



To the capitulants
Of the 34th General Chapter of the Assumption

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Dear Brothers,

Before we meet again to celebrate the 34th General Chapter in Rome from 31 May evening to 25 June at noon, I am contacting you to give you some information. This information is important in that it will help you to prepare yourselves well for this important time in the life of our Congregation.

I. Qualities of a capitulant

If the Chapter General is the highest authority in the Institute, it is understandable that certain qualities are desired of a capitulant. In concrete terms, he would need to be both :

- to be at ease with the charism of his Institute, without excluding a critical capacity
- Be capable of discernment, aware that human wisdom is nourished by the wisdom of God
- To be able to act in freedom and responsibility
- To be capable of taking into account, in taking positions, the history of one's institute, its present reality and the audacity necessary to move forward,
- To be capable of opening up to a wider reality than one's own field of action and to move from a particular view to a global view
- Be ready to work together while respecting diversity,
- Be healthy enough to keep up with the rhythm of the Chapter work.

It is good for everyone to take a good look at where they personally stand in terms of the skills required to be a good capitulant and to prepare themselves accordingly.

II. Obligations linked to participation in the General Chapter

- All capitulants must arrive in time for the official opening of the Chapter. Official attendance is from 31 May evening to midday on 25 June.
- All capitulants may not leave the Chapter before the official closing of the Chapter, which is expected to take place around mid-day on 25 June. If your plane ticket allows for an early departure you are required to change it in order to participate in the whole chapter. No absences, except for serious reasons (e.g. health) will be allowed during the chapter.
- - Confidentiality is essential for the freedom of the chapter work. A delegate may not communicate with the outside world during the Chapter to give information on the

progress of the work. Only the Communication Commission is authorised to give news of the Chapter under the responsibility of the Chapter Coordination Team. A capitulant is bound to secrecy and may not at any time circulate Chapter documents, even after the Chapter. Violation of this rule is subject to canonical sanction. Deliberations, votes and debates remain subject to the secrecy of the Chapter.

It is therefore important to arrive at the Chapter rested and spiritually prepared. Every capitulant will benefit from re-reading for himself the charism of the Assumption, the Rule of Life (Constitutions) and the Chapter Law.

III. Reading the reports

It is necessary to have read the documents provided before the opening of the chapter to prepare for the work during our meeting. They will be accessible through a Dropbox, the link to which will be provided to you for strictly personal use.

1) The report of the Superior General

I suggest the following questions to deepen the report:

- 1/ What did I appreciate in the Superior General's report?
- 2/ The strong points
- 3/ The discoveries you made
- 4/ The points that were not sufficiently developed
- 5/ In which directions does this report invite you to commit yourself?

2) Other documents

The Dropbox will have documents before the official Chapter. You are invited to take note of them in order to facilitate the chapter work.

IV. The formation of new capitulants

A time of formation is planned for the brothers who are participating for the first time in a General Chapter. This formation will take place on Thursday afternoon, 1 June. The religious concerned are invited to prepare their questions and to study the document which will be available in the Dropbox before the official opening of the Chapter. The document is entitled "Organisation and running of the 34th General Chapter, 2023".

As we prepare for the great feast of Easter, I pray that the Lord will help us to advance on the path to the Kingdom. I renew my fraternal friendship.

Father Benoît GRIÈRE a.a.
Superior General