



CONGREGAZIONE DELLE SUORE MISSIONARIE DI SAN PIETRO CLAVER

"La cosa più divina è cooperare alla salvezza delle anime"

CONVOCAZIONE OF THE XVIII ORDINARY GENERAL CHAPTER – 2025



Dear Sisters,

The Constitutions of our Congregations state that *"Six months before the beginning of the chapter the Superior General sends a letter of convocation with a list of the Electoral Units and the eligible sisters"* (Art. 87). In accordance with this regulation and the decision of the General Council in its meeting held on 24 January 2025, I convoke the General Chapter of our Congregation from 06 - 30 September 2025 at our Generalate, Rome.

Our General Chapter happens to be in a very significant year in the Universal Church as it is a Jubilee year. Pope Francis exhorts each one of us to journey together as pilgrims of hope, bringing light in those areas of the world filled with darkness and despair. This year is also of special relevance to us as we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Beatification of our Holy Foundress, Blessed Maria Teresa Ledóchowska.

The Participants of the General Chapter are expected to arrive at the venue latest by 05 September 2025 and may leave on 01 October 2025. In keeping with Article 90 of our Constitutions, a three-day retreat is scheduled from 06 to 08 September 2025, to help us delve into this spiritual event of discerning together and reviewing the life of our Congregation, finding new Impetus to bring the hope of salvation in today's world.

The General Chapter, a sign of unity in charity, exercises supreme authority over the entire congregation according to the Constitutions. Gathered in the name of the Lord, it expresses the union of all members of our religious family. Each of us participates in it through our choice of delegate and by sending our proposals, contributing to its success by our prayers and sacrifices (Art. 84).

I. Tasks and Objectives of the General Chapter

In dynamic and creative fidelity to the charism, to the Mission and to the tradition of the congregation, the essential task of the general chapter is to protect the spiritual and material patrimony of the congregation, to promote renewal of the spiritual life and to update the apostolic activities of our religious family.

Its primary responsibilities are: to elect the superior general and her council; to carry out a careful check of life within the congregation in order to stimulate everyone to renew their commitment to holiness; to address the issues of greatest importance so as to renew and consolidate apostolic zeal in keeping with the guidelines and directives of the Church, and to issue norms for the entire congregation and to establish guidelines for the following six years.

II. Preparatory Commission

The General Council has decided to appoint a preparatory commission in accordance to Article 89.3 of our Constitutions to examine the chapter proposals sent by the superiors of our communities, the delegates and the individual members. **Sr. Krystyna Kita and Sr. Jaimary Kulamkuthiyil** are appointed members of the preparatory commission.

The preparatory commission will assist the general council in collating the documents received in response to the questionnaire from the communities, delegates and individual members. This collated document will serve as the final working paper to guide our discussions during the chapter.

III. Participants of the General Chapter

- a) In the spirit of sharing and co-responsibility, the following participate in the general chapter as *ex officio members*: the superior general, the general councillors, the general treasurer, the general secretary, the mission secretary, the business secretary, and the last superior general if she was not deposed.
- b) The territorial delegate of delegations consisting of five houses and at least thirty sisters, participates in the chapter as *ex-officio*.
- c) Delegates elected by Electoral Units.
- d) The superior general with her council may invite to the chapter some sisters as observers; these do not have the right to vote. They may also invite, even for the entire duration of the chapter, facilitators or external experts to better examine questions regarding the objectives and themes of the chapter.

IV. Electoral Units

The General Council has decided to group the electors into the following Electoral Units in accordance with article 89.1 of our Constitutions: *“Delegates are elected by communities that consist of at least ten professed sisters with active voice, or by groups of houses that together have at least ten professed sisters with active voice. For just motives the superior general with the consent of her council may, in certain geographical zones, form an Electoral Unit of nine sisters with active voice.”* These Electoral Units will elect a delegate and her substitute respectively.

