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INTRODUCTION

Dear Brothers,

I write to introduce you (especially those who were not physically present at the Chapter) to the experience, reports, talks, homilies and decisions of the 46th General Chapter held in Rome from 9th September to 7th October 2012. These are divided into two books and offer quite an accurate account of the happenings, faith sharing, and fraternity at the Chapter.

While it is true that we have our inspired Rule and Constitutions by which we live our Passionist lives and carry out our mission, yet the celebration of the General Chapter every six years offers us the opportunity to review and reflect on our authenticity and relevance in the Church and the world of today.

For some years the Congregation has been focused on Restructuring for the sake of giving greater vitality to its mission. The process of Restructuring led us through a period of experimentation with Configurations, i.e. entities grouping together to find a supportive future and to create structures of Solidarity in the areas of personnel, formation and finance for mission. The 46th General Chapter confirmed the establishment of six Configurations and focused on the themes of solidarity, communion and mission.

Further, the Chapter suggests a programme based on six aspects of mission which all Provinces, Vice Provinces, Vicariates and Configurations are encouraged to make their focus and planning over the next six year period. This was discerned as being necessary at this present time of our history for a greater authenticity and relevance of our Passionist life and mission.

For those who were not present at the Chapter, the Redaction Commission communicated very well the ‘journey’ of the Chapter and summarized the hopes and desires of the Capitulars for the Congregation as a “prophetic vision”. I also recommend strongly the excellent papers and reflections presented by Fr Jose Luis Quintero Sanchez CP on “The Spiritual Patrimony of the Congregation” and by Fr Robin Ryan CP on “Communion and Solidarity”. These will be well worth discussing and sharing in the communities.

With gratitude for the hard work of all our brothers who have contributed to the preparation and content of these books, I now present and recommend your constant reference to these pages as a guide for the direction of our Passionist life and mission for the six years: 2012 – 2018.

(Most Rev) Joachim Rego CP
Superior General

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Passionist Life: Solidarity and Mission.

THE JOURNEY OF THE CHAPTER

With the inspiring theme “Passionist life: Solidarity and Mission”, the eighty-five capitulars representing sixty-three different countries gathered together in Sts John and Paul for the opening of the 46th General Chapter. Truly a global community, a microcosm of our globalized world, with many younger religious from the growing communities in Latin America, Africa and Asia the Chapter was in itself a prophetic sign of vitality, of hope, of an extended brotherhood. Coming together to find ways of practising solidarity in finance, formation and personnel, of cooperating more effectively on an international and intercultural level, it was one of the countersigns to the globalized world which is disfigured by exploitation, environmental destruction and inequality.

A sharing of “Our Deepest Desires” emphasised the hope for a renewal of the power and vitality of Passionist Community Life, of being more deeply faithful to our charism of the *Memoria Passionis* so that, strengthened in our religious vocation, we would be empowered to face the great challenges and opportunities for the proclamation of the Gospel in our modern complex world.

In order to do this effectively, we have to be thoroughly grounded in the spirituality and charism of our Passionist vocation. José Luis Quintero CP offered profound insights into this in his “Reflection on the Spiritual Patrimony of the Congregation” which he presented on the second working day of the Chapter. “*The Passionist Charism offers a way of understanding and also approaching the mystery of God, and in particular the Passion of Jesus Christ. And conversely, the mystery of God as it has been revealed “charismatically” in a particular way by St Paul of the Cross offers a way of understanding the Christian life.*”

From the Secretary of State, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, a message from Pope Benedict was read to the Chapter: *“On the occasion of the 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, the Supreme Pontiff is pleased to offer his benevolent greetings to the Chapter members.”* The letter went on to say: *“The Passion of Jesus is an inexhaustible mystery in which is found the basis for the liberation of humankind from the many evils to which it is subject.... Your Chapter, prepared with such diligence, is taking place at the vigil of the Year of Faith, a propitious time for an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Saviour of the world. Rediscover here the wellsprings of your vocation and the fruitfulness of your apostolic works, so that you may incarnate your charism in the contemporary socio-cultural context, and thus be attentive to the signs of the times as you go forward to engage new missionary challenges with pastoral wisdom and courage.”*

We were to have a sharp reminder of the consequences that can occur when we “incarnate (our) charism in the contemporary socio-cultural context” when we heard that Fr. Antonio Rodriguez CP, a Passionist working in El Salvador with young people in difficulty, had had serious threats made against his life and needed police protection. A letter was written, signed by the members of the Chapter and sent to the Authorities in El Salvador.

The Superior General, Fr. Ottaviano D’Egidio CP, in his Report took inspiration from the Gospel text of the Emmaus story: the disciples, thinking that all was lost, have their eyes opened by Jesus who has been with them in their sorrowful journey; he has been with them in their trials. Another text was the story of the healing of the deaf mute from the Sunday Mass which marked the beginning of the Chapter: this healing took place in pagan territory which could only be reached by crossing borders, leaving the safety and comfort of our usual surroundings, taking risks for the sake of the poor and marginalised. The application to our own situation as a Congregation was clear.

He then went on to describe the long and thorough process the Congregation had gone through as it worked at Restructuring. The process had not always been easy but structures had to be renewed to reflect the great changes happening in society and to enable us to carry out our Mission in the new ways modern life demands. Restructuring was in the service of Mission. Mission requires Solidarity, specifically in the fields of personnel, finance and formation: solidarity between the older and

newer entities of the Congregation, solidarity across national borders, solidarity between young and old. A key element in our mission will be the issues of JPIC and our charism impels us towards solidarity with the crucified ones in today's world.

The Superior General's Report was followed by that of the General Econome, Battista Ramponi CP, (CORM), which showed the Congregation in reasonable financial health. The Secretary for Solidarity and Mission, Jesús María Aristín CP, (CORI), reported on the great work being done to increase awareness of JPIC matters, although some areas still need to do more to address these matters fully; excellent resources are being produced, much formation work being carried out and an extensive number of projects being supported throughout the Congregation. Our UN representative, Francisco Murray CP, (CONC), reported on the vital work we are involved in with NGO's, in which we co-operate with women religious of the Passionist family. He summarises his mission this way: "*Our commitment is to help the world to hear the voice and the silence, the sufferings and hopes, the dreams and needs of the crucified ones of today.*"

Towards the end of the first week the reports from the Configurations were presented and discussed both in small groups and in the Aula. The purpose of grouping the various entities of the Congregation into Configurations was so that our charism, our presence and our mission would have greater freedom of expression and we would be able to:

- 1) Cut down on the number of structures, thus leaving men free from administration to concentrate more on Mission. In some Configurations the burden of leadership sometime falls repeatedly on the same small number of religious. It is hoped that the Configurations will make it possible for this burden to be spread more widely so that pastoral initiatives which may otherwise have been out of the question may now become more realistic to consider.

