

Rome, 23rd June 2026

**To all the Members of the LASA Groups
and Groups of Lay persons who live our spirituality and mission**

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is my joy to inform you, who are part of our Charismatic Family, that on the 20th of June 2026, Feast of Our Lady of Consolation, I **have announced the 35th General Chapter of our Congregation**, which will take place **starting from 8th September 2027**, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, here in Rome, in the Generalate.

You are all involved in this event, which brings together the Sister representatives of each country, to renew our communion together and to listen to the Holy Spirit who permits us to discern the Plan of God for our big Family, in this particular moment of the life of the Church and of the world. The General Chapter is an ecclesial event and a time of Grace.

The following is the theme:

From communion to generativity

Starting from communion with the Triune God, we will be able to live in communion among ourselves, and this will blossom, as it was for our Founders, into new fruitfulness, which the Lord desires of us at this historical moment.

Even though the times in which we live are, in many ways, times of darkness and crisis, we recognize that the Holy Spirit wants to speak to us and indicate new paths to us.

Looking at the history of the people of Israel and of the Church, we see that precisely times of uncertainty and crisis are those of greater generativity. Let us think of the ancient and modern martyrs, of the great Saints of the Middle Ages, of those of the XIX century... It is the logic of the Paschal Mystery, of the seed that dies. So **we too are at the right time to generate!** We are at the right time to generate, at whatever age and in whatever latitude we find ourselves.

As a Congregation we wish to listen to the Holy Spirit in order to identify the Grace that is hidden in the darkness and to sustain His work. Let us prepare for this Chapter event with **confidence** and **prayer**, recalling its importance: *"The General Chapter is a representative assembly of the entire Institute, a sign of its unity in charity. It is an ecclesial event and a moment of grace in discerning the plan of God for the Congregation, in creative fidelity to the spirit of our origins"* (C 179).

We, Sisters of St. Ann are certain, right from now, that we can count on your closeness and spiritual support in preparing for the General Chapter. Later on, other concrete ways of participation will be proposed.

Thanking the Most Holy Trinity for the gift of your presence in the Church and in our Charismatic Family, I embrace you all with affection, also on behalf of the General Councillors.

Your affectionate Mother

Sr. Francesca Sarcià