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Convocation of the Review Assembly.

**Most dear
Provincial Superiors, Vice-Provincials and Delegates
And all the Sons of Divine Providence**

*The peace of the Lord be with you, with all of you, with you now and always,
my dear ones!*

I make my own this affectionate greeting from Don Orione as I come to convene the **General Assembly of Mid-Term Review** of the six-year governance period, as provided for by the Norms, in article 176:

Three years after the General Chapter, a review assembly will be convened, both at the provincial and general levels, to evaluate the implementation of the General Chapter's provisions and to promote their completion.

The provincial-level assembly will have the same composition and election procedures as the Provincial Chapter.

In the Vice Provinces and Delegations, all religious with perpetual vows will participate in this meeting.

At the General Assembly, the Provincial Directors, Vice Provincials, Delegation Superiors, and some religious elected in their respective jurisdictions will participate, according to the decision of the General Director, with the consent of his Council.

I therefore invite each Provincial to proceed, as soon as possible, with the convocation of the “Provincial Assembly” and to organize the “election” of the participants. I ask the Vice Provincial and the Delegation Superiors to communicate the dates when the Assemblies of the Vice Province and their respective Delegations will be held. As per tradition, representatives of the Charismatic Family (PSMC, ISO, ISMN, and MLO) should be involved in some non-decisional moments of the Assembly, at about 1/4 of the total participants.

For my part, with the consent of my Council, I am convening the General Assembly of Mid-Term Review from October 24 to November 1, 2025.

The Provincial, Vice Provincial, and Delegation Assemblies must therefore take place between February and June 2025.

LOCATION

The General Assembly will be held at the “Solaz de María” House (Nuevo Schoenstatt), Misiones 2501 (1888) - Florencio Varela, in the region of the Little Cottolengo of Claypole, Buenos Aires Province (Argentina).

The choice of holding the General Assembly in Argentina once again highlights the internationality of the Congregation, which in recent years has held general assemblies in various Orionine locations: in Warsaw (1995), Santiago de Chile (2001), Madrid (2007), Aparecida (2013), and Bonoua (2019).

Furthermore, its convocation coincides precisely with the 90th anniversary of Don Orione’s arrival in Argentina, during his second missionary journey to Latin America.

OBJECTIVE

The specific objective of the General Assembly is clearly indicated in Norm 176: ***“to evaluate the implementation of the General Chapter’s provisions and to promote their completion.”***

We all understand well that in order to experience a fruitful assembly for the journey of our Congregation, the work done in the Provincial, Vice Provincial, and Delegation Assemblies will be crucial, and even earlier in the various religious communities and in the personal preparation of the confreres.

It is at these levels—personal, community, and provincial—that the effectiveness of the reflection and rediscovery of the values proposed by the 15th General Chapter to lead us in realizing the dream of *“Throwing ourselves into the fire of new times”* will be played out. The fruit of this precious effort at the local level will then be offered to the General Assembly, which will have the task of promoting these values and directives, encouraging the entire Family to resume its journey with confidence and enthusiasm.

PARTICIPANTS

The Provincial Directors, Vice-Provinceals, and Delegation Superiors, as established by Norm 176, have the right to participate in the General Assembly.

The same Norm provides for the participation of *“some religious, elected in their respective jurisdictions, according to the decision of the General Director, with the consent of his Council.”*

Given that the most important part of the entire assembly process will take place at the local and provincial levels, and in light of the recent reorganization of the Little

Work, which saw the creation of a new Province and three new Delegations, it seemed appropriate to limit the number of elected representatives.

Therefore, “with the consent of my Council,” I have decided that each Provincial Assembly will elect only one representative who will accompany the respective Provincial Director, while for the Vice Province and Delegations, the Vice Provincial Director and the Delegation Superiors will participate, as they are members by right.

With the favorable opinion of the Council, I have also decided that the Delegation Assemblies of “*Nuestra Señora del Carmen*” (Santiago de Chile) and “*Marie Reine de Madagascar*” (Anatihazo) will elect a native religious member to accompany the Delegation Superior, in order to ensure the presence of a representative from each Delegation at the General Assembly.

Other guests may be indicated by the General Director as needed.

CALENDAR

- Between **December 2024 and February 2025**: the “review assembly in each Community” takes place.

- Between **February and June 2025**: Provincial and Delegation assemblies are held.

- By **July 2025**: each Province submits the minutes of the Assembly to the General Curia, with the names of the elected delegates and the conclusions according to the presented methodology.

- By **September 2025**: the General Council prepares the working dossier to be sent to participants.

- **From October 24 to November 1, 2025**: the General Assembly of Review takes place in Argentina.

Following this convocation letter, I will send the Provincials a methodology outline for the Assembly, to be used especially for evaluation in the Communities, which should ideally be preceded by personal preparation.

I ask that prayers be offered for the successful outcome of the 2025 General Assembly of Review.

Fraternamente,

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