- 2) Share personnel and experience in the area of Formation, again to make more efficient use of our human resources but also to promote the values of dialogue at an international level and the exchange of life within the Congregation. Given the nature of our globalised world and the vast range of international and intercultural relationships which exist in it, the Configurations, composed of many nations and many different cultures, are well placed both to be enriched by this new world situation and to be able to minister more effectively in it.

3) Promote solidarity in financial and personnel resources within and between Configurations. The Configurations differ according to their strengths and according to their needs: the new vision for the Congregation envisages a greater sharing of these not only within each Configuration, but also between them, again strengthening the international and intercultural links that exist between us.

4) Concentrate on Youth and Vocation ministry. The presence of many younger members of the Congregation at the Chapter, and the spirit of hope which has been so present amongst the capitulars gives a new impetus to the Congregation to build on the meetings of Passionist young religious and young lay people.

5) Encourage greater commitment to JPIC and the Option for the Poor. During the Chapter there was frequent mention of the Crucified One and the crucified ones: our consecration to the *Memoria Passionis* commits us to taking the side of those who find themselves at the margins of our world.

Two different types of Configuration have developed: a first model where the entities combine as one to form a Province; a second model where there is an aggregation of entities each with their own form of government. However both types of Configuration will be committed to Solidarity in formation, finance and personnel within the Configuration and will make efforts to establish the means for this if they have not already done so. The Configurations will also need to draw up their own Statutes. Two Configurations opted for the first model: CEB and SCOR; the other four Configurations, CJC, NESP, CPA and PASPAC, opted for the second model.

The first week of the Chapter was very full; a great deal of information had been shared and it was time for a break. The trip to Monte Argentario on the Sunday September 16th, taken by many of the capitulars, was a wonderful experience of the breathtaking beauty of God's creation and the generous hospitality of our brethren, with a life-giving reconnection with some of the earliest days of our Congregation. We then made a brief visit to Vetralla where we saw the cells of the brothers Danei, Paul and John Baptist, where they spent many years. The tour of the monastery was a perfect end to the day.

When work resumed at the beginning of the second week, it was important for us to have with us Leonello Leidi CP, chairman of the juridical commission which had been engaged before the Chapter in preparing the proposals on Configurations and General Government that would need to be discussed in the Chapter before any alterations to the Constitutions or General Regulations could be made. He led us through proposed new legislation and clarified the many issues that Capitulars raised with him as to how these new entities, the Configurations, would relate to the General Council and what links the General Council would have with them. The Chapter decided that there should be an “Extended Council” made up of the Presidents of the six Configurations and that these six would meet with the General Council once per year or more frequently if the need arose and was agreed upon. All of these decisions required changes being made to the Constitutions and General Regulations and eventually the necessary formulations were agreed upon. A further change was added when it was decided that the General Synod, in the light of these yearly meetings with the Extended Council, should now be convened only once between General Chapters (instead of twice) and this would be three years after the General Chapter.

A different note was struck on Saturday September 22nd afternoon when members of the Passionist Lay Groups of Italy were invited to address the Chapter, share their stories of living the charism in their daily lives and have a dialogue with the Chapter members. The capitulars were moved by the stories of these laymen and women who had discovered the importance for their own Christian lives of the *Memoria Passionis* and of how, in union with various members of the Congregation, their sharing in our charism had grown and deepened. The Lay Passionists expressed the hope that their own lay Passionist vocation would be able to engage more with our Congregation. As Maria Rosa Fraccaro, Co-ordinator of the Passionist Lay Movement in Italy, said: “If the future of the Congregation is to be found in the present intention to be configured on a global scale, with different international and intercultural attributes, perhaps the time has come to renew its life through an engagement with and a co-responsibility with the world of the laity.”

On the middle Sunday of the Chapter, September 23rd, the Capitulars, together with some of the Italian Lay Passionists, made the trip to the Shrine of St Gabriel at Isola del Gran Sasso for another experience of the beauty of nature and for a celebration of the great gift we have all received in our Passionist vocation. 2012 is the 150th anniversary of the death of St Gabriel, so it was very appropriate to visit his Shrine during

the time of the General Chapter. We arrived in time for Mass and the General, Fr. Ottaviano CP, preached eloquently on the Passion from the Gospel of the day and a Passionist Young People's group led the music with great joy and enthusiasm in a packed basilica. We enjoyed the excellent hospitality of the community and we were informed that Fr. Mario Bartolini CP had been awarded the St Francis and St Clare prize for his work in Justice and Peace in Peru. Previous winners of this prize have included Mother Teresa, Chiara Lubich and Abbé Pierre. Many of the Chapter members then took the opportunity to visit the Stauros Art Exhibition which showed many impressive pictures and sculptures from the permanent collection in the Monastery.

Moving into the third week of the Chapter and having largely completed the juridical work the previous week, the capitulars had two main tasks: to discern and discuss aspects of Passionist Mission and also to prepare for the election of the Superior General and his team of Consultors.

The first two days of the week were concerned with Mission and a number of significant proposals for mission were advanced, with the Chapter members fully engaged in the process. The proposals that the groups chose to work on centred on the following aspects:

1. Identity – Charism – Community
2. Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC)
3. Evangelisation and New Evangelisation
4. Passionist Spiritual Formation
5. Participation of Lay People in our Charism
6. Youth

Wednesday of the third week, September 26th, was a Retreat Day in preparation for the election of the Superior General and his Consultors and the Chapter heard two inspiring talks from Robin Ryan CP, (PAUL). Taking Communion and Dialogue as his themes, he described how one of the most significant fruits of the Second Vatican Council was the view of the Church as the Place and Mystery of Communion and how we, as Passionists, moving forward in the areas of Solidarity in formation, finance and personnel, in the new international and intercultural Configurations are in a very privileged place to practise this spirituality of Communion. If we are truly to live this Communion, we must become experts in Dialogue: attentive listening, refusal to dominate, respect for

the different views of others, knowing that in this world of great complexity which is reflected in our Church and Congregation, we will often have to recognise that the only way forward is along the path of “reconciled diversity.”

