



XX Meeting of Major Superiors and Councils

SG 12/21

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Dear sisters,

I sent you the best wishes for this Holy Triduum in which, accompanying Jesus, the suffering Church and so many people, close or farther, who are carrying the Cross today, we are with the Hope of the Risen One. From this union of feelings, we accompany each other with prayer and enter once again into silence, to contemplate the dedicated Love; a fruitful silence where we can find new meaning. There, in the Paschal Mystery, is the heart of our Claretian, missionary vocation, to announce this love in the world.

We are also very close to the beginning of our meeting and I hope that you will all be, like us, excited, eager to meet, share and work together, to let ourselves be driven by the Spirit in the coming days.

It is true that the meeting will be a few hours a day and that our meeting space is more limited, but since we had planned this meeting in person, we count on you to have the time and above all the necessary attention to the process that we are going to live. In the multiplicity of tasks, it will not be easy to concentrate and be actively present where we need to be. Therefore, I ask that you become aware of this need and hopefully you can organize your time to live it in the best possible way. I ask God for this grace for each one.

It is our wish, and I reiterate this invitation, that all councils participate, if possible. I ask you to confirm the names of the participants, as this will help us in the preparation and organization of the working groups.

Prior to the beginning of this XX Meeting of Senior Superiors and Councils we will send you some material to read and to familiarize ourselves with some topics. We won't have a long journey to read them on the plane, and during the encounter the content will be resumed, yet we ask you to make an effort for reading.

Each of you comes to the meeting from a diverse experience. This year is being complex and very special. It is good that we ask ourselves what fruits of congregational and provincial walking we bring each one and what you would like to celebrate in this meeting.

In this encounter, and facilitating our work, we will be joined by Father David McCallum, Jesuit and Pablo Bernal. Both collaborate in the Discerning Leadership team of the Jesuits in Rome. For more detail, on the next page you can find their brief biographies.

For our work it is important that you have at hand everything that can serve you when it comes to illuminating or quoting the important congregational documents of these last periods such as the Document of the XVII General Chapter, that of the Chapter of your Province, project of your Government and of the specific areas, the projects that have developed in your Entities.

Please have also at hand a notebook for personal notes that will help us when collecting questions and answers in the process that are not directly related to the work of the meeting but to the personal experience.

Just remind yourself that, as far as possible, do all to be in the best conditions of connectivity; preferably individual to facilitate attention and group work. Please provide what is necessary for it.

But above all, in an Easter climate that we will share, we are sure that our whole being, and abilities will be enlightened by the Peace and Joy of the Risen One to perform our sessions in the spirit of a sisterhood and discernment. We are waiting for you with this joy and peace.

A very strong hug and see you soon

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During 2018 and 2019, he worked as Program Director for the Jesuit Refugee Service in Burundi and Tanzania. He is passionate about people and has a strong motivation to create a positive impact for and with the communities he is a part of. He now collaborates as secretary on the Discerning Leadership team.