



Verona, July 26, 2021
Feast of Saints Ann and Joachim

Re: Celebration of the General Chapters (XII) of the Poor Servants of Divine Providence Sisters and Brothers. Date and method.

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Calabrian Family,

in continuation to our last letter of 8 July, sharing with you yet another phase of our synodal journey of discernment.

Guided by the light of the Holy Spirit, we have come to define the method and timing of the celebration of the XII General Chapters of the Congregations of the Poor Servants of Divine Providence Sisters and Brothers.

The online meetings that we lived with the Chapter members (sisters and brothers), held in a spirit of communion, listening and participation, were of great help in discerning the voice of the Spirit and in the pursuit for the greater good for the life and mission of our Congregations and of the Opera.

As often happens in a process of discernment, the initial diversity of opinions, due to the understandings of each one and to the different realities where the Opera is present, has been overcome by a unifying value: the common desire to safeguard the path of communion we have travelled from the beginning, which reflects the very choice of the theme of our Chapters: "The Prophecy of Communion".

For this path so far achieved, we now come officially to communicate to our Congregations, and to the entire Calabrian Family, that the General Chapters will be celebrated in a **physical presence, in Italy**, and the date of inception is set for **May 1, 2022**, beginning with the Spiritual Exercises.

The decision of the General Councils to celebrate the Chapters in the physical presence modality was taken separately respecting the opinion of the majority of the Capitulars sisters and Brothers.

The date, was identified considering the evolution of the pandemic, and this is a "no longer extendable" one, which will in any case see the beginning of our Chapters.



We sincerely thank each Sister and Brother Chapter members for the contribution with great responsibility and maturity they have offered, putting themselves in dialogue with the different realities and Territories; despite the various urgencies and difficulties we are experiencing and the stretching of the waiting time, they believed in the important to celebrate the Chapters in presence, giving continuity to the journey of communion that has united us from the beginning of the programming and also in the choice of the theme of our General Chapters.

In the spirit of the synodal process that has begun, these months that await us will be a precious time for the involvement of all the Capitulars personally and of the entire Calabrian Family, in an increasingly shared, participatory and collegial work between Brothers, Sisters and Laity.

We ask everyone to be close to us in this time, praying intensely for the preparation for the General Chapters and for the Holy Spirit to enlighten our progress towards a communion that becomes the brightness of prophecy.

A fraternal greeting to all.

Mary Immaculate, "Mother of the Opera", pray for us!

Saint John Calabria, pray for us!

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