No.	Electoral Unit	Members	Delegates	Convener
01	Rome - Good Counsel	28 (05 <i>ex-officio</i>)	02	Sr. Manuela Medeiros
02	Augsburg - Maria Sorg	11	01	Sr. Orsola Lorek
03	Clamart - Lisboa	10	01	Sr. Helena Pinto
04	Castel Gandolfo - Trento	09	01	Sr. Shiny Chiramel
05	Fribourg - Zug	10	01	Sr. Regina Parokkaran
06	Krakow - Podkowa Lesna	09	01	Sr. Kazimiera Serafin
07	Krosno	11	01	Sr. Iwona Osekowska
08	Poznan - Mindelo	09	01	Sr. Anna Jarosz
09	Madrid - Maastricht	10	01	Sr. Edna Mascarenhas
10	Chesterfield - Summit	10	01	Sr. Losaline Fakatou
11	St. Paul – Toronto	10	01	Sr. Anna Dinh
12	Buenos Aires- Montevideo - Sao Paolo	12	01	Sr. Sandra Ortiz
13	Bellshill - Bromley -Dublin	10	01	Sr. Anie Tatla
14	Kew - Toowoomba - Wellington	11	01	Sr. Kizito Namirembe
15	Abuja - Olo	11	01	Sr. Monica Nwegbu
16	Kampala - Curitiba	10	01	Sr. Justin Nakayima
17	Long Thanh - Saigon	11	01	Sr. Jackie Nguyen
18	Bangalore – Nagpur	10	01	Sr. Lissy Chennikkara
19	Gannavaram - Khammam	11 (01 <i>ex-officio</i>)	01	Sr. Sheeba Therattil
20	Indore - Nagpur (diocese) - Thanjavur	11	01	Sr. Nirmala Santhiyagu
21	Thrissur	13	01	Sr. Irene Brahmakulath
	Total	237 (06 <i>ex-officio</i>)	22	
Participants of the General Chapter: 06 <i>ex-officio</i> Members + 22 Delegates = 28				

V. The Tasks of the Electoral Units

- a) The elections are acts of personal responsibility with important consequences for the entire congregation. The example of Jesus can help us: before choosing the Apostles, he spent the whole night in prayer. For this reason, each member makes her decision in the secret of her conscience before the Lord, after having prayed at length, without influencing or being influenced by others (cf. Art 92.1).
- b) For the vote to be valid, it must be free, secret, certain, absolute and determined (Art. 93.2). If the freedom of an election has been impeded in any way, the election is invalid (cf. Art. 93.4). A vote is invalid if, through grave fear or deceit, someone is directly or indirectly made to choose a certain person. (cf. CIC 172). No one can vote for herself (cf. Art. 93.3). Anyone who becomes aware of any electoral intrigue is obliged in conscience to advise the superior general or, in her absence, the vicar (cf. Art. 90).
- c) Every Electoral Unit is made up of either one community or communities grouped together, in accordance to our Constitutions article 89.1. A Convener is nominated for each electoral unit, who in turn will appoint two tellers to help her with the procedure of the elections (election commission). The Convener will gather the ballot papers, mix and shuffle them, in the presence of the sisters with the help of the tellers and place them on a table. One of the tellers will open the folded ballot papers, one by one, and pass them to the Convener, who will read out the name of the voted sister and show the ballot paper to the second teller, who will write down the number of votes received by each sister. The ballots will be counted loudly and clearly so that all present can verify the number. When the Delegate has been elected, the Convener will immediately inform the Superior General of the final result.
- d) The Convenor will prepare the ballot papers for her respective Electoral Unit (a sample of the same is attached to this letter). If the Electoral Unit is composed of more than one community, she will send the soft copy of the same to the superior/s of the other community or communities in her Electoral Unit. The superior/s should take a printout of the same to be distributed to the sisters during the session of elections.
- e) If the Electoral Unit is made up of a single community, the Convener, who is also the superior of the community, will oversee the procedure of elections and gather the ballots in an urn or a box and count them with the help of the tellers in the presence of the sisters and send the name of the elected delegated to the Superior General.

- f) If the Electoral Unit is composed of more than one community, the superiors of the respective communities will conduct the elections. Each sister will vote, and their ballots will be placed in a single envelope by the superior. This envelope will be closed with glue and a stamp of the community will be put across the area where the envelope is sealed along with the signatures of the voting members. The following will be written on the envelope: **Ballot papers for the election of the capitular Delegate** along with the **name of the place** where the community is based. The superior will then send this envelope to the Convener by placing it in a larger envelope. The Convener will put all the ballots together, the ballots of her community and those received from other communities and follow the above-mentioned procedure of elections (cf. point c). The Convener will communicate the results of the scrutiny to the Superior General and other superiors in the Electoral Unit.
- g) Each community, after gathering in prayer, will read the articles of the Constitutions concerning the General Chapter and elections. After having prayed the superiors of the communities will give each sister, with active voting rights, the ballot papers respectively. Each sister will secretly mark in the appropriate box an [X] beside the name of the sister she intends to elect as Delegate to the Chapter. She will then fold the ballot paper, which will be placed in a single envelope by the superior and sealed if it is to be posted or else the superior will collect these ballot paper in an urn or a box and follow the procedure of counting as mentioned above (cf. point c)
- h) Every Electoral Unit will elect, by secret vote and with an **absolute majority** [50% plus 01. For instance, if an Electoral Unit has 10 sisters, the absolute majority will be 06 valid votes, or if there are 09 sisters in an Electoral Unit, the absolute majority will be 05 valid votes] the delegate of that unit and a substitute. If such a majority is not reached in the first scrutiny, the one who obtains the **relative majority** [one who receives more votes than others] in the second scrutiny is elected. If at this scrutiny, two sisters receive an equal number of votes, the oldest by profession, or in age if both were professed at the same time, is elected (Art. 89).
- i) **The election of the Delegate's substitute will take place following the same electoral procedure.**
- j) The Convener/superiors have to organize some time of prayer together in the community before conducting the election. The aforementioned norms should be read out to all the sisters along with the rules for elections in our constitutions.

