



LETTER OF COMMITMENT OF THE XVI GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In line with the whole Church, we participated in the XVI General Chapter from 26 June to 22 July 2022 held in Rome; with the motto: **“Free yourself and put on wings.”**

This Chapter aimed at "evaluating, discerning, planning our life and mission, and electing a new general coordination of the Institute of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus." The synodality was expressed through the presence of 26 Capitulars, 14 listeners and guests, and 16 lay people from the 15 countries where we are present.

The Chapter counted with the presence of the Facilitator: Mark Davis and advisors: Fr. Mariano Sedano Sierra - CMF, Chris Lowney, Sr. Mercedes Casas - FSPS and Sr. Melanie Di Pietro - SC (Canonist).

During the Chapter, the Reports of the journey made from the 2014 General Chapter to date were presented. We also reflect on the various realities that challenge society, the Church, our Institute in contexts of instability, wars, poverty, hunger, geographical and existential peripheries and also the challenges imposed by Covid-19.

We were challenged to be a Synodal Institute and in line with the guidelines of the Church and Pope Francis.

Through the new Mandates and Recommendations woven for the areas: Vocation, Formation, Mission, Governance and Revision of Constitutions and Statutes, we dream of a global, affective and effective community, and we commit ourselves to be attentive to the social and ecclesial reality with a look at the vulnerable people.

In an attitude of listening and response we are called to experience: "The love of Christ impels us" (2 Cor 5:14) towards an inspiring horizon: "We set up in a global, ecclesial and inclusive community, continuing the legacy received from Mother Cabrini, to respond to emerging challenges in the field of education, health and social work, through co-responsible actions for human dignity in all continents where we are inserted."

We thank all the Sisters, Lay people committed to our missions and other friendly people who supported us with their prayers during the Chapter.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Grace and St. Francisca Cabrini be our guides on the journey of fidelity .

Rome, July 22, 2022

