

Preparation of the 39th General Chapter

Brothers



The responses (prayer and desires) should not exceed two pages or one double-sided.¹

- Each community should send its response directly to the Generalate by e-mail to the following address:

secgen@ssccpicpus.com

- All responses should be submitted to the Generalate before November 23rd, 2017 (feast of the Good Mother and closure of the bicentennial of the pontifical approbation).

Thanks!

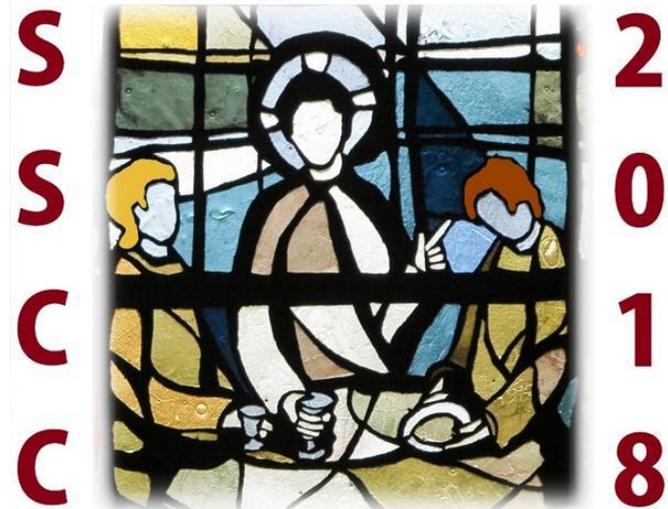
¹ Use size A4 paper or its equivalent. Use Arial Font size 10 or its equivalent.

Questionnaire 1

CONSTITUTIONS

September 15th, 2017

Savor God



along the journey of life

Extracted from the special edition of the Constitutions for the Bicentennial of the pontifical approbation.

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The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary is one of those roads leading to Jesus, a concrete way to savor God in the way of life, a spiritual home where you can experience the power of the Gospel.

The Constitutions is the text that describes our particular access road to the Gospel, which makes our community also a "school of the service of the Lord," as St. Benedict said in his ancient rule (Prologue, 45), that inspired many other rules as also ours. "These Constitutions and Statutes," says Article 153, "**are a way of life for us**, Religious of the Sacred Hearts," which allows us to "proclaim the love of the Sacred Hearts through our lives and our ministry".

Two centuries have passed and the Constitutions remain indispensable to recognize who we are and to understand our place in the Church today.

Faced with possible signs of fatigue that we can see among us, as individuals or community; faced with the temptation to limit ourselves to repeat already worn out stereotypes; faced with the uncertainty of our times that often leads us to not knowing how to act ... the rereading of our Constitutions presents us with **the challenge of a refreshed youthfulness**, the challenge of daring to begin anew.

Questionnaire

To be given to the local community after rereading the Constitutions.

1. PRAYER

As a community, recall how you have lived what is contained in the Constitutions over the course of your lives. Then, all the brothers of the community, compose a prayer of thanksgiving, giving reasons for your gratitude.

2. DESIRES

The Constitutions trace out "a way of life." Which aspects, do you want to live out more fully?

List and briefly explain them.