All the sisters are expected to contribute generously in the preparation of the forthcoming General Chapter, each according to her special competence and talents. This is a key moment for evaluation, reflection, and an honest search for God's will as we move into the future. Let us remain united in our prayers and keep the enthusiasm of Blessed Maria Theresa Ledóchowska to make this Chapter more meaningful and relevant. May our Patroness Mary, Mother of Good Counsel and Patron St. Peter Claver, intercede for us.

Enclosed:

- The List of the sisters in communities grouped under respective Electoral Units.
- A Sample of the Ballot Paper to elect the Delegate and her Substitute.

Wish you a very Happy Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Yours Sincerely,



Sr. Selin Karikkattil

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Superior General

Rome, 11 February 2025



ELECTORAL UNITS XVIII GENERAL CHAPTER 2025

1. ELECTORAL UNIT: ROME, GOOD COUNSEL

1. Sr. Tarcisia Garcia
2. Sr. Lorenza dos Santos
3. Sr. Teresa Hojdys
4. Sr. Celine Pulickalan
5. Sr. Vijee Kundukulam
6. Sr. Manuela Medeiros
7. Sr. Jaimary Kulamkuthiyil
8. Sr. Primila Lakra
9. Sr. Elisabeth Eziokwu
10. Sr. Veronika Ogbata
11. Sr. Anna Kiem
12. Sr. Lucia Nho **(T)**
13. Sr. Maria Tran **(T)**
14. Sr. Edelquin Ndifon **(T)**
15. Sr. Agnieszka Kowalska **(T)**
16. Sr. Maria Hyon **(T)**
17. Sr. Maria Phan **(T)**
18. Sr. Irene Namusimbi **(T)**
19. Sr. Margaret Namawejeje **(T)**
20. Sr. Joycymery Iawphniaw **(T)**
21. Sr. Anna Rita Baxla **(T)**
22. Sr. Barihunlin Marwein **(T)**
23. Sr. Asha Minz **(T)**

2. ELECTORAL UNIT: AUGSBURG - MARIA SORG

Augsburg

1. Sr. Clarenzia Pallithara
2. Sr. Maria Paola Wojak
3. Sr. Elzbieta Burdak
4. Sr. Barbara Tabian

Maria Sorg

1. Sr. Paula Krones
2. Sr. Donata Thanjappan
3. Sr. Orsola Lorek
4. Sr. Jeanine van Ooteghem
5. Sr. Rosily Oliapuram
6. Sr. Danuta Zybura
7. Sr. Mini Mol Karrottupara

3. ELECTORAL UNIT: CLAMART – LISBON

Clamart

1. Sr. Vittoria Sartori
2. Sr. Felicissima Molina
3. Sr. Jossie Karikkattil
4. Sr. Patience Ogbu
5. Sr. Maria da Conceição Barbosa

Lisbon

1. Sr. Benilde Arruda
2. Sr. Valeria Lopes
3. Sr. Celina da Cruz Pires
4. Sr. Helena Pinto
5. Sr. Maureen Okafor

4. ELECTORAL UNIT: CASTEL GANDOLFO - TRENTO

Castel Gandolfo

1. Sr. Genevieve Kudlik
2. Sr. Sheeja Payyappilly
3. Sr. Danisia Helena Monteiro

Trento

1. M. Elisabetta Adamiak
2. Sr. Shanty Aynikel
3. Sr. Renata Juszczyk
4. Sr. Theresa Ngo
5. Sr. Shiny Chiramel
6. Sr. Anna Margaret Nakalembe **(T)**

