

"DONARSE TODAS A DIOS,
PARA SER TODAS DEL PRÓJIMO!"

«CAŁKOWICIE ODDAĆ SIĘ BOGU,
BY BYĆ CAŁKOWICIE DLA BLIŻNICH!»



"DONARSI TUTTE A DIO, PER ESSERE TUTTE DEL PROSSIMO!"
PSMC: discepole-missionarie, testimoni gioiose della Carità, nelle periferie del mondo

"DOAI-VOS TOTALMENTE A DEUS,
PARA SERDES TODAS DO PRÓXIMO!"

«SE DONNER TOUTES A DIEU, POUR ETRE
TOUTES DU PROCHAIN!»

**"TO GIVE ONESELF COMPLETELY TO GOD,
TO BE COMPLETELY GIVEN TO THE NEIGHBOUR!"**

9th RELEASE OF THE XIIth GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE LITTLE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF CHARITY (PSMC) – THE NEW GENERAL COUNCIL

The Little Missionary Sisters of Charity have now got a new General Council!

Yesterday morning, May 20, the Chapter Assembly elected the Superior General and the five Councillors.

Sister Maria Mabel Spagnuolo has been re-elected Superior General for the second term. To support her in the next six years will be:

Sister Maria Sylwia Zagórska - General Vicar

Sister Maria Irma Rabasa - 2nd General Councillor

Sister Maria Françoise Ravaoarisoa - 3rd General Councillor

Sister Maria Rosa Delgado Rocha - 4th General Councillor

Sister Maria Józefa Kalinowska - 5th Councillor and General Treasurer

The new General Council represents three continents in which the family of the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity is present.

Each one brings with her such cultural, human and spiritual skills that will allow the Institute to continue the journey undertaken by the 12th Chapter and to carry out the inspirational theme of the same chapter: **"To give oneself completely to God to be completely given to the neighbour! PSMC: missionary disciples, joyful witnesses to Charity in the suburbs of the world".**

Mother Maria Mabel addressed a brief greeting to the Chapter Assembly: "I thank the Lord and the capitular sisters for this renewed trust and for supporting me with these five sisters with whom we want to live -especially ourselves- communion, unity, commitment to holiness and co-responsibility. The spirit that will animate us will be that of the evangelic 'service': we want to serve the Congregation and every sister, starting with the most in need. That's why I ask you: help us with your prayer and with your cooperation!"

Sister Maria Mabel Spagnuolo was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina on November 1, 1958. She entered the Congregation of the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity in Buenos Aires on December 8, 1978. She made her First Profession on February 2, 1982, and her Perpetual Profession on February 2, 1987.

From the early years, she has been entrusted in the Congregation with activities in the area of educational apostolate, as assistant, teacher, catechist, and school principal. From 1993 to 1999 she was Councillor and Provincial Secretary in the Province of S. Luján (Argentina), in charge of the Vocational Youth Pastoral and a member of the General Team for the Journey of Renewal. For two terms (1999-2011) she served as General Vicar, in charge of the Journey of Renewal and Permanent Formation of the Congregation.

On May 25, 2011, during the XIth General Chapter she was entrusted with the service of Superior General of the PSMC. On May 20, 2017, she has been re-elected in the same office for the following six-year period, 2017-2023.

Sister Maria Sylwia Zagórska was born in Poland on January 25, 1957 and belongs to the Province "Our Lady of Czestochowa". She made her first vows in 1978 in Rome and in the same place she attended her studies at the

Pontifical Institute "Regina Mundi", and then at the Academy of Catholic Theology in Warsaw, where she graduated with the magisterium in Theology in 1986. For 12 years (1993-2005) she served as General Secretary, and was later Provincial Superior in Poland. Since 2011 she has served as Vicar General, in charge of Formation.

Sister Maria Irma Rabasa was born in Argentina on August 13, 1961 and belongs to the Province of Our Lady of Luján. She made her first vows in 1989, and in 1995 she left as a missionary in Ivory Coast and Togo. She returned to Argentina in 2014, and since 2015 she has served as Provincial Vicar.

Sister Maria Françoise Ravaoarisoa was born in Madagascar on August 16, 1972, and belongs to the Delegation "Mary Queen of Peace". She made her first vows in 1995 and from 2000 to 2005 she attended the faculty of "Educational Sciences" at the Salesian University in Rome. Returning to Madagascar after studies, she was appointed as Regional Councillor and currently serves as Regional Superior of the Delegation.

Sister Maria Rosa Delgado Rocha was born in Capo Verde on March 18, 1974, and belongs to the Province of Our Lady Aparecida. She made her first vows in 1997, and in 2008 she attended the training course at UPS (Pontifical Salesian University) in Rome, which allowed her to accompany the formation in Capo Verde. She is currently animator of the community "Our Lady of the Rosary" and works as a nurse at the Ribeira Grande Hospital in Santo Antão.

Sister Maria Józefa Kalinowska was born in Poland on December 19, 1961, and belongs to the Province "Our Lady of Czestochowa". She made her first vows in 1983 and worked for many years as a nurse and director in social and healthcare activities. From 2002 to 2008, she served in the Provincial Council and since 2011 she has been serving as a Councillor and Provincial Treasurer in her Province.

In the evening there was the celebration of thanksgiving and reliance of the new General Council to Our Lady, Mother and Celestial Founder, after which the capitular sisters celebrated the event with the community outdoor in the garden, with the cake and dances.

To the Mother General and to the Sisters Councillors, many wishes for a true journey of fraternity and courage according to the spirit of St. Luigi Orione!

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