The election of the Superior General then took place on the Thursday, September 27th, and well before the end of the morning the Capitulars were able to greet with joy and enthusiasm our new leader, Fr. Joachim Rego CP. The election of the six Consultors, Fr. Augusto Canali CP (First Consultor), Frs. Denis Travers CP, Michael Ogweno CP, Antonio Munduate CP, Sabinus Lohin CP and Giuseppe Adobati CP, took place on the Friday, September 28th, after the usual period of discernment and all six were in place by the end of the day. The choice of the new Council strongly underlined the international and intercultural nature of the Congregation and its determination to use and strengthen these links in the years to come.

The Liturgy in the Chapel of St Paul of the Cross that evening was on the theme of Jesus, Bread of Life. In a symbolic action we were reminded of the opening liturgy of the Chapter at the statue of St Paul of the Cross in the garden when we had had a profound meditation on the natural process of seed bringing new life. That seed had now become bread and the Superior General and his Council took pieces of bread at the end of the Liturgy and shared them with all the Capitulars as a sign of their willingness to serve and to nourish the new life we aspire to in the Congregation.

After a day of rest on the Sunday, September 30th, the final week of the Chapter began by further consideration of several proposals, the proposition on Finance, for which a commission was formed by the Chapter to revise and re-work the text, and the proposal to include the Passionist Lay Movement in the General Regulations.

On the Tuesday of the final week, October 2nd, the capitulars voted to accept the establishment of a Permanent Office of Formation and made several suggestions as to how it should carry out its mandate. Then they worked on the six aspects of Life and Mission identified as priorities by the Chapter.

The morning of Wednesday October 3rd was reserved for the Papal audience in St Peter’s Square. Pope Benedict turned to the large group of Passionists and made special mention of the General Chapter; he was

greeted with words sung in Spanish : “Pablo de la Cruz”. At the end of the audience Fr. Joachim, the new Superior General, was presented to the Pope and received his blessing.

In the afternoon session in the Aula the texts that had been worked on the previous day on aspects of Passionist Life and Mission were presented under the following titles:

1. Charismatic Testimony of the Passionist Community.
2. In joyful hope we embrace the Passion Christ has for the crucified ones and for the earth.
3. Evangelisation and New Evangelisation.
4. Formation in Passionist Spirituality
5. Participation of Lay Passionists, Men and Women, in the Passionist Charism, Life and Mission.
6. Passionists and Young People, United in Mission.

After some points of clarification and some modifications, each text was accepted and will be introduced into the international programming of the Congregation.

The Thursday before the end of the Chapter, October 4th, was the day for meetings between the individual Configurations and the new Superior General and Council. Many dreams, difficulties, projects and fears were shared. The day concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist in the St Paul of the Cross Chapel in the Basilica. During the Mass, new Provinces and Vice-Provinces were proclaimed: The Province of Holy Faith (FID), Colombia, and the new Brazilian Province, made up of the vicariates of Dominic Barberi (DOMIN), Jesus Liberator (LIBER) and Our Lady of Victories (VICT); the Vice Province of Our Lady Queen of Peace (PAC) in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic; and the Vice-Province of St Thomas (THOM) in India.

The penultimate working day of the Chapter, October 5th, was given over to Budget issues for the years up to 2015, the year of the next General Synod, taking account of the changes in our structures of government. The capitulars saw a presentation of the progress of the foundation in Peru which in May 2013 celebrates its centenary. There were also various interventions on the subject of the coming World Youth Day in Brazil (2013) and the meetings between our young religious and the General Council.

Beside some economic issues, the last working day of the Chapter was given over to evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the Chapter and to words of thanks for the great service of Fr. Ottaviano CP and his Consultors: Denis Travers CP, Luis Alberto Cano CP, Luigi Vaninetti CP and Clemente Barron CP.

On Sunday October 7th, we celebrated the last Eucharist. Fr Joachim, Superior General, proclaimed two new provinces, the Configuration Eugene Bossilkov (CEB) and the Configuration of the Sacred Heart (SCOR), and gave his first message to the Congregation.

Sending us to the different entities to encounter our brethren and lay men and women, he said in his homily:

“Brothers, during this Chapter which has been a time to review what is, and to plan for the next six years, we have chosen to highlight certain aspects of our life and mission to which we want to give priority and which will guide us as Passionists today. Focusing on these areas of our life and mission in the local realities, we hope, will give an impetus to the whole Passionist Family to be affirmed in their identity, witness and reason for existence.

The journey which we are ending, and beginning, here today reminds me of the personal journey my family (and I) made forty-three years ago on this very day when we left our country (Burma) which promised us no meaningful future, and migrated to Australia – for us a strange and unfamiliar land - to begin anew. It was a journey, an enterprise, which was frightening and insecure. However, with courage and trust we undertook the journey, and, in faith we ‘know’ (it was our experience) that God walked alongside us and led us to a new beginning and a fresh future of hope.... May we, Passionists, embark anew on our journey to announce the Good News of the Word of the Cross with courage and compassion; and with you I repeat the Psalmist’s prayer: “May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.”

A PROPHETIC VISION

(At the beginning of the Chapter, the capitulars expressed their hopes for the Chapter and their desires for the Congregation. This text, drawn up by the Redaction Commission, is a summary of these hopes and desires.)

Gathered in our 46th General Chapter, along with our father Saint Paul of the Cross, we have asked the inspiration of the Spirit so that, encouraged by the Word of the Cross, we can find the ways, strategies and structures that help us to respond better to current world challenges in the countries where we live and exercise our ministry as Passionists.

Our deepest desire for the Congregation at this time is that we would experience a profound renewal of Passionist life: a rediscovery and deepening of community life that recognises that we are a family and that living in fidelity to our charism means that we can rejoice in the most profound source of unity. Our communities should be strong in themselves but open to others, especially the wider Passionist Family. At the same time we must work to renew our own spiritual lives, giving the contemplative dimension of our vocation its proper place.

People should be able to recognise that our lives are centred upon God. We should remember the central importance for our vocation of the practice of poverty, more important than ever in our consumerist world. However, in certain parts of the Congregation we shall have to shake off the air of resignation that has descended on us.

We need to be converted to the values of Solidarity and be open to the benefits of sharing more and more with each other internationally. Practising Solidarity in the areas of formation, personnel and finance will strengthen the fraternal bonds between us and make us better able to reach out to the crucified of the world.

