

*COMMUNICATION TO THE  
SISTERS OF THE  
CONGREGATION  
XXXI ORDINARY GENERAL  
CHAPTER*

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With great joy and gratitude to the Lord, we have begun our XXXI Ordinary General Chapter in Zaragoza, with the presence of 47 Chapter Sisters from all the Provinces, the Delegation and the Houses Dependent on the General Government. This fraternal gathering marks a time of grace and hope for our Congregation.

We began this day with the Opening Eucharist, presided over by Archbishop Carlos Manuel Escribano Subías and concelebrated by Father Enrique Ester, chaplain of the Hospital of our lady of Grace, who accompanied us spiritually in this solemn moment, presenting to God the journey of these days of discernment, listening and communal search for His will. Arch Bishop Carlos reminded us that this Chapter is an ecclesial event, an event in the universal church, because Sisters from all places are united with us. He highlighted the richness of Consecrated life in the Church today.

After the Eucharistic celebration, we moved to the Chapter Hall where as the first gesture, the pre- Chapter Commission facilitated the enthronement of the Bible, a sign that reminds us that it is the Word of God that presides over, animates and guides each of our steps and decisions during this chapter time.

Then, Sister Carmen Mora, in her opening remarks, invited us to recognize the moment we are living as a gift and an opportunity to open our hearts wide to the action of the Spirit. She recalled how we came to this meeting strengthened interiorly by the Spiritual Exercises in Loyola, where together we implored the graces of listening, availability and Ignatian indifference (interior liberty), exercising ourselves in contemplation, gratitude, fraternity and trusting surrender.

Sister Carmen emphasized that the Chapter is always an experience of universality, of richness in diversity, which allows us to recognize and give thanks for the dedicated life of each Sister in every corner of the world. With much emotion, she expressed her gratitude to all for our availability, kind and silent service, and trust in the God who sustains us day by day. She also reminded us that this time is a sacred space to weave deeper bonds of Communion and to allow ourselves to be transformed by God's grace, remaining faithful to our identity and mission as Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne.







She also emphasized that we are not alone: walking spiritually with us are our Founders, Mother Pabla, the Sisters who preceded us, and the entire great Charismatic Family of Saint Anne, including lay people, collaborators, beneficiaries, friends, and so many people who accompany us with their closeness and prayers.

With great hope, she invited us to live this Chapter as a time to reach out and weave together 'cords of hope', remembering that hope is that invisible bond that God offers us and that, as a Congregation, we are called to offer to one another and to those we encounter in our daily mission: the string of a place where we can unfold our lives and live with meaning, the cord of touch, which is the best language we understand when we are wounded, the cord of our understanding and compassionate solidarity, the cord of tenderness and mutual care for the vulnerability we share.

On this opening day, we are reminded of the mission that lies ahead:

- The election of the new General Government who will guide and animate the life and mission of the Congregation for the next six years.
- The study and shared discernment of the documents 'Identity and Belonging,' 'Communion and Diversity,' and 'Hope and Commitment,' which challenge us to renew our fidelity to the Charism, our fraternal Communion, and our prophetic Commitment in today's world.

In the afternoon, back in the Chapter Hall, the Sisters proceeded to elect the scrutineers, moderator and secretary of the Chapter. They also approved the methodology that will guide our Chapter work.

Sister Alicia Gonzalo presented the Sexennial Report which allowed us to reflect on and give thanks for this stage of our journey as a Congregational Family, thus concluding the first day.

Let us continue in communion of prayer so that this Chapter may be a true kairos of renewal, discernment and hope for the entire Congregation.

With fraternal affection,

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