5. ELECTORAL UNIT: FRIBOURG – ZUG

Fribourg

1. Sr. Colette Jaquier
2. Sr. Elisabeth Iskra
3. Sr. Ammini Menachery
4. Sr. Kinga Latocha **(T)**

Zug

1. Sr. Gertrud Riegelbauer
2. Sr. Katarzyna Pienko
3. Sr. Malgorzata Radunc
4. Sr. Mieczysława Dusko
5. Sr. Regina Parokkaran
6. Sr. Aneta Borkowska

6. ELECTORAL UNIT: KRAKOW – PODKOWA LESNA

Krakow

1. Sr. Agnieszka Blazejewska
2. Sr. Bozena Najbar
3. Sr. Kazimiera Serafin
4. Sr. Monika Czapska
5. Sr. Catherine Ayila **(T)**

Podkowa Lesna

1. Sr. Helena Mröz
2. Sr. Danuta Stepak
3. Sr. Jolanta Adamik
4. Sr. Malgorzata Krzymkowska

7. ELECTORAL UNIT: KROSNO

1. Sr. Jadwiga Herzyk
2. Sr. Amalia Zmuda
3. Sr. Anastazja Banowska
4. Sr. Krystyna Kucza
5. Sr. Magdalena Sypko
6. Sr. Grazyna Dmitrzak

7. Sr. Iwona Osekowska
8. Sr. Krystyna Pis
9. Sr. Elzbieta Soltysik
10. Sr. Anna Szredzinska
11. Sr. Blessing Anthonia Ishie **(T)**

8. ELECTORAL UNIT: POZNAN – MINDELO

Poznan

1. Sr. Maria Maciag
2. Sr. Agata Wójcik
3. Sr. Krystyna Kita
4. Sr. Anna Jarosz

Mindelo

1. Sr. Eva Furtado
2. Sr. Regina Fernandes
3. Sr. Dores Mendes
4. Sr. Jolanta Burdak
5. Sr. Olivia Naluwugge **(T)**

9. ELECTORAL UNIT: MADRID – MAASTRICHT

Madrid

1. Sr. Carmen Ocina Arce
2. Sr. Casilda Urquijo Martin
3. Sr. Paolina Pascual
4. Sr. Maria Leal Escobar
5. Sr. Edna Mascarenhas
6. Sr. Puspa Oram Tirkey
7. Sr. Ruth Joseph Bwaru

Maastricht

1. Sr. Leonilde Varela
2. Sr. Mercy Payyappilly
3. Sr. Caroline Namujju **(T)**

10. ELECTORAL UNIT: CHESTERFIELD – SUMMIT

Chesterfield

1. Sr. Anna Smolak
2. Sr. Fatima Tuaau
3. Sr. Annies Valekulam
4. Sr. Mary Dang
5. Sr. Theresiamma Nellikunnel
6. Sr. Losaline Fakatou

Summit

1. Sr. Agata Mikrut
2. Sr. Lucyna Wisniowska
3. Sr. Barbara Zdunek
4. Sr. Cynthia Ngwerem

11. ELECTORAL UNIT: ST. PAUL – TORONTO

St. Paul

1. Sr. Mary Joseph Pale
2. Sr. Anna Dinh
3. Sr. Magdalena Nguyen
4. Sr. Sonia Malik **(T)**
5. Sr. Rashmikanta Jojo **(T)**

