

Rome, 27 September 2013

To All the Sisters

Dearest Sisters,

Just a few days after the end of our General Chapter, I want to say a heartfelt thanks to all of you for your warm welcome and for the well wishes you have been sending in to me and the members of the newly-elected General Council. We truly feel supported and encouraged by your affection and by the promise of your prayers and collaboration. We also feel the solidary and fraternal support of our sisters and brothers of the Pauline Family throughout the world and we are sincerely grateful to each and every one of you.

Our circumscription superiors and Chapter delegates have by now all returned to their own countries and will give you an account of our activities, as well as tell you about the guidelines and proposals established for the coming six-year period. We thank the Lord from the bottom of our hearts for the experience of faith he allowed us to live, for the spirit of communion that reigned among us, and for the sense of hope and joy that characterized the entire Chapter event. The Spirit of Love poured out on us an abundance of blessings, strengthened our feeling of belonging to the Institute and caused us to rejoice in the beauty and harmony of our diversity and universality. Now, with reinvigorated faith, we begin a new stage of our journey, entrusting to the mercy of the Father our poverty in the certitude that he will transform it into light, grace and apostolic fecundity.

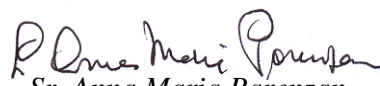
I am sure that you are all waiting for some information concerning the new General Government.

First of all, I want to tell you that, in keeping with the directives of our Constitutions and after listening to the opinions of the sisters on the Council, I have appointed *Sr. Clarice Josefa Wisniewski* as Vicar General. Let us all thank her for accepting this office and wish her well.

Immediately after the Chapter, the new General Councilors returned to their circumscriptions to entrust to other sisters their governing or apostolic duties. We will be reunited in November, at which time we will begin our service by appointing the Secretary General and Bursar General, by dividing among ourselves the responsibilities pertaining to the various areas of the Pauline life, and by programming our activities for the new six-year period. Please accompany us with your prayers so that we will be able to discern the plans of God and allow ourselves to be moved by the breath of the Spirit, who always illuminates and guides his Church.

Next February we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the death of Prima Maestra Thecla. Let us welcome her invitation to be “one in mind and heart,” simple and hard-working, at the total service of the Gospel. May we feel her very close to us, urging us to “cling firmly to the Lord,” to “focus on essentials,” to take “the warmth of the Gospel” to many people thirsting for the truth, to be “firmly resolved to become saints,” to be genuine *women of faith*.... M. Thecla is our true Superior General, tracing out for us a “broad, spacious and luminous path—one that leads to the heights....” Let us entrust to her guidance the whole Congregation and this time of special grace in which we are opening ourselves to new orientations for the future. Let us live the upcoming Chapter animations from a universal perspective, in the light of Mary, the living tabernacle of God, who has but a single word to say and a single wealth to give the world: *Jesus*.

With deep affection and gratitude,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General