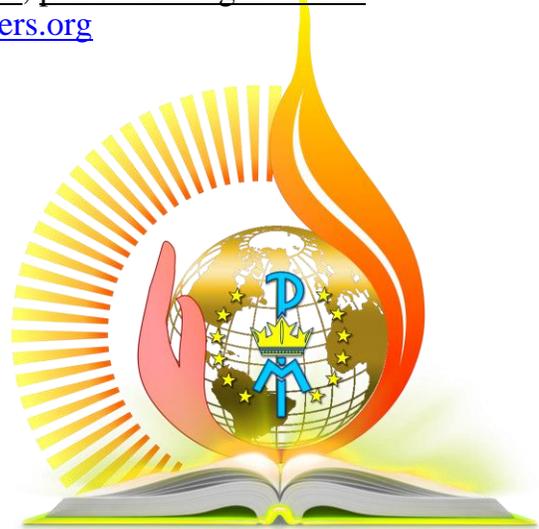




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Convocation of the 10th Ordinary General Chapter



**SRA: MISSIONARY DISCIPLES OF COMPASSION AND JOY
AT THE SERVICE OF THE GOSPEL
GENERAL CHAPTER
2018**

My dear Sisters

Greetings of Peace and Joy!

On this important day dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Mary and celebrated as our Feast, under the powerful guidance of the Holy Spirit and in accordance with our Constitutions (Const.121 ff), *I am happy to formally convoke the 10th Ordinary General Chapter of our Congregation.* Subsequent to the suggestions of the Provincial Animators during the Enlarged Council Meeting, the General Council finalized the theme, the place, the dates and the facilitator for the 10th Ordinary General Chapter.

The Theme of the Chapter

*SRA: Missionary Disciples
of Compassion and Joy at the Service of the Gospel*

The Venue of the Chapter

*Stella Maris Provincialate
Uttan, Bhayander, Mumbai*

The Facilitator

*Fr. Paul Vaz, SJ
Bombay Province of the Jesuits*

Dates of the Chapter

*Arrival - September 22, 2018
Retreat - September 23 - 30, 2018
Inauguration of GC - October 1, 2018
Conclusion of GC - October 16, 2018*

Preparation and Participation

The theme we have chosen for the General Chapter prioritizes the core values of our call, Life and Mission of the Congregation in keeping with the teachings of Pope Francis in the recent years (Ref. Rationale). I am glad that we have been able to get across to all the communities the Documents and the questionnaire prepared by the General Team through your Provincial (Delegate) Animators/ Mission coordinator in the form of “Study and Reflection Kit” and that the steps in the process of preparation have been communicated to you by your community animators. It is encouraging to note that starting from August 6, 2017 we have enthusiastically begun to pray and prepare for the General Chapter 2018.

Being “the highest extraordinary authority within the Congregation” (Const. 117), the General Chapter is a significant event in our Congregational journey of growth and revitalization. It is a time of special grace for each member, each community and each Unit of the Congregation. The main tasks of the General Chapter according to our Constitutions are to elect the Superior General and the members of the General Council and to safeguard and promote the Spirit of the Congregation in accordance with our Charism (Const. 127-137). Therefore, promoting *Spiritual Renewal* that sets each sister on the path of personal faithfulness to her vocation and that leads each one to be aligned with our SRA Charism and Identity is an essential goal of the General Chapter.

As vital part of the preparation, herewith, I request the Province /Delegate Animators and Mission coordinator to adequately plan and prepare for the House and the Provincial/Delegation Chapters, convoking the same timely in your respective Units (Const. 166 ff). I request you to pay due attention to the process of election of delegates to the General Chapter. The General Council will select five members of the preparation committee by November 2017 from across the Congregation with adequate consultation who will be ex-officio members of the General Chapter (GC 2012 pg. 38).

Introduction of the Logo for General Chapter 2018

The Logo of the General Chapter 2018 and its meaning is presented in a separate sheet. Kindly display the Logo in suitable locations in your communities for easy viewing so that we will be guided to draw inspiration from the Logo during our process of preparation and for an ongoing rekindling of an ardor in our life and Mission.

The outcome of the Chapter will depend first of all on the action of the Spirit and on our listening to His promptings through intense prayers, reflections, dialogue, and common search for His will. I earnestly request you to continue wholeheartedly, determinedly and prayerfully into this period of preparation and through the days of the Chapter in session.

Let us implore Mary who accompanied the disciples in the Upper Room, that she accompanies us as we invoke the gift of the Spirit on the whole Congregation and particularly on those who will take part in this Chapter.

May the holy name of Mary affirm her power in our lives; bring us the confidence of her protection and intercession with her Son Jesus that we live intensely our vocation to be joyful Missionary Disciples of His Compassion!

Happy Feast and God's Blessings!

Yours affectionately in Christ



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Superior General