



Orientations of the SSCC Congregation 1982-2018

Brothers

■ **General Chapter 1982**

- Building a world of greater justice in solidarity with the poor.
- Communion in the mission.
- Permanent conversion.

■ **General Chapter 1988** *"Building the future together in mission"*

- Deepen in the 3 orientations of 1982.
- Approval of the text of the Constitutions.
- Other topics: initial and permanent formation, internationality, youth, lay people.

► **CONSTITUTIONS 1988** (approved by the Holy See in 1990)

Vocation and mission (brothers and sisters) (Chap. I)

Who we are:

1. Consecrated (vows) (Cap. II)
2. Community in mission: (Cap. III)
 - Apostolic
 - Fraternal
 - Praying
 - International

To nourish what we are:

1. Incorporation and growing (IF + OF) (Cap. IV)
2. Service of the authority (Cap. V)
3. Temporary goods (Cap. VI)

■ **General Chapter 1994** *"Missionary communities for a world without frontiers"*

- Missionary Communities.
- Internationality.
- SSCC Brothers and Sisters.
- Missionary policy (projects Asia y Africa).
- Restructuration.

■ **General Chapter 2000** *"Rise up, take up your mat and walk" (Jn 5,8)*

- Living radically our Consecration: PARL (at all levels); pastoral formation; vocation ministry.
- Priority Projects of the Congregation.
- Restructuring.
- Service of Authority and Leadership.
- The Secular Branch: seminaries on SB.
- Structures at the service of Communion of the Brothers and Sisters.
- Economy: formula for the Annual Contribution.
- A Message on our Commitment for the Poor.

■ **General Chapter 2006** *"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies... (Jn 12,24)*

1. To come back to our spiritual roots to renews our life.
2. Living Our Vocation and Mission in a More Interdependent Way. The local community: main agent of our mission and formation. Contemplatives; companions; compassionate.
3. Organization of the Congregation:
 - IF: General Commission, international preparation to the perpetual vows; collaboration at the level of the Conferences; help to Africa and Asia.
 - Ongoing Formation: General Commission; to develop orientations for SSCC Ongoing Formation for the whole Congregation.
 - Formation for the service of authority, at all levels.
 - Interprovincial Conferences: commissions of IF, OF, economy.
 - Financial help to the IF; Solidarity Net (not for IF); renovation or alternative solution to the General House.

Our SSCC vocation and mission

1. *Our objective is not to seek the survival of our Institute or to "make a name for ourselves." (23)*
2. *Our missionary action is not aimed at only strengthening our religious family or the church community; it also seeks **to build the human family.** (25)*
3. ***To bind people to the love of God** manifested in Christ. Drawing people to that love, speaking of it from our own poor yet radiant experiences: that is our mission. (27)*
4. ***Compassion** will be the criterion for knowing where we must be and with whom; the poor, the outcast, the little ones, the abandoned, the suffering... (28)*
5. *We entrust ourselves to the **Providence** of God. (29)*
6. *The apostolic fruitfulness of a fraternity lived with joy and goodness of heart (31). The main agent of our mission is the **local community.***
7. *Pastoral and social activity: to generate relations of **communion and reconciliation.** (31)*
8. ***Humility:** we will avoid acting as if we believe ourselves to be too important... (32)*
9. *The work of **evangelization:** (34-35)*
 - a) *Ministry of preaching and spiritual accompaniment for those who feel themselves to be **spiritual orphans**, for the interior thirst of those whom we serve.*
 - b) *Transforming the world according to the criteria of the Gospel, searching for greater justice in solidarity with **the poor.***

■ **General Chapter 2012** "Salt is good..." (Mc 9,50)

- **Mission:**
 - Introduction: salt (usefulness / savor); signs of times; icons of the mission of the Congregation.
 - Sent in community and by the community.
 - To evangelize in situations on the margins.
 - A special message to the Priests of the Congregation.
 - To live and die in the Service of the Sacred Hearts.
 - Ministers of Reparative Adoration.

- **SSCC Patrimony:**
 - Commission in the General House; study grants for studies on sscs patrimony.
 - To maintain the local community at Picpus; help form the General Government.
 - International Community in Louvain; memory of Damien; act as Damien.

- Introduction of the "**Delegations**" in the structure of the Congregation.

- Exchange of personnel among Major communities; active and passive voice.

- **Economy:**
 - System of contributions: percentages (for three years) by Major community defined by the General Government.
 - Limits for deficit of Africa, help to Initial Formation and General House budget.
 - Financial Solidarity through the General Government.

- **Structures:**
 - Maintain the Interprovincial Conference (future of the USC).
 - Maintain the formation of new Major Superiors.
 - Ongoing formation: "*ad hoc*" commissions; by Conferences.
 - Initial Formation: maintain General Commission; preparation for perpetual vows.
 - Vocational ministry: commissions in the Major and regional communities; exchange of experiences and reflections.
 - Economes meetings: by Conferences; formation of treasurers.

- **Internationality** and mobility of personnel. Practical criteria.

- **Secular Branch:** creation of the Spiritual Animation Team.

- Continue with the cause of **beatification** of the "martyrs of the Paris Commune".

■ **General Chapter 2018** *"Savor God along the journey of life" (Good Father)*

- Our Inner Self is being Renewed day by day (2 Cor 4:16)
- The Pastoral and Missionary Conversion: new paths to Emmaus.
- SSCC Spiritual and Historical Patrimony.
- Initial Formation: "Fourth Stage".
- The Administration of Temporal Goods.
- Promoting Brothers' and Sisters' Unity.
- SSCC Secular Branch.