

**COMMUNICATION TO THE SISTERS OF THE CONGRGATION AND
MEMBERS OF SAINT ANNE FAMILY
31ST ORDINARY GENERAL CHAPTER**

Zaragoza, 13 July 2025

The day began with a prayer led by Sister Rosa Muñoz. The question posed was: 'How do you live in difficulties?' In silence, we watched a video of Jesus, the strong moments of his mission.'

Next, the corresponding minutes were read for approval.

Sister Pilar Omella then presented the Report on Pastoral Missionary of missionary Animation, emphasizing that to evangelize is to be Jesus. She mentioned that the pastoral field has as



its horizon the evangelizing mission of the Congregation in the Church, the People of God, from our identity as Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne. She pointed out that this mission is becoming increasingly urgent due to the cultural and historical context in which it is being carried out. She considers it an objective that, wherever we go, we proclaim the Gospel. She added that Pope Francis invites us to be a Church that goes forth, reaching out to the peripheries, not only physical but also existential. Therefore, we must be a Congregation that goes forth and is open to change in order to face the challenges of the times.

She highlighted very important issues such as the link with the Juan Bonal Foundation and the Santa Ana volunteer program; the Plan of formation, and the Manual of protection; and various pastoral documents and materials.

As a challenge, she indicated that our Charism is our message: to cultivate a culture of vocation, to make the Gospel a reality in communities and Centers as places of encounter.

The session was adjourned for a break and continued with the report on the Laity of Saint Anne Family by Sr. Crisanta Cordero. She began by reminding us that we recognize that the charismatic gift received from the Spirit has been granted also to other people who, in

various ways, are in communion with the Congregation, forming with it the family of Saint Anne. (Const. 9).

She mentioned some limitations and strengths in which the LSAF has moved and been present in all continents, growing in a sense of belonging through fraternal communication through various channels, and the concern, desire and call of the Spirit to live Charity has remained in lay groups and communities, responding to the needs of their immediate surroundings.

In the afternoon, the prayer invited us to pray for peace in the world and asked Mary, our mother to intercede for peace in the world.

Next, Sister Rosa Muñoz, in charge of Protection and prevention of abuses, spoke beginning with the message "You matter": 'Whatever you do to one of these least brothers of mine, you do it to me '(Matthew 25). She recalled that Pope Francis, in 2018, wrote a letter quoting: 'If one member suffers, all suffer with him" (1 Corinthians 12:26). She emphasized that care is a way of being, and as a Congregation we do not want to turn a blind eye, but rather avoid all forms of abuse, walking and living fully what we are called to be: creating safe spaces. She highlighted the development of the Manual for the Protection of Personal Integrity and Freedom, and the activities carried out in recent years.

Then, the report on the Service of Economy and Administration was presented by Sister Elsy Thomas. She mentioned guidelines and proposals for improvement, indicating that budgets are drawn up based on reality, which are the main instrument for promoting responsibility, living austerity, transparency and reviewing the witness of poverty.

The importance of working in this service with contemplative eyes and attentive ears was



emphasized in order to discover needs and channels of resources in favour of integral human development. Finally, it was emphasized that human well-being and social justice must be prioritized in economic decisions.

At the end, she expressed words of gratitude, recognizing this service as a grace, and recalled that behind every economic decision there are people, so it is essential to discern each step carefully.

