

**COMMUNICATION TO THE SISTERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND LAY
MEMBERS OF THE SANTA ANA FAMILY
31st ORDINARY GENERAL CHAPTER
Zaragoza, July 25, 2025**

Today, the opening prayer was led by the Sisters of the Delegation of Our Lady of Salz, who helped us enter into an atmosphere of listening, openness, and communion. We are deeply grateful for their prayerful intervention, which spiritually enriched our chapter meeting.

We also had the valuable participation of the lay members of the Santa Ana Family, who presented their chapter working document to the General Chapter, sharing the progress made so far in the drafting of the Statutes of the Association of Lay Members of the FSA. We sincerely thank them for their contribution, which reflects a serious, co-responsible, and ecclesial commitment.

Since 2007, the Congregation has encouraged the involvement of lay people who, feeling called by the charism of the Founders, have been consolidating their own identity within the great Saint Anne Family. This process has led to the progressive structuring of a formal association, with Statutes that reflect its nature, purposes, rights, and duties, as well as its articulation at the local, provincial, and general levels. Along this path, five versions of the draft Statutes have been developed, with joint review by lay people, Sisters, civil advisors, and a canon lawyer appointed by the Diocese of Zaragoza.

In 2023, an International Commission of Lay People was formed, which consolidated the most up-to-date version sent to the General Council and Provincial Councils. During 2024 and 2025, progress was made in the legal and ecclesial review of the text, including meetings with the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, with a view to its approval ad experimentum by the Diocese of Zaragoza, and its subsequent expansion to the other local Churches where the FSA is present.

This process is the fruit of the charism shared between Sisters and Laity, and expresses the same founding spirit lived in different vocations. Through joint formation, shared mission, and apostolic service, the laity of the FSA are increasingly integrated into the life and mission of the Congregation, enthusiastically contributing their presence in various pastoral realities around the world.



