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## CAPITULAR INFORMATION CIRCULAR

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### INFORMATION FOR THE ORDER ON THE 46TH GENERAL CHAPTER, 2009

There are fewer than fifty days before the opening of the General Chapter. Thanks be to God, the deadlines for preparatory matters set by the General Congregation are being met. Amongst other reasons, this has been made possible thanks to the external and anonymous help given by many religious who have willingly co-operated every time Rome has sent them work to do.

**1. Enlarged General Congregation.** Starting from the middle of April, after Holy Week, the General Congregation has worked on the increased number of Postulates which arrived during the month of March, and on the organisation of the Chapter. Together with the delegate of the Fr. General for Ministries, the Fr. Treasurer General (this group is known as the Enlarged general Congregation) and also the invaluable assistance given by Fr. Emilio Martinez de León, we spent two weeks studying and deliberating on what we thought was significant in the material which we had been sent, and in those corrections sent to the texts, so that we could incorporate all this for the Postulates.

At the end of all this, the Postulates have become the Conclusive Proposals (CPP) which will be presented to the General Chapter. Statistically speaking, we may say that 17 members of Chapter sent proposals for the text, which is 23% of the total.

**2. Communication of the CPP.** The CPP have already been sent to Chapter members so that they may examine them and form an opinion in preparation for the work of the Chapter. This will allow us to be to perform the proceedings of the Chapter more efficiently.

The Postulates have been translated into four languages (Spanish, Italian, French and English) so that they may be understood and studied thoroughly by the Order. The CPP are only in Spanish and Italian, which are the official languages of the Order.

**3. The Directorate of the General Chapter.** During its meeting on 11th March, the General Congregation approved the Directorate for the 46th General Chapter, which will shortly be sent to Chapter members.

**4. Other messages.** Apart from the CPP, Chapter members will shortly (and in plenty of time for the Chapter) be sent other texts which will be needed for previous consultation, since they will, in one way or another, be referred to during the Chapter. This refers to the above-mentioned Directorate, to the

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Propositions presented to and the Reports to the General Chapter of the General Congregation and other Offices of the Curia.

**5. Special Celebrations.** Special celebrations have been planned during the work of the Chapter, which will open and close the three Capitular Sessions (Examination of the six-year period from 2003-2009, Elections, Planning). The group responsible for the Liturgy informs us that these celebrations are being organised with great dedication.

**6. General Catalogue.** We have decided that at the same time as the General Chapter is celebrated, a new and updated General Catalogue will be published, bearing the date of 1st January 2009. This is in the last stages of checking before being sent to the printers.

Rome 18th May 2009

The General Congregation