

**Subject:** *New delegations of Kenya, India  
and the Philippines*

**Dear Brothers, Sisters  
and Laity of the Orionina Family**

*Deo gratias!*

At the beginning of the “Marian Orionine Year”, with immense joy I announce that, on March 12<sup>th</sup>, the “Dies Natalis” of our Founder Saint Luigi Orione, in Tortona, in the Shrine of “Madonna della Guardia”, at 17:00, it will be made official the establishment of three new delegations generated by the Delegation “Mother of the Church”. They are:

- **Delegation "Mary's Immaculate Conception"**, formed by the religious of the communities located in the territory of the **Philippines** (currently: Payatas, Montalban and Lucena) and by the native religious of this nation present in other communities of the Congregation, according to the list in the annex; its headquarters will be in Montalban;
- **Delegation "Our Lady of Good Health"**, formed by the religious of the communities located in the territory of **India** (currently: Bangalore, Kollam, Vangalapalli and Gauribidanur) and by the native religious of this nation present in other communities of the Congregation according to the list in the annex; its headquarters will be in Bangalore;
- **Delegation "Our Lady of the Rosary"**, formed by the religious of the communities located in the territory of **Kenya** (currently: Nairobi, Kaburugi, Kandisi, Gaitu and Nyadorera) and by the native religious of this nation present in other communities of the Congregation according to the list in the annex; its headquarters will be in Nairobi.

The **Delegation "Mother of the Church"**, therefore, remains formed by the religious communities located in the territories of **England-Ireland**, the **United States** and **Jordan**; its headquarters will be moved from Rome to London.

It is an important and meaningful moment for the Little Work of Divine Providence. We will be in Tortona, at the body of Don Orione, to thank the Divine Providence that, in 2006, inspired the establishment of the Delegation "Mother of the Church". This united two territorial delegations based in London ("Our Lady of Westminster") and in Boston ("Queen of the Universe") with promising missionary presences in geographically distant countries (Kenya, Philippines, Jordan and India), but which had the English language as the second common linguistic expression. Over time, this solution proved to be effective, responding well to the needs and expectations of the Congregation. In particular, there has been a vocational and structural growth in the missionary nations of the Philippines, India and Kenya, so as to promote also a supportive collaboration with other nations, of the older Orionine tradition.

Now, missionary nations require a new management solution so that they continue to grow, especially from the charismatic point of view, with a stronger responsibility of the confreres who reside there, so that they become protagonists of their journey of fidelity to Don Orione. Moreover, a positive aspect will undoubtedly be that these new realities will have a more significant representativeness in the various organisms of communion and participation of the Congregation, in particular, in the General Chapter.

For each Delegation a Statute will be drawn up, which will be followed by a Regulation, that will allow to define the areas within which these new juridical realities can move independently or must depend more directly on the General Curia as established by our Constitutions: "The Delegation consists of a group of communities and houses in particular situations. It is governed by a Superior with powers delegated by the Director General. It is raised by the Director-General with the approval of his Board and is directly dependent on him." (Art. 210)

Some areas will continue to be shared and will be managed with the consent of the Director General, such as, for example, the opening of new communities, formation, the exchange of religious between one nation and another and the economy.

Here, therefore, is my invitation: let everyone, in presence or spiritually, in prayer, be with me on March 12<sup>th</sup>, in the Shrine of the "Madonna della Guardia", at 5 pm, before the relic of the body of our Founder Saint Luigi Orione, for the reading of the decrees establishing the new delegations.

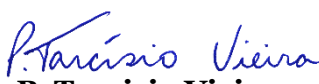
On that date, the consultation for the appointment of superior delegates and councillors will also be launched. The delegations will be operational from 29 June 2024 and, as usual, will be born under the patronage of Our Lady, invoked with significant titles for each reality.

We are in the year dedicated to "Mater Dei"; I ask Her, the Provident Mother, to accompany our journey and to ensure that the act of constitution of the three delegations will give new vitality to our missionary service in the Philippines, India and Kenya, as well as arouse vocational and charismatic enthusiasm in the North American, British, Irish and Jordanian territory. Let us pray together that all those who are most directly involved in the realization of this Family project may put the communion and the good of the Congregation above any personal desire or need.

Therefore, let us be all in Tortona, with the heart, with the prayer and, if possible, also with the physical presence, in the Sanctuary of "Madonna della Guardia", March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 17.

I ask the confreres who are in the territories of the delegations to live the day in prayer and celebration, organizing liturgical celebrations and community events that express the joy of a passage that seals a significant development within the Little Work of Divine Providence.

Fraternally in the Lord,

  
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Director general

