



## Chapter XXXIV Newsletter

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Greetings from Rome! This is the first of several updates that you will receive throughout the Chapter. These newsletters are not for the public. They are to be shared within our religious family only. Superiors, please print a copy of each newsletter for the archives.

We had the Retreat in Ginestreto from June 25-30 with a Biblicist who is an Ursuline Sister of St. Paul, Sr. Maria Grazia Papola. She offered us 2 presentations per day where she presented Lectio Divina on 10 different Scripture passages. It was a restful and fruitful time for all before beginning our Chapter meetings.

Everyone returned to Rome on July 1. The thirty-four of us are split into two groups for accommodations, with some at Torvecchia and the majority at Viale Vaticano. All meetings are being held in our school in Torvecchia, so there is a commute every morning and evening for most of us.

We began the Pre-Chapter Meetings this morning, with a formal greeting from Mother Carla as Mother General. This is the first Chapter where simultaneous translations are being done in both English and Italian. Also, the Council has chosen for us to use tablets for this General Chapter, where information can be shared with each Delegate digitally, rather than having everything printed. This is one way we are adhering to what Pope Francis has called us to in being attentive to caring for the earth and not wasting paper.

This week, every nation where the Congregation is located will present the report that was prepared ahead of time regarding the status of the Congregation in their country, with its strengths and weaknesses, as well as issues and perspective for the futures. Chapter Delegates will be allowed to ask questions and gain clarification on the state of the Congregation in each country. This is a way for all Chapter Delegates to have a better understanding of our Congregation throughout the world before having to make any decisions.

This afternoon the United States was the first group to present their report. The groups from Mexico and Brazil will present tomorrow.

In Christ,

Communication Committee

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