

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

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



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

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PARA SERDES TODAS DO PRÓXIMO!"

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ETRE TOUTES DU ROCHAIN!»

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1° - RELEASE ON THE OPENING OF THE XIIth GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE LITTLE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF CHARITY (PSMC)

"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" is the theme of the XIIth General Chapter that the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity (Don Orione) will celebrate from 1st to 29th May at the General House in Rome.

With an open attitude to the challenges of the anthropological turning point and to the cultural realities in which they are present, the General Chapter of the PSMC will be an important time to evaluate the journey made over the past 6 years. It will also be useful to analyze, reflect and discern priorities and lines of action for the period 2017-2023, and to elect sisters who will animate the life and mission of the Institute in the next six years.

"The General Chapter is, first of all and foremost, an event of the Holy Spirit for the life of our Institute. It is also a great time of grace, in which we are called to renew the fecundity of our charism, the prophetic power of our vocation and mission as daughters of Don Orione, and the evangelizing boost of our lives, works and services in the Church and in the world". The above was said by Mother M. Mabel Spagnuolo, Superior General of the PSMC, in her convocation letter to the Chapter.

The capitular sisters will leave May 1 for Tortona, where **the Chapter will be officially opened May 3 at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Guard (Madonna della Guardia)**, next to Don Orione, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Vittorio Viola at 18.00. The participants will then return to Rome, and on May 5, the Chapter will get to its heart with the voting and oath of scrutineers, the Moral and Disciplinary Report of the Superior General, Mother M. Mabel Spagnuolo, to which the Statistical and Financial Report will follow on May 6.

The days from **May 12 to May 16** will be enriched by the presence of the representatives of the other Branches of the Orionine Family: Sons of Divine Providence (FDP), Orionine Lay Movement (OLM) and Orionine Secular Institute (OSI). In these days the reflections of the capitular sisters will be enlightened by the statements of Cardinal **João Braz de Aviz**, Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, of Prof. **Marco Guzzi**, poet, philosopher and creator of the Groups "Stay in Peace ("Darsi Pace") and of **Sr. Tiziana Longhitano sfp**, professor of Theological Anthropology, Trinitarian Theology and Eschatology at some Pontifical Universities.

On Tuesday, May 16th, Fr. Tarcisio Vieira, General Director of the FDP, will celebrate the Holy Mass in **honour of St. Luigi Orione** on the 13th anniversary of his canonization.

The culminating moment of the XIIth General Chapter will be **the election of the Superior General** to be held on **Saturday morning, May 20**, followed, in the afternoon, by the election of the General Councillors.

On **Friday, May 26th**, all participants in the Chapter, with some invited and staff members, will go to **Private Audience with Pope Francis**. The General Chapter will close on Monday, May 29th, with a concluding Holy Mass, the video recording to the Congregation, and the evaluation of the Chapter's experience.

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