



Dear Sisters,

Greetings to you from the Generalate in Rome.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Superiors of the communities and to the Delegates for submitting the reports in preparation for our XVIII Ordinary General Chapter. I also take this opportunity to thank all the Sisters who have actively participated in the discussions on the working paper and in the elections of the delegates for the General Chapter.

Your contributions are a tangible sign of your dedication and shared responsibility. They reflect the beauty of our synodal journey, a path we walk together in faith and discernment following the footsteps of our Mother Foundress. I am confident that this spirit of collaboration, inspired by the hope that springs from the Gospel, will lead us beyond our differences. May it help us to embrace the richness of our diversity as a gift and open us to new ways of giving greater Glory to God and to fulfil the divine mandate entrusted to us: to cooperate in the Salvation of Souls.

The General Chapter will commence officially after a three-day retreat on 09 September 2025, with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Ángel Fernández Artime, the Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. The formal closing of the same will be on 30 September 2025, with the Eucharistic Celebration presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Baldassare Reina, the Vicar General of His Holiness for the Diocese of Rome.

I would also like to inform you that the General Council in its meeting held on 03 July 2025, decided to invite Sr. Dores Veiga, Sr. Krystyna Kita and Sr. Jolanta Plominska to participate in the General Chapter as auditors, in accordance with the provisions of our Constitutions: *“The Superior General, with her Council, may, for reasons of opportunity, invite some Sisters to the Chapter as auditors, without voting rights”* (Art. 90.2).

Dear Sisters, as we prepare to live this moment of grace, let us pray earnestly and allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, let us walk with Jesus, allow our eyes to be opened by His Word and rediscover the joy of hope, which urges us to resume the journey with hearts on fire, being *“Called to Bring the Hope of Salvation in Today’s World.”*

Wish you a Very Happy Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

With prayers and blessings,

Sr. Selin Karikkattil
Superior General

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