

**Letter n. 3/2022**

Verona, 10 July 2022  
*XV Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

**Dear Sisters,**

The Lord walks with...

I come to you with this letter to share the steps that the General Council, after the celebration of the XII General Chapter, is taking to carry out the mandate entrusted to us by the Final Document "Start. This is the road, walk on it!". Today, with joy and with much hope in my heart, I announce that the Delegate Sisters have been chosen for the next six years:

- Sr. Bimla Minz, for the "Mother of Divine Providence" Delegation of India
- Sr. Vanessa A. Perin, for the "Mãe da Providência" Delegation of Angola
- Sr. Gloria Dolzani, for the "Rainha da Paz" Delegation of Latin America.

We thank them because with a spirit of faith and willingness to put themselves at the service of communion and the participation of all in the life of their Territory, the new Delegates have accepted this invitation as a call from the Lord to which they can respond generously with their "Yes" without counting on their own strength, but starting from the One who gives them strength to fulfill what he entrusts to us.

We wish them with the words of Pope Francis to know «always exercise authority by accompanying, understanding, helping, loving; embracing everyone, especially people who feel alone, excluded, arid, the existential peripheries of the human heart; keeping our gaze turned to the Cross: there is placed any authority in the Church, where the One who is the Lord makes himself a servant to the point of the total gift of himself».<sup>1</sup>

We accompany them with our prayer, trust, and affection so that they allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit, welcoming each Sister with a motherly heart, open to the needs of the poor, seeking together what the Father wants to accomplish with us and for us in the Opera and in the Church, listening to the indications of the Final Document: «an authority at the service of a synodal style is that which places the whole community in an attitude of discernment of the will of God».<sup>2</sup>

We have been given the great gift of Charism and of belonging to the Opera! Each Sister is entrusted with the responsibility of keeping it alive, of bringing it to its fullness through her own humble, simple, and daily witness. The growth and development of the Kingdom of God are entrusted to each and everyone, because «we are the Opera, it is we who maintain it, who are its life, with faith in God, with humility, charity, and these, seen not only at home but outside and with everyone».<sup>3</sup>

Let's all set out, because we have great dreams to realize together, those of God for us and for our Calabrian Family!

To all of you my embrace and my fraternal greeting in the Lord!

  
And General Counsel

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<sup>1</sup> POPE FRANCIS, *To the General Superiors*, Assembly UISG, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> *Final Document XII General Chapter*, p. 59.

<sup>3</sup> J. CALABRIA, *To my dear priests*, Spiritual Exercises, 4 Oct 1931, doc. 10118.