

40th General Chapter PREPARATION PLAN

Here are the **stepping points** for the spiritual journey in preparation for the General Chapter.

1) BETWEEN DECEMBER 2023 AND THE END OF FEBRUARY 2024

You are asked to reread individually and as a community the letter sent out by Alberto Toutin ssc concerning preparation for the General Chapter and the following documents: "Our Inner Self is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor 4,16) and "The Pastoral and Missionary Conversion: new paths to Emmaus". To help, we propose the following steps:

- a. **Personal reflection** on the following questions: What are the 2 priorities that I see in order to animate my Inner self? What are the 2 priorities for me that are in the line of a pastoral and missionary conversion?
- b. **Community sharing** - asking one brother to lead the meeting.
 - One possibility is to start with an invocation to the Spirit, for example, *Veni, creator Spiritus*.
 - Each brother to share the priorities he has identified to help animate his Inner Self and the priorities for pastoral and missionary conversion? Let us try to listen to each other, without interruptions or questions. Clarifications can take place after the sharing.
 - A moment of silence to follow the personal sharing in the community, after which each brother is invited to make a written note highlighting what about each brother's sharing resonated most for them.
 - In a second quiet moment, each brother is asked to share with the group his written comments: a word or two, or an emotion that has been evoked by what he has heard the other brother say. Once again, we try to listen to what each one says without interruption or questions.
 - After a moment of silence, the group, with the help of the facilitator, seeks to recognise what common points have surfaced regarding the priorities of renewal of the Inner Self and of Pastoral Conversion.
 - The meeting can conclude with a time for prayer or adoration.
 - It is asked that the group leader sends a resume of the community's sharing to the Provincial, Regional or Delegation Superior. They in turn are asked to send a synthesis to the General Government, by mail to the General Secretariat, secgen@sscpcipus.com by 25 February 2024.

2) BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 2024

We invite brothers to meet together with lay people (SB members, SSCC friends, etc.,) and, where possible, with SSCC sisters. This can take place at a pastoral level, or in zones or as areas of brothers and sisters. The time can be a morning, an afternoon or a whole day of retreat on our SSCC Vocation and Mission. For such a meeting, we will send ahead of time a reflection video. The video will be accompanied by the main points of the talk along with a set of questions for personal meditation and group sharing. There will also be a guideline for adoration to help gather some of the fruits of this retreat time.

3) JANUARY - JUNE 2024: ECONOMY AND MISSION

Ignacio Moreno ssc together with the General Government will help us to deepen the themes we have been working on in recent years.

I. STAGE: January – March 2024

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING: lasting from January to March 2024 we will reflect on presentation and accountability, the care of the body - especially as regards Initial Formation and the elderly and sick brothers. We will also look at how to generate new resources for the mission through the development of projects that external agencies (outside the Congregation) can support and the creation of a network of benefactors.

We ask Provincial, Regional and Delegation Superiors to send their synthesis to the General Secretariat secgen@ssccpicpus.com by 31 March 2024.

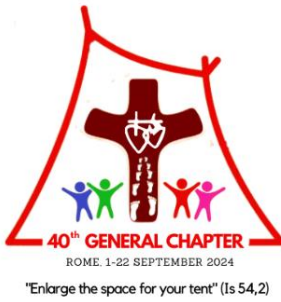
II. STAGE: April - June 2024

SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE: we will look together for ways to grow in greater interdependence and solidarity in the use of our resources. In particular, we will review the system of contributions to the General House and Initial Formation, and look for ways to generate a fund for the service of the General Government. We will also present different scenarios and ways forward regarding the use of the General House in Rome all the while looking to reduce its costs and generate new resources. There will also be a reflection on economics, mission and its implications for Initial Formation and religious life in the future.

Once again we ask Provincial, Regional and Delegation Superiors to send their synthesis to the General Secretariat secgen@ssccpicpus.com by 28 June 2024.

4) 10 MAY 2024: REPORT OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The General Government will send its report to the participants of the General Chapter on 10 May 2024, on the occasion of the feast of our Brother Damien.



PLAN

ACTION	WHO	WHEN
<p>Re-read the letter concerning the preparation of the General Chapter and the documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Our Inner Self is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor 4:16) - "The Pastoral and Missionary Conversion: new paths to Emmaus". 	<p>Each brother and in the local community.</p>	<p>Between December 2023 and February 2024</p> <p>The Provincial, Regional and Delegation Superior to make a synthesis and send it to the General Secretariat before 25 February: <i>secgen@ssccpicpus.com</i></p>
<p>Retreat with a video about "Our SSCC Vocation and Mission".</p>	<p>Brothers, sisters (when possible) and lay.</p>	<p>Between April and May 2024</p>
<p>I Stage: Economy and Mission <i>What we have been doing.</i></p>	<p>Local communities.</p>	<p>Between January and March 2024</p> <p>Provincial, Regional and Delegation Superiors to send their synthesis before 31 March, to the General Secretariat: <i>secgen@ssccpicpus.com</i></p>
<p>II Stage: Economy and Mission <i>Something has to change.</i></p>	<p>Each brother and in the local community.</p>	<p>Between April and June 2024</p> <p>Provincial, Regional and Delegation Superiors to send their reflections and comments before 28 June, to the General Secretariat: <i>secgen@ssccpicpus.com</i></p>
<p>Report of the General Government</p>	<p>Each brother and in the local community.</p>	<p>10 May 2024</p> <p>Superiors and delegates to bring their syntheses and comments to the General Chapter in September 2024.</p>



PRAYER

FOR THE GENERAL CHAPTERS

God, our Father,
you have called your servants
Henriette Aymer de la Chevalerie and
Marie-Joseph Coudrin
to found
a new religious Congregation in the Church,
to spread throughout the world
the infinite riches of your love
manifested in the Heart of Jesus, your Son
and in the Heart of Mary, his Mother.

May their witness help us to love and
to make others love the Gospel.

May their ardent zeal and confident prayer
sustain and enlighten us.

May their audacity inspire
brothers, sisters and lay people,
as we prepare for the forthcoming General Chapters,
to walk with Jesus alongside all men and women
who promote peace and justice.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.

