



Suore di Gesù Buon Pastore "Pastorelle"
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*To all the Pastorelle Sisters
Their residences*

Dearest Sisters,

On the Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, in fulfilment of what article 131 of our Rule of Life prescribes, with the consent of my Council, I am happy to announce to all of you the *indiction of the 8th General Chapter* to be celebrated in the month of July 2011.

In the life of the Congregation, the General Chapter is an ecclesial event that marks an important phase of the journey and represents an always more time of grace.

** Purpose of the Chapter*

It will be an Ordinary Chapter during which we will carry out the tasks stated in our Rule of Life 130. The theme is: *"To care for the life in Christ: a journey of compassion and pastoral conversion in communion"*.

** Venue and date*

The venue will be at "Casa San Paolo" of the FSP at Via S. Giovanni Eudes 25 – Rome.

On June 29, 2011 Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul with the Chapter delegates and all the Sisters who can be present, will gather around the Urn of our Founder in the inferior Crypt of the Basilica "Regina Apostolorum" for the Eucharistic celebration as a family, which will mark the opening of the 8th General Chapter.

The days from June 30 to July 3, will be a brief course of Spiritual Exercises as prescribed in RoL 134.1.

The 8th General Chapter will officially begin on 4 July and its conclusion is foreseen on July 16, 2011.

** Participants*

Those who take part by right:

The Superior general, the General councillors, the Bursar general, the Secretary general, the Provincial superiors, the Superior general of the immediately preceding term of office and the Delegate superior of Colombia-Venezuela-Mexico Delegation.

Those who take part by election:

The provincial delegates elected according to the norm of RoL 118.3.

The delegates of the different Delegations elected according to the norm of RoL 103.1.

Therefore, the 8th General Chapter will be composed as follows:

	Members by right	Elected members
General Government	n. 7	
Superior general of the precedent mandate	n. 1	
Province:		
Brazil - Caxias do Sul	n. 1	n. 2
Brazil - San Paolo	n. 1	n. 2
Philippine - Australia - Saipan	n. 1	n. 2
Italy Central -North	n. 1	n. 4
Italy Central -South	n. 1	n. 4
Delegations:		
Argentina-Bolivia		n. 1
Chile-Perù		n. 1
Colombia-Venezuela-Mexico ¹	n. 1	n. 1
Korea		n. 1
	n. 14	n. 18

** Climate of preparation and prayer*

The first phase of the Provincial Chapters or Delegation Assemblies will be celebrated by all Circumscriptions within the month of January 2011. In such occasion, Chapter delegates and their substitutes will be elected.

In the meantime the *Local Seminars* will be actualized making use of the contents of the International Seminar on pastoral care², according to the proposed itinerary which will be sent to each sister in the different communities.

We desire to insert the celebration of our 8th General Chapter in the journey which we daily tread with the spirit which our Founder suggests to us: *“Here is traced the life of the Pastorelle! A love of sacrifice which is concretized in life. Not a martyrdom of blood but that daily martyrdom in the duty well accomplished, in the sacrifices of each day, in dedication to one’s task with the right intention for love of Jesus Good Shepherd”*³.

May the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul together with Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd, accompany us in the journey and obtain for us in abundance all the gifts of the Spirit. We remain in listening of the Word, and we pray for one another.

In communion,

Sr. Marta Finotelli
superior general

¹ Cf variation of RoL 132 with the approval of the Holy See on June 6, 2006 cf. Atti 7CG 2005, p. 281.

² A DVD with all the contents of the International Seminar will be sent to each Circumscription, while waiting for the publication of the Acts of the International Seminar celebrated last June 10-20, 2010.

³ Blessed James Alberione, PrP I, 1955, p. 22.