



**MESSAGE BY THE
GENERAL SUPERIOR
at the conclusion of the
XVI GENERAL CHAPTER
of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters
of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus**

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*Dear Sisters, dear lay people,
I greet all of you with a heart that is grateful to God
for our communion in the mission.
May peace always be with us!*

*“How beautiful are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace” (Is 52,7).*

I believe that this message by prophet Isaiah means, for us, the hope for a new transformation, as Sisters and Lay People, towards unity in the diversity of individuals, the diversity of the daily transformations in our apostolates, the diversity of cultures, the diversity of a world that cries out for peace and for the communion of healthy relationships.

In this XVI General Chapter, we experienced God’s call to be instruments of peace and love. We walk together and commit ourselves to show the world that we form a global, inclusive, ecclesial, synodal community. We believe that one of the pillars of this journey is listening and welcoming, and the co-responsibility among Sisters, between Sisters and Lay People, among Lay People.

A new journey of the Holy Spirit began with Mother Cabrini.

A new beginning for us today, in search of a unity that requires an inner and outer transformation. A fresh start to embrace our vulnerabilities and lovingly serve the most vulnerable ones by responding to the emerging challenges of today’s world.

In these days, we are living the synodality and walking together, on cloudy and bright days. This is the dynamics of human existence and an opportunity to recognize that God’s grace is above all things .

May the God who gives perseverance and encouragement, as Apostle Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, grant us to be of the same mind according to Jesus, so that we welcome each other for the fruitfulness of the mission.

The Holy Spirit has guided and keeps guiding us towards some fundamental options:

- ✓ *passion and centrality of Jesus for the mission and for the most vulnerable ones;*
- ✓ *unity in diversity to be one family in the Heart of Jesus and in the heart of God’s People;*
- ✓ *listening to understand each other and our brothers in their real needs, living the grace of the Evangelical Compassion through our solidarity commitment;*
- ✓ *discernment of the Spirit of God at a personal, communal, institutional level, so that every day is a new beginning, strengthening our Cabrini missionary identity;*





- ✓ *communion and commitment with the Common Home, the place of God's manifestation and the response of mercy/compassion towards everyone;*
- ✓ *and all for the greater glory of God.*

Let us abandon ourselves into the hands of Mary, our Mother and Foundress.

She will always guide us with the words "Do whatever He (Jesus) tells you" to reach the fruits of the inspiring horizon outlined for the next six years: **to be a global community of bearers of the love of Christ to the world.**

Mother Cabrini would be happy for our preferential option for a COMMUNION among us, in the Institute, the Church and the world.

Let us trust in the Most Holy Heart of Jesus!

Let us continue to walk together, as pilgrims of hope.

At this moment of thanksgiving, in the Eucharistic Celebration, I declare the XVI General Chapter of the Institute of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus concluded.

With the protection of the Most Holy Trinity, I embrace all of you with love.

Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva,

General Superior of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