We wish to be open to all the new challenges of our world and to develop those structures which will help us to respond to them. If we are united in our commitment to our charism, then we will not be too concerned about any diversity of structure. At the same time we must look honestly and openly at our experience of Restructuring, and evaluate how this process is helping to revitalise our life and mission. United in our identity as Passionists, we will be able to fulfil our prophetic role as

we face the challenges that the modern world presents us with and carry out our shared initiatives to meet the world's deepest needs.

ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL MISSION

In a spirit of discernment, the Chapter considered our mission in today's world and highlighted six aspects of our life and ministry, presenting a new vision for each of these aspects and proposing actions to assist the Congregation throughout the world in its response.

1. THE CHARISMATIC TESTIMONY OF THE PASSIONIST COMMUNITY

The reflection and the experience of the General Chapter has elicited from us the desire to emphasize the importance of the community dimension of living and expressing our Passionist identity, recognizing that we have been called by Jesus to a life in fraternity. Like Saint Paul of the Cross, we are called together to live in an evangelical community of life, born out of the Memory of the Passion (Const. 1). Thus, we testify in our Life and in our Mission to what is our reason-for-being in the Church and in the world.

The insistence on the values and strengths of the Passionist Community, as they are put before us in the Constitutions, call forth from us at this time, which is paradoxically tinged with individualism, relativism, and a great desire for communion, a special attention to bring about the revitalization of our Life and Mission. Our charismatic living together of the *Memoria Passionis* is born from and is expressed in the local community which prays, shares, grows in communion, accomplishes its mission, and thus becomes an expression of the reconciling and renewing power which is born on the Cross; in this way, our charismatic life together is a sign of the new humanity in Christ.

The radical living out of the elements of our charismatic Passionist Community will make our vocation prophetic and meaningful and they will be the primary realization of our Mission: *To be witnesses to the power of the Lord, Crucified and Risen.*

Actions

Because we desire to revitalize this most fundamental dimension of our charismatic life together, we propose some actions for this six-year term:

1. Our community life is our first apostolate. Each local community will be encouraged to find ways of living and witnessing to its Passionist identity, inculturated in its local setting, and open to the universality of the Congregation. To achieve this, it will undertake a “community life project” and review it regularly.

2. During the next three years, through a discerning process, each Configuration will consider the constitutive elements of the Passionist Community, examining the quality of our community life, for the sake of a greater revitalization of Life and Mission. This process will be evaluated at the next Synod.

3. The Superior General will undertake a specific pastoral action (catechesis), to encourage and empower the communitarian dimension of our charismatic life together and of our apostolate.

2. IN JOYFUL HOPE, WE MAKE OUR OWN CHRIST’S PASSION FOR THE CRUCIFIED AND FOR THE EARTH

Our Passionist vocation is a call to contemplate and proclaim with words and deeds of justice and peace Jesus Crucified, in solidarity with the crucified of today and those who because of their personal situation no longer feel they have a home in the church. We Passionists have heard the cry of the children, the aged, the poor and the abandoned. We have heard the cry of the earth. We have seen the face of the suffering. The Passion of Christ continues in the Passion of the crucified of today.

Our living out of this experience changes our hearts, animates our community life and is the impetus for our mission.

Actions

The 46th General Chapter approves the following actions:

1. Each configuration will have a JIPC commission.

Their duties will be:

- To help the configuration to reflect on JIPC in the light of the Passionist Charism and try possible concrete action.
- To animate the celebration of World Days proposed by the Secretariat for Solidarity and Mission.
- To promote projects of solidarity within the Congregation.
- To promote the study and deeper awareness of the social doctrine of the Church and the themes of JPIC in initial and on-going formation. Experiences of life in a community situated at sites of suffering are to be included at every stage of formation.

2. The Superior General is the President of the NGO "Solidarietà Passionista". This NGO will have as secretary the Secretary for Solidarity and Mission.

3. The Secretary for Solidarity and Mission is responsible for the coordination of joint initiatives among the NGOs that the Congregation has in different configurations. The Superior General will appoint an assistant to the Secretary for Solidarity and Mission who will work with him to support the projects of our missionaries.

4. In the different Configurations we shall promote actions which will favor "ethical banking"; we shall take practical action to demonstrate commitment to the environment (alternative sources of energy, ecology...).

5. The Configurations and the entities which constitute them will examine their resources (property, finances, personnel) and decide how to use them in solidarity with the crucified ones and the suffering of creation (sustainability).

3. EVANGELIZATION AND NEW EVANGELIZATION

Renewing our enthusiasm for being witnesses to the word of the cross for contemporary humanity

In communion with the Church which will celebrate the forthcoming Synod on the theme "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian faith", we Passionists proclaim the Word of the Cross in a

world transformed culturally, technologically advanced and increasingly secularized. We are looking for new ways and expressions of the Good News, in respect of different cultures and traditions in which we are called to preach Christ crucified.

Primacy of the Word of the Cross and cultural formation

We Passionists (religious and laity) affirm the primacy of the Word of the Cross in the proclamation of the Truth that is Christ. In dialogue with the cultural context in which we live, we commit ourselves to deepening our encounter with the Word of God through study and prayer, so as to be well formed and ready for evangelization. Our proclamation becomes even a denunciation of social injustices and hope for the "crucified" of today.

Community Dimension of Evangelization

We live evangelization in an apostolic community context, with a shared pastoral project. The presence of a Passionist community must be "significant" in the territory in which they live, that is, capable of reaching out to people through the proclamation of the Gospel, and of being challenged by the needs of the real situation in which it operates.

Dialogue with the "distant": multicultural, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue

We Passionists propose a ministry of proclamation aimed at "the distant", those who have left the Church and those who remain on the margins of the Church itself. In a multicultural society, the preaching of the Gospel will be facilitated by relationships with the different ethnic and religious communities which are also rich in culture and spirituality.

Mass Media

To fulfill the task of evangelizing, we Passionists want to form ourselves in the use of the mass media so as to be at home in the new *areopagus* where we need to be present and qualified to interact with others and especially with young people.

Actions

1. Each entity and / or configuration will create a team of men and women religious and lay people for global and local evangelization

2. Each entity and / or configuration will organize for religious and laity courses of initiation and renewal of preaching, to renew the traditional forms of preaching (missions to the people, retreats and preaching in local parishes etc.) and promote new forms of proclamation, taking into account the creative capacity of each.

