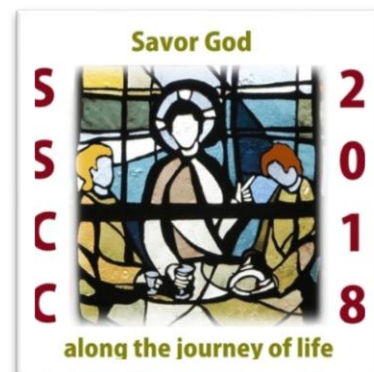




Rome, April 15, 2018
"Dies Natalis" of Saint Damien De Veuster

To all of the brothers in the Congregation



Convocation of the 39th General Chapter

Dear brothers,

In conformity with article 126.2 of our Constitutions, I am sending you this letter to formally convoke the 39th General Chapter, now that the process of the election of delegates has been completed in the whole Congregation.

Place and date

The Chapter will take place in Rome from August 28 to September 28, 2018, at Casa "Villa Aurelia" (Via Leone XIII, 459; 00165 Roma - Italia).

The Chapter will begin with an introductory session at 4:30 pm on August 28, followed by the opening liturgy, and will end in the evening on September 28. The Chapter members must arrive during the day of August 27 or in the morning on August 28. They can depart from September 29 on.

Our General Chapter will be held in the same place and at the same time as the 36th General Chapter of the sisters, with whom we will share prayers, meals, living arrangements and some reflection topics.

Members of the Chapter

The Chapter will be made up of 42 chapter members: 18 by right (General Government and Provincials) and 24 delegates. You will find their names in the table on the next page.

19 Chapter members participated in the 2012 General Chapter. 17 will participate for the first time in a General Chapter.

The average age of the Chapter members is around 54 years. The Chapter is composed of brothers of 18 nationalities.

Community	Ex officio	Delegates
Africa	Jean Bosco Elumba	Maxime Paterne Menga
Andean	Raúl Pariamachi Fonseca	Hilvar Loyaga Méndez Elí Perdomo Perdomo
Brazil (with the Region of Paraguay)	Sérgio Stein	Osvânio Humberto Mariano Ángel Armoa Brizuela
Chile	René Cabezón Yañez	Sandro Mancilla Matías Valenzuela
Germany	Martin Königstein	Heinz Josef Catrein
France (with the Region of Fr. Polynesia)	Christian Flottes	Ferry Silverius Tobe Christian Malrieu
Iberia	Aurelio Cayón Díaz	Enrique Losada Adame Fernando J. Cordero Morales Pedro Miguel Gordillo Vila
Indonesia	Bonifasius Kuda Payong	Lusius Nimu Paulus Budi Yuniato
Ireland-England	Michael Ruddy	Ultan Naughton
Japan-Philippines	Kenji Honma	Michiaki Chihara
Mexico	Pedro Díaz Román	Rodrigo Alcántara Serrano
The Netherlands (delegation)		Jan Munsters
Poland	Wojciech Kotowsky	Radosław Zięzio
US (with Regions USA-West and India)	Herman Gomes	Johnathan Hurrell Stephen Banjare Robert Charlton
Flanders (delegation)		Gilbert De Decker
General Government	Javier Álvarez-Ossorio Camille Sapu Alberto Toutin Cataldo Pankras Olak Felipe F. Lazcano Hamilton	

