

CASA GENERALIZIA DEI PADRI SCOLOPI

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To the entire Order
To the Capitularies

At their own quarters

Objective: *Summoning or notification of the 46° General Chapter of the Order*

Dear brothers:

While extending a warm and fraternal greeting to each and every one of you, I would like, through the following, to joyfully make known to you my decision to summon the next General Chapter of the Order Having happily celebrated the local and demarcational Chapters at the previous two-year period, it is time to summon the General Chapter, this time with a two-year gap, due to the difference in computation that our law applies to the local and demarcational Chapters (every four years) as well as to the General Chapter (every six years).

As we are now finishing the six-year period 2003-2009, in virtue of the faculties granted to me by section 135 of the Constitutions and section 403 of the Common Rules, I hereby summon the 46th General Chapter that will take place, God willing, in our House Peralta de la Sal, Spain, from 1 to 25 July 2009, inclusively. All Capitularies, as many as summoned at the right time, and not having received news of a different date, are hence expected in Peralta de la Sal, the eve of the beginning of the Chapter, and must not leave until it is fully finished, that being only on or after 26 July.

The purpose of the General Chapter is described in our Constitutions (sections 216-218) as follows: *"The General Chapter is the supreme authority in the Order and shall be convoked at times determined by our Rules (in section 403 is established to take place every six years): a) to examine the state of the Order and to render an account of the government and administration since the last General Chapter; b) to elect the Superior General and his Assistants; c) to discuss the propositions brought to the attention of the General Chapter; to study the more serious matters; to plan the activities of the Order; and to revise our laws.*

The members of the General Chapter are: a) Father General and his Assistants; b) the Procurator General; c) the Major Superiors; d) Other religious determined by our Rules (cfr. Rules, sections 406-408); e) The Delegates who must never be fewer than those who participate in the Chapter by right.

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In the General Chapter, our religious must manifest in a very special way their effort and determination to seek the will of our Heavenly Father regarding their service to the Church and to all people, always with complete fidelity to the Gospel and to the charism of our Founder."

The 46th General Chapter will concur with the 40 years of the Special General Chapter, held in Rome during the years 1967 and 1969. This extraordinary Chapter, probably unique in the history of the Order, applied the doctrine and orientations of the II Vatican Council, just concluded two years before, to the life and mission of the Order. This fortunate coincidence helps us keep alive, with faithfulness and creativity, the conciliar spirit that covered the whole church and that, by indication of the same Church of today, through the orientations of their Pastors, continues to encourage it in the present times as well. Growing in the ways of Church is continuing to grow in a conciliar spirit.

The chapter notification was meaningfully signed during the feast of Pentecost, this current year of 2008. God willing, our Chapter will be an event of the Spirit in the entire Order that propels it with a renewed charismatic vigor in its life and mission.

The location of the celebration, Peralta de la Sal, it prolongs in a certain way the intense, encouraging and deep experience that has characterized, throughout the Order, but especially in Peralta, the celebrations of the 450th anniversary of the birth of our Founder San José de Calasanz (1557-2007) throughout last year. Peralta, the place where the baptismal font of our saint is kept, will have for us a baptismal seal that reaffirms in us all our religious vocation, in its origins as well as in the present, to look in sympathy and love our present world and its people, especially the children and young in poverty.

In the time remaining until the chapter celebration, we will keep open our communication channels with all, and particularly with the Capitularies, in order to begin preparing the Chapter in a responsible and quiet way, seeking to fulfill our expectations and hopes, with God's help. May only the sole glory of the Lord and the usefulness of the brothers, move us in all our work as well as in yours.

The canon 631.3, referring to the General Chapters of the religious, says as follows: *"According to the regulations set forth by the law, not only the provinces and local communities, but also each member, can freely send his wishes and suggestions to the General Chapter"*. This faculty, recognized to all the religious of the Order, along with the attributions acknowledged to them by our law, aims at us all taking in mutual responsibility the General Chapter. Therefore, in order to exercise this right in an orderly fashion, the personal propositions (the capitulary ones have already been received in the General Curia through the

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capitulary statements) will have to be sent to that General Curia, addressed to the General Father as President of the Chapter, before 1 January 2009. The Capitularies naturally maintain the rights that, in this field, are granted to them by our legislation. I see the rules of the law mainly as a claim to the mutual responsibility we all have.

From this moment I entrust you in good will, along with the regular communitarian and personal prayer, this next General Chapter. We invoke the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and the Pious Schools, and our Saint and Founder San Jose Calasanz, along with the "crown of sanctity" that has been transmitted to these days in the entire Calasanz Family, protectors before the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

We take great care for the internal communion of the Order, putting ourselves to the common and shared search of the will of God. May He bless us all every day and forever. With brotherly warmth, respectfully, I affirm in Christ and Calasanz

Rome, 11 May 2008
Pentecost Sunday

Jesús María Lecea, Sch. P.
General Father

Ricardo Querol, Sch. P.
Secretary General

LIST OF CAPITULARIES

BY RIGHT

General Curia

1. P. LECEA, Jesús M^a - Father General
2. P. RIERA, Jaume - General Assistant for Africa and Asia
3. P. RUPPERT, József - General Assistant for Italy and Central Europe, and General Postulator
4. P. BERNAL, Diego - Assistant General for America
5. P. PELLICER, Jaime - Assistant General for Spain
6. P. ROMANÓ, Giuseppe - General Procurator
7. P. CLIMENT, Vicente - Treasurer General
8. P. QUEROL, Ricardo - General Secretary
9. P. BALCELLS, Josep M^a - Father General of the previous General Chapter