3. Each entity and / or configuration will commit itself to offer an adequate instruction of the religious and lay people involved in evangelization so that traditional media (radio, press and television) and new media (web and social networks) become places and instruments of evangelization.

4. FORMATION IN PASSIONIST SPIRITUALITY

“Conscious that God is the primary source of all formation” (Const. 77), we are convinced that formation in Passionist spirituality is born of the action of the Holy Spirit. This work of the Holy Spirit is nourished by listening to the Word, the contemplation of the Crucified One, study, fraternal life, through proclamation of the Word and solidarity with the Crucified of today.

The spirituality flowing from the Passionist Charism, to keep alive the Memory of the Passion of Jesus as “the greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love”, speaks meaningfully to the ills and injustices of humanity today and to our suffering earth.

It is imperative that those people drawn to our Charism, whether as professed religious or laity, be offered significant formation in Passionist Spirituality as a priority, and have access to resources for the deepening of their spirituality.

Actions

- a) Therefore, the General Chapter has approved the creation of an Office for Formation for the entire Congregation.
- b) To coordinate, encourage and guide the creation of formation plans for the religious and laity of the Passionist Family.
- c) To produce the required resources for formation in history and spirituality of the Congregation.
- d) To facilitate and promote dialogue among the formation personnel of the different areas.
- e) To increase theological research on our Charism.

5. PARTICIPATION OF LAY MEN AND WOMEN IN THE PASSIONIST CHARISM, LIFE AND MISSION

We believe that the rich potential of the Passionist charism, life and mission will come to fuller expression and realisation when it is shared by lay men and women within the Passionist Family.

For this reason the 46th General Chapter decided to include the following passage in the General Regulations of the Congregation of the Passion:

Rooted in Christ through baptism and sharing in the universal call to holiness, and following the spirit and teaching of Saint Paul of the Cross, we share with the lay faithful the mission entrusted to us by the Church to announce the Gospel of the Passion to the world through our lives and our apostolate (cf. Const. No. 2).

Respecting the identity and the uniqueness of each vocation, we open ourselves to a fruitful exchange of gifts, in reciprocity, to promote together with the laity who share our Charism the grateful memory of the Passion of Christ, in all men and women whom we meet on our way, especially the 'crucified' of the present day.

In order to facilitate this, we propose the following **actions**:

1. Provinces, Vice-Provinces and Vicariates are encouraged to make statements in their Provincial Chapters and Congresses which affirm the value of the vocation of lay men and women who share in the Passionist vocation.
2. In so far as possible, the Provinces, Vice-Provinces and Vicariates will designate one of their houses as a place of welcome for the lay men and women who share in the Passionist vocation. There, with professed Passionists, they can explore new ways of being Passionist together.
3. Configurations are encouraged to be in dialogue with lay men and women who share the Passionist charism, life and mission, as well as with religious and secular institutes of the Passionist Family. This dialogue will take place at four levels: life, action, theological exchange and religious experience.
4. A member of the General Council will have responsibility for this area.

6. PASSIONISTS AND YOUTH, TOGETHER IN LIFE AND MISSION

Out of our love for Christ Crucified, we Passionist Religious live in a community which is dedicated to being memory of the Passion; and on the basis of our life, we wish to share Passionist spirituality with young persons, as well as the dream of being Good News in the world.

We are aware of the changes and differences that exist in our world, which becomes more and more pluralistic and individualistic; therefore, we Passionist Religious want to understand the reality in which young people live today. We know that by listening to them, and in dialogue with them, we can together engage life's challenges, and promote commitment to Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation (cf. Mt 6, 33).

Because we recognize the contrary values of the world, which are also present in the world of youth, we want to accompany young people as they grow in life and in faith by means of a youth apostolate which respects their own values and offers them greater commitment.

We reaffirm our option for youth and we hope that they will discover their integral vocation, *since all of life is a vocation*. We therefore offer them our Passionist spirituality and charism as a means and guide for their lives.

Actions:

1) To develop vocational ministry for youth in our Configurations as a way of promoting in young people their own encounter with Jesus and helping them to respond to their own vocation as religious or laity.

2) To cultivate among young people a missionary commitment, which will encourage them to share with us our life and our Passionist apostolate through national or international voluntary work.

3) To incorporate the area of youth ministry within the Office for Formation in order to encourage networking and the sharing of materials for youth ministry, as well as materials dealing with our Passionist spirituality and charism.

4) To facilitate, in the different zones of each entity, and in so far as possible, the creation of a community dedicated to welcoming youth who might wish to share our Passionist life and engage in vocational discernment.

5) To encourage and support participation in workshops, seminars, gatherings, youth activities, and international meetings such as the World Youth Day.



6) To promote in the context of initial and on-going formation programs of the Configurations initiatives to understand the reality of today's young people and thus to help the religious to develop an attitude that is more open to listening and welcoming of young people's reality.

7) To celebrate the feast of Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows as an International Day of Passionist Youth.

JURIDICAL AND OFFICIAL TEXTS

1. JURIDICAL TRANSITIONS APPROVED BY THE CHAPTER

No. 1 The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, in accordance with n. 104 of our Constitutions, approves the request of the Vice-Province of Holy Faith (FID: Colombia) and establishes a Province of the same name.

No. 2 The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, in accordance with n. 104 of our Constitutions, with the agreement of the Province of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (CORI), approves the request of the Vicariate of Our Lady of Peace (CORI-PAC: The Dominican Re-public and Puerto Rico) and establishes a Vice-Province of the same name.

No. 3 The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, in accordance with n. 104 of our Constitutions, with the agreement of the Province of Holy Cross (CRUC), approves the request of the Vicariate of Our Lady of St Thomas the Apostle (CRUC-THOM: India) and establishes a Vice-Province of the same name. The Vice-Provincial government will come into being in 2013 with the celebration of the Vice-Provincial Congress.

No. 4 The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, in accordance with n. 104 of our Constitutions, with the agreement of the Provinces of the Presentation of Mary Most Holy (PRAES), Mother of Holy Hope (SPE) and the Mother of Sorrows (DOL), approves the request of the Brazilian Vicariates of Blessed Dominic Barberi (PRAES-DOMIN), Christ Liberator (SPE-LIBER) and Our Lady of Victories (DOL-VICT) and establishes a new Province. The unitary Provincial government will come into being in 2014 with the celebration of the Provincial Chapter.