Toronto

1. Sr. Aleksandra Gancarczyk
2. Sr. Monika Zwiek
3. Sr. Mary T. Waters
4. Sr. Renata Szawara
5. Sr. Magdalene Tuyet Do

12. ELECTORAL UNIT: BUENOS AIRES – MONTEVIDEO – SAO PAOLO

Buenos Aires

1. Sr. Gonzaga Hernandez
2. Sr. Amaranta Higa
3. Sr. Mary Kalemera
4. Sr. Pramila Tirkey
5. Sr. Sandra Ortiz

Montevideo

1. Sr. Felicitas Garrido Ruiz
2. Sr. Jolanta Plominska
3. Sr. Prisca Mutuku (T)

Sao Paolo

1. Sr. Virgilia Braga
2. Sr. Silvia Simas
3. Sr. Oliva Gaitosisire
4. Sr. Sonia dos Santos

13. ELECTORAL UNIT: BELLSHILL – BROMLEY – DUBLIN

Bellshill

1. Sr. Esther Santhanaraj
2. Sr. Shashi Kerketta

Bromley

1. Sr. Reena Puthussery
2. Sr. Juli Rose Thottungal
3. Sr. Priscilla Maring

Dublin

1. Sr. Editta Kuttikattil
2. Sr. Odilia Kyomugisha
3. Sr. Joan Lynch
4. Sr. Monica Daly
5. Sr. Anie Tatla

14. ELECTORAL UNIT: KEW – TOOWOOMBA – WELLINGTON

Kew

1. Sr. Columba Bruno
2. Sr. Maureen Kizhakkut
3. Sr. Elcy Pottokaran
4. Sr. Kizito Namirembe

Wellington

1. Sr. Pia Pallipaden
2. Sr. Anne Pulicken
3. Sr. Rose Thattil
4. Sr. Reena John Thyveetil

Toowoomba

1. Sr. Miriam Lorenz
2. Sr. Eileen March
3. Sr. Annie Kaihea

15. ELECTORAL UNIT: ABUJA – OLO

Abuja

1. Sr. Monica Nwegbu
2. Sr. Callista Obiekezie
3. Sr. Benedine Nwafor
4. Sr. Grace Idoko
5. Sr. Blessing Eze Ngozi **(T)**

Olo

1. Sr. Josephine Aniekwe
2. Sr. Agnes Ehroma
3. Sr. Helen Obiekwe
4. Sr. Jane Nwagwu
5. Sr. Anthonia Okolie
6. Sr. Bibiana Okwaraku

16. ELECTORAL UNIT: KAMPALA – CURITIBA

Kampala

1. Sr. Floriana Nakirunda
2. Sr. Grace Nalule Nakayi
3. Sr. Stella Maris Niwagira
4. Sr. Margaret Nakimera
5. Sr. Leonora Najjemba
6. Sr. Justine Nakayima

Curitiba

1. Sr. Sabina Bairos
2. Sr. Margaret Nalubega
3. Sr. Giovanna d’Arc da Silva
4. Sr. Perpetua Olisaemeka

17. ELECTORAL UNIT: LONG THANH – SAIGON

Long Thanh

1. Sr. Jackie Nguyen
2. Sr. Maria Uyen **(T)**
3. Sr. Teresa Dao **(T)**
4. Sr. Maria Linh **(T)**
5. Sr. Lucia Hieu **(T)**
6. Sr. Maria Woi **(T)**

Saigon

1. Sr. Teresa Anh Hong
2. Sr. Maria Thi Lam
3. Sr. Anna H’Liem **(T)**
4. Sr. Catarina Cuc **(T)**
5. Sr. Teresa Khanh **(T)**

18. ELECTORAL UNIT: BANGALORE – NAGPUR (Formation House)

Bangalore

1. Sr. Alphonsa Mundankurian
2. Sr. Pauline Mulavarikkal
3. Sr. Lissy Chennikkara
4. Sr. Aruna Thota
5. Sr. Susheela Gracy
6. Sr. Jyotimadhuri Tirkey

Nagpur

1. Sr. Tarsilla Kanichai
2. Sr. Reena Rose Thoppil
3. Sr. Seema Panna
4. Sr. Joyful Syiemlieh **(T)**

19. ELECTORAL UNIT: GANNAVARAM – KHAMMAM

Gannavaram

1. Sr. Alice Thottapalli
2. Sr. Massima Taikattil
3. Sr. Sheeba Chiramattel
4. Sr. Lavanya Kukatlapalli

Khammam

1. Sr. Alphonsa Pullokkaran
2. Sr. Sophy Chiramel
3. Sr. Celine Moozhiparambil
4. Sr. Kochurani Valliyara
5. Sr. Sheeba Therattil
6. Sr. Paripurna Singavarapu

20. ELECTORAL UNIT: INDORE – NAGPUR (Diocese) – THANJAVUR

Indore

1. Sr. Regi Edakkalayil
2. Sr. Sushmita Kullu
3. Sr. Anjeleena Minz

Nagpur

1. Sr. Theresa Menachery
2. Sr. Ignacia Kujur
3. Sr. Roshmita Minz

Thanjavur

1. Sr. Maria Lourdes Pullokkaran
2. Sr. Veronica Arimpur
3. Sr. Bindhu Koyickal
4. Sr. Nirmala Santhiyagu
5. Sr. Anila Thalla

21. ELECTORAL UNIT: THRISSUR

1. Sr. Ilaria Kodyan
2. Sr. Daniela Naissary
3. Sr. Teresina Chalekkan
4. Sr. Irene Brahmakulath
5. Sr. Santha Chiramel
6. Sr. Rosy Vadakken
7. Sr. Pushpam Kunjappu

8. Sr. Elsy Pallan
9. Sr. Beena Rose Padathara
10. Sr. Biji Penthanath
11. Sr. Jeeja Kalarickal
12. Sr. Mini Karukappallil
13. Sr. Sherly Thekkekara

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