes*) is to be carried out according to the general norms fixed in the *Directorium Capitulorum*, and takes place as soon as possible after the date of the convocation (i.e.: April 04, 2021).
 - 8.1. All the elected representatives and substitutes should be elected by August 31, 2021.
 - 8.2. The names of those elected should be forwarded immediately to the General Government.
9. The representatives should prepare themselves for the Chapter, avoiding commitments that would interfere with this preparation or their participation in the Chapter itself (DC 804).
10. All members of the Congregation are free to send their wishes, suggestions and proposals (“postulata”) to the General Chapter according to Canon 631 §3, the norms given in DC 805-807 and the authentic interpretation given by the decree of the General Council (January 07, 2021, Prot. No 0000 002 2021).
11. All members of the Congregation, individually and in common, are invited to pray for the General Chapter from the day of its convocation until its conclusion. For the purpose of Community Prayer, the Central Preparatory Commission will send a simple formula to all the units.
12. The Chapter will end on the day decided by its members, according to norm of DC 507.
13. The official text of this decree is the English text.

I declare that this present letter, by which the XXVI General Chapter is announced and convoked, is valid now and in the future, so that the things decreed by it may be duly observed by those whom it concerns.

Anything whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Rome on April 04, 2021.

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