No. 5 The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, in accordance with n. 104 of our Constitutions, with the agreement of the Province of the Sacred Side of Jesus (LAT), approves the request of the Provinces of Calvary (CALV: Brazil, Mozambique), and Immaculate Conception (CONC: Argentina, Uruguay) and the Vicariate of Blessed Isidore de Loor (LAT-ISID: Brazil) and establishes a new Province. The unitary Provincial government will come into being

in 2016 with the celebration of the Provincial Chapter.

No. 6 The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, in accordance with n. 104 of our Constitutions, approves the request of the Provinces of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (CORI: Spain), the Holy Family (FAM: Spain, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Venezuela), the Most Precious Blood (SANG: Spain, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Panama), Holy Faith (FID: Colombia) and the Vicariate of the Resurrection (CORI-RES: Peru) and establishes a new Province with the name of the Sacred Heart (SCOR). The unitary Provincial government will come into being in 2013 with the celebration of the unitary Provincial Chapter.

No. 7 The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, in accordance with n. 104 of our Constitutions, approves the request of the Provinces of the Presentation of Mary Most Holy (PRAES: Italia, Nigeria), Our Lady of Sorrows (DOL: Italia), the Pieta (PIET: Italia, Bulgaria), Immaculate Heart of Mary (CORM: Italia), the Sacred Side (LAT: Italia), The Crucified (CFXI: Italia), St Michael (MICH: France) and Our Lady of Fatima (FAT: Portugal, Angola) and establishes a new Province with the name of the Blessed Eugene Bossilkov (CEB). The unitary Provincial government will come into being in 2015 with the celebration of the unitary Provincial Chapter.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFIGURATIONS

CEB Configuration of Blessed Eugene Bossilkov

1. The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ establishes the Configuration of Blessed Eugene Bossilkov (CEB), as a single juridical entity, composed of the Provinces of the Presentation of Mary Most Holy (PRAES: Italia, Nigeria), Our Lady of Sorrows (DOL: Italia), the Pieta (PIET: Italia, Bulgaria), Immaculate Heart of Mary (CORM: Italia), the Sacred Side (LAT: Italia), The Crucified (CFXI: Italia), St Michael (MICH: France) and Our Lady of Fatima (FAT: Portugal, Angola).
2. The Configuration CEB, while a single Province with its own ordinary government, is divided into regions corresponding to the former Provinces of the Configuration.
3. The unitary government will come into being in 2015 with the celebration of the unitary Provincial Chapter. In the tree years between 2012 and 2015, continuing on the path of unity, the Con-figuration will act in conformity with n. 96 of the General Regulations, not only in respect of its responsibilities in terms of the tree Solidarities but also in particular in the preparation of the norms for participation in and celebration of the unitary Provincial Chapter, norms which be subject to the approval of the Superior General with the consent of his Council.
4. It will be the responsibility of the first unitary Provincial Chapter to approve the Regulations of the new Province. These must be approved by the Superior General with the consent of his Council.



SCOR: Configuration of the Sacred Heart

1. The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ establishes the Configuration of the Sacred Heart (SCOR), as a single juridical entity, composed of the Provinces of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (CORI: Spain), the Holy Family (FAM: Spain, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Venezuela), the Most Precious Blood (SANG: Spain, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Panama), Holy Faith (FID: Colombia) and the Vicariate of the Resurrection (CORI-RES: Peru).
2. The unitary government will come into being in 2013 with the celebration of the unitary Provincial Chapter. Until 2013 the Configuration will act in conformity with n. 96 of the General Regulations, in order to prepare the norms for participation in and celebration of the unitary Provincial Chapter, norms which be subject to the approval of the Superior General and his Council.
3. It will be the responsibility of the first unitary Provincial Chapter to approve the Regulations of the new Province. These must be approved by the Superior General with the consent of his Council.

CJC: Configuration of Jesus Crucified

1. The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ establishes the Configuration of Jesus Crucified (CJC), as an aggregation of several autonomous juridical entities, composed of the Provinces of St Paul of the Cross (PAUL: USA), Holy Cross (CRUC: USA), Christ the King (REG: Mexico); the new Province composed by the Provinces of Calvary (CALV: Brazil. Mozambique), the Immaculate Conception (CONC: Argentina, Uruguay) and the Vicariate of Blessed Isidore de Loor (LAT-ISID: Brazil); the new Province composed of the Vicariates of Blessed Dominic Barberi (PRAES-DOMIN: Brazil), Christ Liberator (SPE-LIBER: Brazil) and Our Lady of Victories (DOL-VICT: Brazil); the Vice-Province of Our Lady of Peace (PAC: The Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico).
2. In the Configuration CJC, each juridical entity retain its own government. In order to promote the values of Solidarity in the areas of formation, personnel and finance, the Configuration will have a President and a council composed of the major superiors of the various entities of which it is formed.
3. The Configuration will act in conformity with n. 96 of the General Regulations and will prepare its proper statutes. These must be approved by the Superior General with the consent of his Council.



PASPAC: Configuration of Passionists of Asia and Pacific

1. The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ establishes the Configuration of Passionists of Asia and Pacific (PASPAC), as an aggregation of several autonomous juridical entities, composed of the Provinces of the Holy Spirit (SPIR: Australia, New Zeland, Papua New Guinea), the Passion of Christ (PASS: Philippines), the Korean Martyrs (MACOR: Korea, China), Queen of Peace (REPAC: Indonesia) and of the Vice-Provinces of the Japanese Martyrs (MAIAP: Japan), St Thomas the Apostle (THOM: India) and the General Mission of Our Lady of Lavang (LAVA: Vietnam).
2. In the Configuration PASPAC, each juridical entity will retain its own government. In order to promote the values of Solidarity in the areas of formation, personnel and finance, the Configuration will have a President and a council composed of the major superiors of the various entities of which it is formed.
3. The Configuration will act according to n. 96 of the General Regulations and will approve its proper statutes in May 2014. These must be approved by the Superior General with the consent of his Council.

