



## Chapter XXXIV Newsletter

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Rome, July 9, 2017

Today, Sunday, July 9, 2017, marked the official opening of the XXXIV General Chapter. We began with Mass this morning at the tomb of St. Peter's in the Vatican grotto. His Eminence, Cardinal João Braz de Aviz, Prefect of the Congregation for Religious, was our celebrant. He gave us his blessing and reminded us of the important task entrusted to us, noting that the challenges we are facing are similar to that of other Congregations. He challenged us to live our charism within the culture but always according to gospel values. He stressed the internationality of our Congregation and the importance of building a house, a family united based on the Gospel. This afternoon, we were all present for the Roll Call, and Mother Carla declared the Chapter officially opened. She proceeded to read a telegram from the Pope's Secretary, assuring us of his prayers and blessings for our XXXIV General Chapter.

Following the approval of the Guidelines for the General Chapter and the taking of the oath on the part of all the Delegates, we elected the Scrutineers, the Secretary of the Chapter, and the two members of the Presidency of the Chapter Assembly. They are as follows:

Scrutineers: Sr. Maria Susana Diaz Gonzalez  
Sr. Petrucia Lima De Melo  
Secretary: Sr. Serena Pinotti  
Members of the Presidency: Sr. AnnaMaria Iannetti  
Sr. Sabrina Pradarelli

As Mother General, Mother Carla Bertani serves as the President of the Chapter Assembly until a new Superior General is elected.

After the elections, Mother Carla read all of the mail sent to the Chapter Assembly, written by various bishops, the Nuncio, etc. where our sisters minister. The General Council then led us in a moment of prayer focusing on the three aspects in the theme of the Chapter: Charism, Communion, and Mission. Following supper, the U.S., Bangladesh, and Zimbabwe hosted a moment of recreation for the group. Chapter Delegates were given the opportunity to participate in the Amazing Race, MPdA style. Great fun was had by all. Now the work begins!

In Christ,

Communication Committee

Sr. Nina, Sr. Pia, Sr. Susana, Sr. Karla

Opening Mass



Election of the Presidency for the Chapter Assembly



The Amazing Race