TOTAL

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Support persons

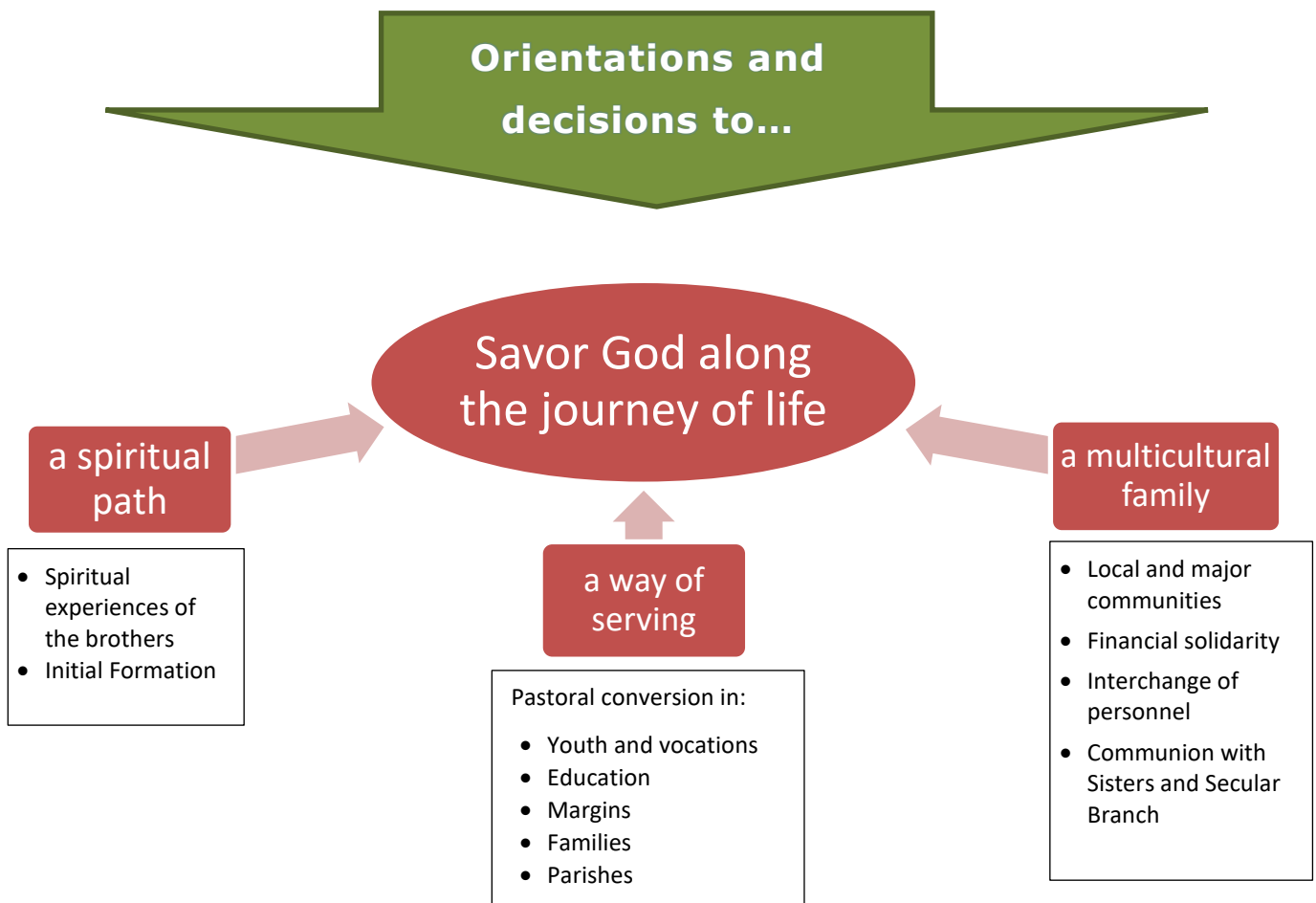
The following support persons will be proposed to the Chapter:

- David Kinnear Glenday, MCCJ: as facilitator. David is a Combonian priest, secretary of the Union of Superiors General. He has spent two years helping the General Government with the preparation of the Chapter.
- Remi Liando, SSCC: as secretary of the Chapter. As you all know, Remi is our Secretary General.
- Derek Laverty, SSCC (from Ireland) and Raúl Valverde Cesteros (from Spain): as secretaries of the minutes, in service of the secretary of the Chapter.
- Fernando Jesús Cordero Morales, SSCC (from Spain) an elected delegate of the Iberian province: as person in charge of the Chapter's communications.

We thank them all for their availability for these different services.

Chapter Agenda

In the May 10, 2017, letter announcing the Chapter, the Chapter motto was presented and the preparation process was explained. The Chapter agenda will be organized around the themes already proposed and then included in the following schema:



The topics will be set from the answers that the communities are sending to the Second Questionnaire (on "Evangelii Gaudium").

At the beginning of the Chapter we will have a day of integration and a day of retreat together with the sisters. Throughout the Chapter, there will be some joint sessions with the sisters to deal with the following topics:

- Report of the General Postulator.
- Promotion of the Secular Branch (members of the Secular Branch have been invited to be with us in these sessions).
- Structures for meetings between brothers and sisters.
- Mutual information at the end of the respective Chapters.

The chapter members will continue to receive working documents on the different topics and the reports of the General Government and the General Treasurer. They will also be asked to take charge of the liturgical service on some days of the Chapter. For his part, the General Postulator will present his report to the two Chapters.

Invitation to prayer

All of you have already received a prayer expressly composed for the preparation of the two General Chapters. I repeat the invitation to you to use it in your personal and community prayer.

The preparation, celebration and implementation of a General Chapter is an act of faith (in the action of God), of love (for the Congregation and the people we serve), and of hope (as openness to what we can discern together). It is also a laborious process that requires effort and seriousness in reading and studying the documents. We rely, then, on the prayer and work of everyone. Thanks.

Fraternally in the love of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary,



Javier Álvarez-Ossorio SSCC
Superior General