CCH: Configuration of Saint Charles Houben

1. The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ establishes the Configuration of Saint Charles Houben (CCH), as an aggregation of several autonomous juridical entities, composed of the Provinces of the Assumption of Mary (ASSUM: Poland, Ukraine, Czech Republic), St Gabriel (GABR: Belgium), St Joseph (IOS: England, Wales, Sweden), St Patrick (PATR: Ireland, Scotland, France), Mother of Holy Hope (SPE: The Netherlands, North Germany) and the Vice-Province of the Five Sacred Wounds (VULN: South Germany, Austria).
2. In the Configuration CCH, each juridical entity will retain its own government. In order to promote the values of Solidarity in the areas of formation, personnel and finance, the Configuration will have a President and a council composed of the major superiors of the various entities of which it is formed.
3. The Configuration will act in conformity with n. 96 of the General Regulations and will approve its proper statutes with immediate effect. These must be approved by the Superior General with the consent of his Council.



CPA: The Configuration of the Passionists of Africa

1. The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ establishes the Configuration of The Passionists of Africa (CPA), as an aggregation of several autonomous juridical entities, composed of the Vice-Province of Christ the Saviour (SALV: Congo) and the Vicariates of St Gemma (CORM-GEMM: Tanzania), Our Lady, Mother of Africa (PAT-MATAF: Bostwana, Zambia, South Africa) and St Charles Lwanga (CORM-CARLW: Kenya).
2. In the Configuration CPA, each juridical entity will retain its own government. In order to promote the values of Solidarity in the areas of formation, personnel and finance, the Configuration will have a President and a council composed of the major superiors of the various entities of which it is formed.
3. The Configuration will act according to n. 96 of the General Regulations and will approve its proper statutes. These must be approved by the Superior General with the consent of his Council.
4. a. The 46th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ declares that the Vicariates of the Configuration (CPA) continue the process of achieving autonomy. This process will be supported by the General Government and the Provinces to which they currently belong, by means of the Trilateral Commissions which will conclude all their work by 2015.
 - b. The modality and duration of this support will be agreed amongst all interested parties – General Council, Provinces and Vicariates.
 - c. The determination as to whether GEMM, CARLW or MATAF will be General Vicariates or Vice Provinces will be made by the Superior General with the consent of his Council, having heard the opinions of the four Congresses of GEMM, CARLW, MATAF and SALV, and the two mother Provinces, in 2013.
 - d. The process of achieving autonomy for these three Vicariates will be reviewed by the General Synod of 2015.

3. THE CONFIGURATIONS IN NOS. 94-96 OF THE GENERAL REGULATIONS

Art. 94: To achieve Solidarity in the three areas of Personnel, Formation and Finance, the Configurations are formed either as an aggregation of several autonomous juridical entities (Provinces, Vice-provinces and Vicariates) or as a single juridical entities with different internal structures (Province with regions). The Configurations are principally organized to promote dialogue and cooperation between the different parts of the Congregation, and to foster initiatives and common action for the life and mission of the Congregation. Each Province, Vice-province and Vicariate will become part of a Configuration.

Art. 95: Outside the General Chapter, it belongs to the Superior General with the consent of his Council, after consulting the extended Council, at the request of the Provinces, Vice-provinces and Vicariates involved, to establish, modify or suppress a Configuration. Likewise it belongs to the Superior General with the consent of his Council, after consulting the extended Council, to permit a Province, Vice-province, Vicariate or Region which requests this, with adequate reasons, to change Configuration.

Art. 96:

1. A Configuration composed of more than one juridical entity is governed by particular Statutes, approved by the Superior General with the consent of his Council, keeping in mind the following:

- a) A Configuration made up of several entities acts in accordance with the Statutes through an Executive Council composed of the Major Superiors of the constituent entities.
- b) The Executive Council will choose a President with responsibility for animation, coordination of common action and connection with the General Council and the other Configurations. The method of appointment of the President and the length of his mandate are determined in the particular Statutes. It is the responsibility of the President to implement the decisions taken.
- c) To achieve Solidarity in Formation, Personnel and Finance, the Major Superiors composing the Executive Council have the juridical capacity to take decisions based on a unanimous vote or

a majority vote. In this latter case the decisions which do not receive a unanimous vote in the Executive Council must, in order to have a binding effect, be confirmed by the Superior General with the consent of his Council.

2. In a Configuration consisting of a single entity the Executive Council is made up of the Major Superior/President and the persons responsible/Consultors for the Regions.

4. THE GENERAL SYNOD AND THE EXTENDED COUNCIL IN THE CONSTITUTIONS AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

A) Constitutions

The General Synod and the Extended Council (Title between nn. 143 & 144)

In n. 146

The Superior General will convoke a General Synod once in every six years, three years after the General Chapter. With the consent of his Council he may summon it at other times, when he judges it opportune, or at the request of the majority of Provincial Superiors. The members of the Synod must be consulted about the agenda proposed for the meetings, and are free to put forward other topics for discussion.

In n. 147 b

The Superior General, in order to have continual communication with the different parts of the Congregation, to be informed of difficulties and expectations and to make choices which promote Solidarity in the areas of Personnel, Formation and Finance within the Congregation, also makes use, in addition to his own Council and the Synod, of the Extended Council as a consultative body, in accordance with the General Regulations.

B) General Regulations

1) The Extended Council is a consultative body to help the Superior General and to act as a link between the General Government and the different parts of the Congregation. In addition to giving their advice in all those matters which the Superior General considers opportune to bring to their attention, the Extended Council examines above all the life and functioning of the Configurations, with particular reference to the

implementation of Solidarity in the areas of Personnel, Formation and Finance suggesting means and initiatives more suited to achieving their aim. For the establishment, modification or suppression of a Configuration, the Superior General, outside the General Chapter and General Synod, must seek the opinion of the Extended Council in addition to the consent of his Council.

2) The Extended Council consists of the Superior General, who presides over it, the General Consultors, the Secretary General and the Presidents of the Configurations. If the President of a Configuration is unable to participate, the Vice-President or another religious will take his place, in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of each Configuration.

3) The Extended Council is convoked by the Superior General annually or whenever the Superior General considers it necessary, after consulting his Council, or also when the majority of the Presidents of the Configurations request it. The agenda is decided by the Superior General after consulting the Extended Council.

5. APPROVED PROPOSALS

No. 1 - A Fraternal Congregation of Brothers

The General Chapter reconfirms the decision of the General Chapters of 1988, 1994, 2000 and 2006 that the Congregation is no longer considered a clerical community; rather it is a fraternal Congregation of brothers and it invites the Superior General and his Council to present this matter to the competent dicasteries of the Holy See.

