



CONGREGATION OF THE SACRED HEARTS – US PROVINCE ONGOING FORMATION COMMITTEE

GENERAL CHAPTER 2018 DOCUMENTS QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL AND AREA COMMUNITY REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

A. Our Inner Self is Being Renewed Day by Day

1. What do you think that the general chapter members chose “*Our Inner Self*” as the most important concern for the congregation at this time? Is there any relevance to our province and local context of religious life?
2. What are the tensions at the heart of my interior life, between my will and God’s will, that call me to an “*ongoing renewal in faithfulness*”?
3. What are the elements of my personal plan for daily faithfulness to my relationship with the Lord which can be correlated to my community life?

B. Pastoral and Missionary Conversion

1. The members of the Chapter “*shared among themselves their desires for personal, pastoral and missionary conversion*”. Have I personally experienced these desires and how can we in this group not only grow in these desires but effectively implement them?
2. Do I see my pastoral practice more on the side of conservation maintenance or is it decidedly missionary?
3. What are the missionary challenges in this area of the province? Can we name two or three and how can we begin to address them? Please give concrete suggestions.

C. Sacred Hearts Spiritual and Historical Patrimony

1. Our journey of life involves three elements: INTERIOR, TOWARDS THE MARGINALIZED AND FRATERNAL. Do you think that all three are equally important and that all three are intrinsically related?
2. Have members of the community deceased or living, embodied the charism and mission of the Congregation for you? Describe and share.
3. How do we as a group/community encourage studies of the congregation among ourselves to deepen and update our spirituality and charism and the mission of the congregation? Have some concrete suggestions on how to do it in our own local areas.

D. Initial formation: “FOURTH STAGE”

1. How would you characterize the Province’s 4th stage of Initial Formation? Strengths? Weaknesses? Suggestion to improve this stage?
2. From your personal experience, how did the formator(s) help you in your discernment of your final commitment? Share your own experiences.
3. What would be the required preparation of the formator for this stage and suggestions on the role of the formator?

E. The Administration of Temporal Goods

1. In what way did you find the introduction to this document helpful to your understanding of how the temporal goods of the Congregation world-wide are used?
2. Describe the concrete expression of “*responsible stewardship*” in your own personal life. What can be improved?
3. Are you familiar with the budgeting and accountability system in this province? Is there any information not published that you think would be beneficial for the education of the members? Any concrete suggestion?