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*"To live Christ and to make
the whole world live of Christ" (DO).*

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Re: Canonical visit of the Superior General and Council

Dearest Sisters!

On the day when the liturgy commemorates the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes and we are joyfully opening the Orionine Marian Year (OMY), I am writing to you to announce the beginning of the Canonical Visit at a general level. Just as Mary listened to her Lord with an open heart, I wish the time of the Canonical Visit be, for all of us, a time of grace and a space for listening, with an eye towards our horizons and the common purpose of being a Samaritan Congregation, as we all desire from the bottom of our hearts.

With the announcement of the Orionine Marian Year, we have recalled the words of Don Orione who says: "Our Congregation wants to be and entirely is a matter of Mary". With her, we want to let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit and follow the indications of the XIIIth GC to live Christ and make the whole Congregation and the whole world live of Christ.

The Canonical Visit at a general level, in accordance with Art. 188 of the Constitutions, will begin on **April 7th, Mercy Sunday, and will end, God willing, on October 1st 2025, memory of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.**

We want to live this time with a filial spirit, welcoming into it the Will of God, with enthusiasm, with missionary ardour and with the imagination of charity, in order to *"take the possible step"*, indicated in the Minutes of the XIIIth GC.

Aim of the Visit

The main objective of the Canonical Visit is *"to get to know the state of the communities, of each religious and of the apostolic Works; to make any eventual provision for resolving problems; to help, counsel, comfort each religious in her particular needs and correct any abuses, where they exist"* (GN, art. 198).

It is essential to have within ourselves attitudes of openness, trust, transparency and docility to grace, so that, with a spirit of faith, we may welcome the Visitors as true mediations of God's will for us, here and now.

For this reason, it is important to unite in prayer asking Divine Providence to support and accompany this time of the Visit, in order to collaborate together, in a synodal way, in the renewal required by the Church today.

Procedure of the Visit

All the General Councillors will be involved for the Canonical Visit, in almost all the realities of the Institute. The Provincial Houses and the communities of formation are reserved personally for me, and I will also remain available for those who have a particular need to dialogue with me.

Calendar of the Visit

The following table contains the dates and Visitors for each reality. The dates for each Community and the delegated Visitors will be communicated later, after having been organized through listening to the Provincial or Delegation Superior.

YEAR 2024		
Date	Province/Delegation /Vice-Del.	Visitors
April 7 th – May 5 th	Province “ <i>Our Lady of Aparecida</i> ” Brazil	M. M. Alicja - Sr. M. Józefa Sr. M. Gilse – Sr. M. Irma Sr. M. Rosa - Sr. M. Françoise
May 7 th – June 17 th	Province “ <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> ” Argentina – Chile – Peru Paraguay - Uruguay	Mother M. Alicja - Sr. M. Józefa Sr. M. Irma - Sr. M. Gilse Sr. M. Rosa - Sr. M. Françoise
July 13 th – 30 th	Delegation “ <i>Mother of Divine Providence</i> ” Kenya and Tanzania Philippines and Indonesia	Sr. M. Józefa - Sr. M. Irma - Sr. M. Rosa Sr. M. Françoise – Sr. M. Gilse
Sept 30 th – Oct 5 th October 8 th – 29 th	Province “ <i>Mary Queen of Madagascar</i> ” Milan and Genoa Madagascar	Sr. M. Józefa - Sr. M. Irma Sr. M. Françoise – Sr. M. Gilse
November 26 th - December 10 th	Vice-Delegation “ <i>Our Lady of the Assumption</i> ” – Cape Verde	Sr. M. Rosa – Sr. M. Françoise - Sr. M. Józefa
YEAR 2025		
March 2 nd – 25 th	Province “ <i>Mater Dei</i> ” Italy and Spain	M. M. Alicja - Sr. M. Józefa Sr. M. Rosa - Sr. M. Gilse Sr. M. Irma - Sr. M. Françoise
May 3 rd – 20 th	Delegation “ <i>Our Lady of Hope</i> ” – Ivory Coast– Togo - Burkina Faso	Mother M. Alicja – Sr. M. Józefa Sr. M. Françoise – Sr. M. Gilse
Sept 10 th – Oct 6 th	Province “ <i>Our Lady of Częstochowa</i> ” Poland - Ukraine	Mother M. Alicja - Sr. M. Józefa Sr. M. Gilse – Sr. M. Rosa

Dynamics of the Visit

The Canonical visit in each Province, Delegation and Vice-Delegation will have the following dynamics:

I. **Opening:** Before starting the Visit to the Communities, the Visitors meet the Provincial or Delegation Superior, in order to receive some observations on the realities that may be useful to make the Visit at general level more effective and useful.