No. 2 - Separation of Vicariates from Mother Provinces

The General Chapter recommends the following juridical solutions for the separation of the vicariates from the mother provinces to the Superior General and his Council:

- a) Provincial vicariates with sufficient institutional and structural maturity would become vice-provinces (sufficient number of members, capacity for leadership and formation, economic self-sufficiency, etc.). With the status of a vice-Province, in accordance with the Constitutions, the Superior who governs it does so with vicarious jurisdiction in the name of the Superior General, it



depends on the Superior General and for practical purposes is “equivalent” to a province.

- b) Provincial vicariates differing in juridical dependence but belonging to the same Configuration, which do not yet have the conditions sufficient to become vice-provinces, could unite together to create a new vice-province or province.
- c) A provincial vicariate might merge or unite juridically with one of the already existing provinces or vice-provinces of the same Configuration.
- d) In cases where solutions 2 or 3 are not possible, for solid and objective reasons, it is possible for a provincial vicariate to become a general vicariate. As such, it would have the possibility of becoming part of the Configuration as an autonomous juridical entity.

NB: The missionary stations would continue to depend on the mother Province.

No. 3 - Norms for Participation in the General Chapter and General Synod

The introduction of the system of Configurations with their particular characteristics also requires the revision of norms for participation, with an equitable representation from the various parts of the Congregation, at the General Chapter and the General Synod. To this end, the General Chapter delegates to the Superior General, with the consent of his Council, and having heard the Extended Council, the faculty to approve new norms, prepared by a small study group, for participation at the next General Synod. These norms will be reviewed and approved by the Synod itself. Likewise, the General Chapter entrusts to the next General Synod the task of preparing new norms for participation at the General Chapter of 2018.

No. 4 - The Vocation of Brothers in the Congregation

The General Chapter re-affirms the vocation of Brothers in the Congregation. The General Chapter recommends that each Configuration promote the vocation of Brothers and provide all candidates for our Passionist life with full information on the role and mission of Passionist Brothers.

No. 5 - Laity who Share our Charism

Rooted in Christ through Baptism and sharing in the universal call to holiness, and following the spirit and teaching of Saint Paul of the Cross, we share with the lay faithful the mission entrusted to us by the Church to announce the Gospel of the Passion to the world through our lives and our apostolate (cf. Const. 2). Respecting the identity and the uniqueness of each vocation, we open ourselves to a fruitful exchange of gifts, in reciprocity, to promote together with the laity who share our Charism the grateful memory of the Passion of Christ, in all men and women whom we meet on our way, especially the “crucified” of the present day.

No. 6 - Guidelines for Ministry with Minors and Vulnerable Adults

Inspired by the life and witness of the Crucified Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, the values and teachings he gave us in His Gospel, the best traditions of the Catholic Church and the Spirituality of our Holy Founder, St Paul of the Cross, the 46th General Chapter declares that:

The Congregation of the Passion, an International Congregation of Religious priests and brothers, adheres to the policies of professional standards for priests and religious that have been approved by the Holy See, as well as those set up by regional Conferences of Religious Men and by Episcopal Conferences.

Based upon the specific policies established by each Episcopal Conference and Conference of Religious, each Province, Vice Province and Vicariate is to write and publish its own policies and procedures for the protection of minors and vulnerable adults, and for dealing with a religious if he is accused of sexual misconduct.

These policies should respect the rights and needs of those who may bring forth allegations and the rights and needs of the priest or brother who is accused. All written policies are to be kept on file by the Procurator General.

No. 7 - Permanent Office for Formation

The Chapter approves the creation of a permanent Office for Formation for the entire Congregation.



No. 8 - Criteria for Financial Administration

The General Chapter decrees:

1. That each entity and configuration create a set of criteria for their financial administration. Adequate and precise security measures must be introduced, as allowed by the various financial institutions (banks, savings institutions or other) within the civil laws of each particular country, so that no religious with economic responsibilities, whether at general, provincial or local level, can operate exclusively on his own, regarding any disposal of the goods of the Congregation.

2. That foremost in the criteria on both the level of local entities and of the wider Configuration itself is that they must take into consideration the demands the vow of poverty make upon each religious. This reveals itself in terms of financial transparency and the need for open and factual representation of the various bank accounts and investments made, whether by individual religious (treasurers, local economes, etc.), local communities, or the administration of each local entity or the Configuration itself.

3. That the General Finance Commission will be tasked to create a set of criteria in financial matters, using the same outline as above, for the administration of the patrimony of the Congregation.

4. That the criteria for the financial administration of the Configuration be presented to the Executive Council of each Configuration no later than November 1, 2013, where they will be approved or modified. The criteria of the entities and the Configurations will then be sent to the Superior General no later than January 15, 2014, when he will confirm or modify them with the consent of his Council and having heard the opinion of the Extended Council. The criteria for the administration of the patrimony of the Congregation will also be confirmed or modified by the Superior General with the consent of his Council and having heard the opinion of the Extended Council.

No. 9 - Contribution to the Solidarity Fund

The General Chapter delegates the Superior General, with the consent of his council and having consulted the Extended Council, to create a

norm that will clarify the interpretation of the payment of the 2% contribution to the Solidarity Fund in the case of the Congregation's institutions such as Schools, Retreat Houses and similar cases.

The norm will clarify whether the 2% is paid from the gross income of the School, Retreat House or similar institution, or paid from the net income to the Congregation from the School, Retreat House or similar institution which comes to the Province, Vice-Province or Vicariate.

No. 10 - Castellazzo

The General Chapter recommends that the Superior General and his Council should enter into dialog with the Bishop of Alessandria, under whose jurisdiction is the town of Castellazzo, to look into the possibility of the Congregation's assuming the pastoral care of that place, entrusting this responsibility to one of the young Provinces or Vice Provinces of the Congregation or to a Configuration.

No. 11 Sutton

The General Chapter recommends to the Superior General and his Council to initiate dialogue with the Provincial of the Province of St Joseph (JOS), the Configuration of the North European Sector of Passionists (NESP), the Superior General of the Sisters of the Most Holy Cross and Passion, the Sutton Shrine Trust and the Archbishop of Liverpool under whose jurisdiction is the Church and the Parish where the relics of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Passionist, and the Servants of God Ignatius Spencer and Elizabeth Prout, are preserved, in order to assume pastoral service of the same parish with Passionist religious entrusting the responsibility to a young Province, or Vice-province of the Congregation or to a Configuration.

General Secretariat
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