

# Reconvocation of the XXXIV General Chapter

*We report here below some excerpts from Mother General's letter.*

Dearest Sisters,

On this day when we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary, I write this to you for an important communication. As you all know, on 1<sup>st</sup> May, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the celebration of the XXXIV General Chapter was postponed to a date to be defined ...

At present, the situation of the pandemic is not completely overcome...

The pandemic has brought to all of us the temptation of passivity, of immobility, of listless living, experiencing our powerlessness of managing reality. Yet precisely at this time, the Lord asks us to **live the present time, facing the future with the simplicity and trust of someone who simply wants to collaborate in the fulfilment of His Plan.**

Looking, therefore, at the journey of our Congregation, after long prayer and reflection in the General Council, having consulted the Provincial and Delegation Councils, listening to the signs of the times of this difficult period, we arrived at redefining the date of the General Chapter.

With the firm certainty that God alone is the Lord of history and entrusting to the Holy Family of Nazareth the life of our Religious Family,

in accordance with art. 180 of the Constitutions and art. 88 of the Directory, with the consent of my Council,

**I convoke the 34<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Chapter of our Congregation  
on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Feast of our Patroness Saint Ann,  
at 4 p.m., in our Generalate, Rome.**

The theme of the General Chapter remains the same as indicated already in the Letter of Announcement of 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019:

**SISTERS OF ST. ANN, A FAMILY FOR FAMILIES**

***Journeying with the Church, bringing Hope and Joy to the world today***

The world events linked to the pandemic make this theme even more relevant, and require further reflection and additions to the material already prepared.

With renewed hope and with a sure step, let us therefore take up again, the journey already begun, knowing that - even among the transitions of history - **God is always faithful to His Covenant**, as today's liturgy reminds us. And we are also consoled and strengthened by the certainty that the **Holy Family of Nazareth**, through whom the Divine Trinity made itself visible on this earth, is for us not only the model to look at, but **the "home" in which to dwell**, in order to live with trust the favourable and adverse moments of life, simply tending towards the fulfilment of God's Plan, which will certainly - in His way and in His time - be realized...

Let us remain, therefore, more than ever **anchored in the Trinity**, which governs everything in its Providence and Mercy, and let us place ourselves **under the protection of the Holy Family**, so that we too become, as Congregation and as a Spiritual Family, **a welcoming home, in which God dwells and**

**where there is room for everyone**, especially the weakest and poorest. Thus, we will be able to make our small contribution in making our world a welcoming home for humanity.

Dearest Sisters, I feel ever more strongly the need for your prayers for me, for the General Council, for the Congregation. I count on them with all my heart, while on our part, I also assure you ours, together with our affection and our availability.

In Christ, Our Lord, I embrace you fraternally and bless you.

Your affectionate Mother

Sr. Francesca Sarcia