



**THE CONGREGATION OF MARY REPARATRIX
GENERAL CHAPTER 2019**



To the Capitulants and Sisters of the Congregation

Rome, October 24th 2018

CONVOCAZIONE TO THE XXV GENERAL CHAPTER 2019

**“TOGETHER AS ONE BODY, LET US GO OUT TO THE ENCOUNTER...
WEAVING THREADS OF TENDERNESS IN RESPONSE TO THE LOVE OF GOD
FOR OUR WOUNDED WORLD”**

Very dear Sisters,

All the provincial and regional chapters have already taken place, and we thank you for sending the results of your processes of reflection and discernment. We now know the names of all the participants in our XXV General Chapter. It is time to pray for each other in order to obtain the grace of interior freedom, as Saint Ignatius says. We are enclosing the complete list of ex officio members and elected delegates, who will participate in the next General Chapter.

With the present, I officially convoke the XXV General Chapter that will take place in our Generalate house in Rome (Italy) from the 29th of April to the 22nd of May 2019.

Our Constitutions provide us the essential orientation of a General Chapter :

“The general chapter is an ecclesial event and is guided by the Spirit in its search for God’s will for the whole congregation” (C. 131)

The general chapter is a representative assembly of the whole congregation. It has the highest authority in the congregation [...]” (C. 130)

With the faith placed in the risen Jesus who walks beside us, I personally call each one of us to live this ecclesial event during which we will listen to the Spirit in a very special way in order to seek God's will for the whole Congregation.

In a few days, together with the sisters at the Generalate, we will be holding a meeting with the moderator, Sr. Dolores Palencia, to fine-tune the preparatory work for the capitulants and define a more precise organization of the various activities required for the realization of the Chapter. The meeting will take place from 4th to 7th November.



After that date, we will be contacting you again in order to ask for your availability of time for reflection and for services that we may ask you to provide for the General Chapter.

We have read the outcome of the various chapters and we appreciate the timeliness of your submission. We admire the commitment and dedication you have shown in the preparation and execution of each one of them. We do acknowledge the strength of the verb "to go out", we are a living body of congregation, in a continuous process of transformation.

In the different situations in which we find ourselves, we want to continue to offer our charism to our wounded world and for the care of the Creation.

A final point relates to the postulates, although a region has already sent its own; if a sister wishes to send a postulate to the General Council, the deadline for receiving it in Rome is December 20th 2018 (C145-CC130), at the secretariat's e-mail address: secerome@smr.org.

I invite you to live this time, as yesterday's Gospel said: Luke 12,35-38 "See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit... Happy those servants whom the master finds awake ..."

God always comes into our lives as something new that helps us to grow as individuals and as a congregation. "The gift of the Kingdom of God has no timetable and is a joyful surprise. The important thing is that we be vigilant to always open the door when he arrives. God in history, with his apron on, begins to serve us".

Very united to each other in this special time of grace,

Aurora Torres Hernández
General Superior