Major Superiors

10. P. ASIAIN, Miguel A. - General Delegate of Spain
11. P. SARTI, Dante - Provincial of Italy
12. P. TARNAWSKI, Józef - Provincial of Poland
13. P. URBÁN, József - Provincial of Hungary
14. P. NEGRO, Javier - Provincial of Aragon
15. P. TORRES, Fernando - Vice-provincial of New York - Puerto Rico
16. P. GRASSA, Mariano - Vice-provincial of Cameroon
17. P. PALLAROLAS, Jaume - Provincial for Catalonia
18. P. MASCORRO, Miguel - Vice-provincial of the Californias
19. P. BASSE, Mamby Dominique - Vice-provincial of Senegal
20. P. AGUDO, Javier - Provincial of the Third District of Spain
21. P. HALLADO, Daniel - Superior Vicarial of Equatorial Guinea - Gabon
22. P. MONTESINOS, Francisco - Provincial of Valencia
23. P. ROBERT, Rodolfo - Vice-provincial of Central America and Dominican Republic
24. P. KOVÁČ, Ján - Provincial of Slovakia
25. P. AGUADO, Pedro - Provincial of Emmaus
26. P. AGUINAGA, Fernando - Vice-provincial of Brazil
27. P. GIRÁLDEZ, Miguel - Vice-provincial of Chile
28. P. PUIG, Juan M^a - Vice-provincial of Venezuela
29. P. MARCO, Antonio - Provincial of Argentina
30. P. VIZCAÍNO, Mario - Provincial of the United States
31. P. HERNÁNDEZ, S. Fernando - Provincial of Mexico

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32. P. ESCOBAR, Juan Jaime - Provincial of Colombia
33. P. ESPINOZA, Oswaldo - Superior Vicarial of Ecuador
34. P. ARTOLA, Miguel - Vice-provincial of Japan-Philippines

Capitularies "ad casum"

by Decree for the establishment of the new Provinces of 'Pious Schools of Italy' and of
Emmaus

35. P. Giuseppe Zonno, Provincial Assistant of Italy*
36. P. Sergio Sereni, Provincial Assistant of Italy*
37. P. Daniel M^a González, Provincial Assistant of Emmaus**

MEMBERS

1. P. PERRONE, Antonio M^a - Province of Italy
2. P. DIVIZIA, Annibale - Province of Italy
3. P. ALBANESE, Luciano - Province of Italy
4. P. MATRAS, Józef - Province of Poland
5. P. TUPEK, Andrzej - Province of Poland
6. P. PETELCZYC, Witold - Province of Poland
7. P. LABANCZ, Zsolt - Province of Hungary
8. P. SZILVÁSY, László - Province of Hungary
9. P. PETŐ, Gábor - Province of Hungary
10. P. MEGINO, Crispín - Province of Aragon
11. P. NADAL, Joaquín - Province of Aragon
12. P. BASTERO, Antonio - Province of Aragon
13. P. PINI, Eduard - Province of Catalonia
14. P. GUTIÉRREZ, Francesc - Province of Catalonia
15. P. CANET, Josep M^a - Province of Catalonia
16. P. TORT, Antonio - Vice-province of the Californias
17. P. BADIANE, Martin - Vice-province of Senegal
18. P. ORTIZ DE ZÁRATE, Carlos - Third District of Spain
19. P. BLANCO, Zacarías - Third District of Spain
20. P. RUIZ, Iván - Third District of Spain
21. P. SIGNES, Enrique - Province of Valencia
22. P. MULET, Francesc - Province of Valencia
23. P. ALONSO, Javier - Vice-province of Central America and Dominican Republic
24. P. GENDIAR, Juraj - Province of Slovakia

*Cf. The Rescript of the General Congregation of 28 December 2006, item 4, on the constitution of the new Province of the Pious Schools of Italy (*Ephemerides Calasactiana*, January 2007)

**Cf. The Rescript of the General Congregation of 29 December 2006, paragraph 4, on the constitution of the new Province of Emmaus, by fusion of the Province of Vascony with the Vice-province of Andalusia (*Ephemerides Calasactiana*, January 2007)

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26. P. FRÍAS, Juan Antonio - Province of Emmaus
27. P. LEZAUN, Antonio - Province of Emmaus
28. P. CURIEL, Carlos - Vice-province of Venezuela
29. P. HERRMANN, Ernesto E. - Province of Argentina.
30. P. MALTAURO, Luis E. - Province of Argentina.
31. P. POWERS, David - Province of the United States
32. P. ANAYA, Francisco - Province of Mexico
33. P. SUÁREZ, Emmanuel - Province of Mexico
34. P. BRITO, Luis I. - Province of Mexico
35. P. SEVILLANO, Juan Carlos - Province of Colombia
36. P. RETANA, Carlos - Province of Colombia
37. P. SÁNCHEZ, Baltazar - Vice-province of Japan-Philippines

GUEST LIST (voice but no vote)

1. Superior Vicarial of Bolivia (*after establishing the Provincial Vicariate once closed the list of Capitularies*)
2. Representative of India