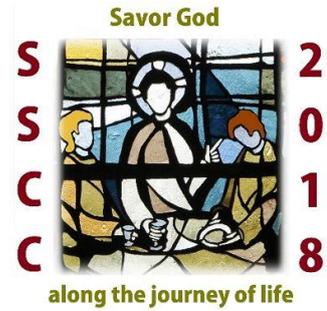




# General Chapters 2018



December 5, 2017

## INSTANCES OF MEETINGS

### BETWEEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE CONGREGATION

*"The Brothers and Sisters of our religious family constitute one Congregation (...) Since its foundation, our religious family has had but one charism, one mission and one spirituality. Aware that it constitutes a significant value, the Brothers and Sisters assume together the responsibility to maintain and strengthen their unity."*

(Constitutions N. 8)

#### Presentation

Dear brothers and sisters:

When General Chapters take place, it is an excellent opportunity to deepen the unity of the Congregation of brothers and sisters which the Constitutions speak to us about.

Recent General Chapters pronounced on this theme and dealt with some questions together. We are inviting you to consult a document, which gathers together the statements of recent General Chapters in this respect. Please click the following link:

<http://www.sccpicpus.com/en/preparation-of-the-general-chapters-2018>

The 2018 General Chapters will be held, once more at the same time and in the same place to allow interaction between the brothers and sisters: time together, prayer and common themes. The two themes chosen for common reflection are:

- a) The animation of the Secular Branch.
- b) The Instances of meetings between brothers and sisters.

This questionnaire will try to collect your opinion, reflections and suggestions about the second theme.

## Consultation

The unity of the brothers and sisters in the Congregation is the responsibility of all. This unity is strengthened and concretized in the instances of meetings between brothers and sisters, to reflect, celebrate, pray and work.

We are now asking you, sisters and brothers, how these instances of meetings function. We would like the 2018 General Chapters to evaluate the concrete ways in which the brothers and sisters meet and it may eventually give ideas and suggestions in which to deepen this important aspect of our lives.

1. Name the occasions in which you meet with sisters/brothers throughout the year.
2. Of these occasions, indicate which are "one off" (occur randomly) or "institutional" (occur on a regular basis).
3. Classify the "institutional" meetings according to type: prayer/ celebration, reflection, missionary work, other.
4. How do you value these meetings? Is it worthwhile to maintain them? Why?
5. Do you have suggestion to increase or improve the instances of meetings between brothers and sisters?

The responses from the communities, synthesized by provinces, regions, or territories, should reach the respective General Governments **before the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018**.

The **sisters** will send their responses to Goyi Marín:

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The **brothers** will send their responses to the General Secretariate:

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Thank you very much.

The two General Governments