II. The visit to the Communities:

The community will meet in order to discuss together the objective of the visit (Const. art. 188 and 189; N. art. 198 to 206); organize the days involving the addressees and collaborators of our works and services; choose a symbol that helps to live this time, prepare the necessary documents for the verification, remembering to present the Visitors with a photocopy of the Report of the last Canonical Visit of the Provincial Superior, in order to be more updated on the situation.

III. Development in the Communities:

1. Initial communitarian meeting in the presence of all the members of the Community.
2. Personal dialogue with each sister belonging to the Community.

- a. Look for a verse from the Word of God which, in your opinion, illuminates this time of Canonical Visit.
- b. Short personal presentation
- c. Evaluation of the experience of consecrated life, according to the Minutes of the XIIIth General Chapter. In particular, try to see the "possible step" at personal level in each of the 4 nuclei, to describe your reality.
- d. Write two aspects of strength and two of weakness of your Community and the Province.
- e. The theme of the Jubilee of 2025 is: "Pilgrims of hope". How can we concretize this challenge?

3. Visit to the work or service carried out by the Community.
4. Global view of the structures, the house, the Archives of the Community (with its respective documents: Diary, Local Council Minutes, etc.).

It would be possible to meet the employees, the members of the Orionine Charismatic Family, the parish priest and the Bishop of the Diocese to which the community belongs.
5. Review of the finance of the Community and of the Work and/or service.
6. Final meeting with the communication of observations, at the presence of all the members of the Community.

Post-visit communitarian meeting.

It is done in order to put into practice the observations left by the Visitors. Taking into account the communitarian project, it is necessary to discern together how to achieve what is needed for the good progress of fraternal life and testimony in the apostolate in the community.

IV. **Closing:** After having carried out the Visit to all the Communities of the Province/Delegation/Vice-Delegation, the Visitors meet the Provincial/Delegation Superior and Council in order to share the global evaluation of the Communities visited, and offer any orientations, suggestions or exhortations.

Furthermore, a meeting will be held with all the Superiors with the aim of promoting the implementation of the lines of action and decisions of the XIIIth GC.

United in prayer

A "prayer for the Visit" has been prepared, to be included in the intercessions of the Liturgy of the Hours. This allows us to feel all united as a Religious Family, and ask for the light of the Holy Spirit for this time of grace.

Each community can also find other ways to accompany the visit through WhatsApp groups, extended to the Orionine Charismatic Family and our collaborators and friends.

Under the mantle of Mary the Most Holy

"The Congregation is particularly consecrated to Mary the Most Holy, Immaculate and Merciful Mother of God; and she is under the wings of Divine Providence and under the mantle of Mary like a little girl" we read in the second chapter of the Constitutions written by our Dear Founder.

Dearest Sisters, we are living in a turning point, a truly particular time, which often makes us feel lost and demotivated. As I wrote in the introduction to the Minutes of the XIIIth GC, we can also experience this time of crisis as an opportunity. "We are not the protagonists of the renewal. The great Renovator is the Holy Spirit! It is up to us to abandon ourselves to Him with the humility of disciples. He will teach us everything and will remind us of everything that Jesus told us (Cf. Jn 14:26), to live Christ and make the whole world live of Christ".

We are not alone. We are loved, accompanied and safe under the wings of Divine Providence and under the mantle of Mary, because we are her daughters. With her and with our Founder, under the light of the Holy Spirit in, with, and for Jesus for the glory of God the Father. *Caritas Christi urget nos!*

United with the Sisters of the Council, I embrace each of you with fraternal love.

Ave Maria sempre!

Sr M. Alicja Kędzióra



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Superior general

Indonesia, February 11th 2024
Memory of Our Lady of Lourdes
Opening of the Orionine Marian Year

PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL CANONICAL VISIT

1) Lord Jesus, we entrust to you the general Canonical Visit in our communities. May each of us welcome your grace with an attitude of openness, trust, transparency and docility.
- Let dialogue and sharing give us courage and a new boost to live our union with You, our closeness to our brothers and sisters and motherhood in our service.

2) Through the intercession of Mary Mother of God, we ask Divine Providence to support and accompany the Visitors, so that they can listen with depth and humility.
- Let them be able to indicate, with faith and wisdom, those paths that help them live the Orionine consecrated life with enthusiasm, joy and hope.

Or the prayer for the Marian year

Prayer to Mary, Mater Dei

Hail, holy Mother of God,
Mother of Divine Providence and our Mother,
to you, gracious and merciful,
almighty over the heart of your Son Jesus,
we turn with confidence.
Come, O Mother, come to take care of us!
Here, take the key of our hearts!
Come to rule and guard,
come to defend our home,
the Church and the whole world.
Grant us, O Mary,
a great and magnanimous spirit,
patient in trial, strong in hope,
ardent in love for God and for brothers.
Holy Mother, remember us in the presence of God,
watch over the steps of our life
until the holy Paradise, close to you, Mary,
always with Jesus, always with You,
Holy Mother of the Lord!
Amen.

(Don Orione)

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