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Preparations for the 26th General Chapter

Dear Confreres,

During this season of Easter, may the resurrection of Jesus our Redeemer strengthen your hope and your joy! May the Holy Spirit continue to animate our hearts and our Congregation to proclaim the Gospel ever anew.

At the recent meeting of the General Council (March 02 – 07), we began the official preparations for **the 26th General Chapter which will take place in Rome at the Istituto Madonna del Carmine “Il Carmelo” (near Ciampino Airport), from September 11 to October 07, 2022.**

The Initial Phase of the General Chapter (Phase I) will take place in each Conference (*Decisions of the 24th General Chapter, 4.4*) during the first half of 2022 (January to May). These dates will be determined within the next year in consultation with the Coordinators of the Conferences.

The General Council has appointed the three moderators and the other members of the Central Preparatory Commission (CPC - DC 801):

Brendan Kelly – Chairperson (Secretary General and Province of Dublin)
Alberto Eserverri – Vicar General
Rogerio Gomes – General Consultor
Gianni Congiu – Moderator (Superior, Casa Sant’Alfonso and Province of Rome)
Kevin O’Neil – Moderator (Province of Baltimore)
Joaquim Parron – Moderator (Province of Campo Grande)
Johannes Römelt – Coordinator of the Conference of Europe (Province of St. Clement)
Grzegorz Ruszaj – Office of Communications (Province of Warsaw)

It is the responsibility of the Council of each (Vice) Province and Region to name a Preparatory Commission in each Unit (DC 808). This Commission should be named as soon as possible so that it can collaborate with the Central Preparatory Commission (CPC) in the preparation of the Chapter.

The Central Preparatory Commission (CPC) has already begun its work. In the near future the Commission will be contacting each Unit of the Congregation requesting assistance in the analysis of the current state of the Congregation and if we remain faithful to our mission in the spirit of



our Founder, St. Alphonsus (Cons. 108). It is the hope of the General Council that all Units will cooperate actively in the preparation for what will be an historic moment in the history of the Congregation.

The official Convocation of the 26th General Chapter will take place in July 2021, according to the requirements of the Directory of Chapters (DC 705, 706). **The election of Vocals to the General Chapter is not to begin before the official convocation is received (DC 718).**

Thank you very much for your collaboration in assuring that this information reaches each confrere and every community. We realize that during this difficult time you have many concerns and worries as you struggle to deal with the restrictions and the effects of the pandemic as these touch each confrere and the people to whom we minister. In spite of this, we know that you are aware that your collaboration with this process is important for the sake of the Congregation.

May you continue to experience the joy of the Gospel which the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit brings to the whole creation. May our Mother of Perpetual Help accompany you always.

Your brother in the Redeemer,

Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R.
Superior General

