



Curia Generalizia dei Marianisti

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Superiore Generale

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Letter to all the religious of the Society of Mary

DELEGATES TO THE JULY 2024 GENERAL CHAPTER PREPARATORY AND REDACTION COMMISSIONS

Dear Brothers,

My greetings to all of you.

I would like to share with you the results of the election of delegates to the July 2024 General Chapter. I would like to thank the superiors who organized these elections and the brothers who exercised their discernment in making this important choice.

Article 7.22 of the Rule clearly expresses the fundamental role of the General Chapter in the life of the Congregation:

... In the spirit of the Founder, [the General Chapter and the General Administration] ensure that the Society remains faithful to its mission and to the demands of religious life. They guarantee our missionary availability for the needs of the entire Church and our fidelity to our spirituality and charism.

This is the spirit in which the capitulants are called upon to carry out their mission, during the preparation and unfolding of the Chapter.

PREPARATORY COMMISSION

In accordance with our Rule (7.27), I have appointed, with the consent of my Council, a Commission to prepare for the General Chapter. Pablo Rambaud, General Assistant for Religious Life. It is composed as follows:

- Fr. Pablo Rambaud, General Assistant for Religious Life, President,
- Bro. Dennis Bautista, elected delegate of the Province of the United States,
- Bro. Kondwani Nalivata, elected delegate for the East Africa Region.

The role of this commission is:

... to examine propositions received from members of the Society, and to make the necessary material arrangements to allow for the proper functioning of the Chapter. (RL 7.27)

The commission involves the delegates in preparing the Chapter; it also ensures that all brothers are involved. They will be in touch with all of you.

REDACTION COMMISSION

Since January 2023, a wide-ranging consultation has been underway among all the brothers on *Pastoral care for and with young people within the Marianist Family*; it is open to their collaborators and to members of other branches of the Marianist Family who wish to join in. It runs until the end of September 2023, leaving two and a half months to its conclusion. I would like to thank all those who took part or are still working on it. This is an invaluable aid to the Chapter's reflection.

A commission of two brothers was appointed to work on a *Working Document* for the Chapter, based on the documentation that will have been gathered. In due course, the first version of the *Document* will be amended by the capitulants to arrive at a definitive version. This commission will work in conjunction with the Preparatory Commission and the General Council.

With the consent of my Board, I have entrusted this task to:

- Bro. Timothy Driscoll, Provincial and elected delegate of the Province of Meribah
- Bro. Rogelio Núñez, from the Province of Spain, on mission in Brazil.

These five brothers have accepted this responsibility with great willingness. May they be warmly thanked for their contribution to the General Chapter.

Let us pray for the preparation of the General Chapter: from the current stage of consultation to its opening on July 5, 2024. The Chapter concludes on Saturday, July 27.

Let us also pray for the two gatherings underway or in immediate preparation: *Horizons*, for young perpetually professed (Berriz/Spain, July 1-27) and *Nazareth*, for future formators (Nairobi, August 15-October 28).

Fraternally yours,



André-Joseph Féti's, SM
Superior General,

XXXVI GENERAL CHAPTER (2024) - CAPITULANTS

| UNITS | By Right | Elected delegates | | Total |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | | Religious Priests | Lay Religious | |
| América Latina | | | Douglas Roper | 1 |
| Ivory Coast | | Noël D. Kouao A. | | 1 |
| Eastern Africa | | Stephen Mburu | Kondwani Nalivata | 2 |
| Spain | Iñaki Sarasua* Miguel Ángel Dieste | Francisco Sales | José Manuel Ciudad | 4 |
| France | | Romuald N'Lumbu | Jean-Marie Leclerc | 2 |
| India | | Sudhir Kujur | Prakash Kujur | 2 |
| Italy | | | Davide Gozio | 1 |
| Japan | | Ichise Koichi | | 1 |
| Korea | | Dominic Park | | 1 |
| Meribah | | | Timothy Driscoll | 1 |
| Austria-Germany | | Hans Eidenberger | | 1 |
| Togo | | Jonas Kpatcha | | 1 |
| USA | Oscar Vasquez* Bernard Ploeger | Robert Jones | Dennis Bautista | 4 |
| General Council | André-J. Fétis* Pablo Rambaud* E. Maximin Magnan Michael McAward | | | 4 |
| C.T. Canada (observer) | | Florian Royer-Chabot | | (1) |
| C.T. Switzerland (observer) | | (to be determined) | | (1) |
| TOTAL | <i>15 Priests, 13 Brothers</i> | | | 28 |