



## Information Sheet 1

Dearest sisters,

We are writing to you from "Casa San Paolo" in Via S. Giovanni Eudes (Rome) where we have started the work of the International Formation Encounter (12-24 July 2018) on the theme *Towards full maturity in Christ. Person, formator, community: a process of formation that is integral and co-responsible.*

As the Superior General, Sr. Anna Maria, said in the opening greeting, we represent the world of "the Paulines" and the richness of experiences and origins: among us there are, in fact, formators of the various stages of formation, superiors, counselors of formation. We are already living intense days, full of enlightenment, sharing, discernment, prayer.

There are two essential objectives of this meeting, as have been formulated by the General Government:

1. To help sisters in charge of formation to stay close to the young ones, especially the juniors and young perpetual professed, in order to accompany them towards a life totally offered and lived in Christ Jesus.
2. To identify ways of "formative integration" among formators and community superiors so that "a vocational culture" may grow, helping juniors, young perpetual sisters and communities to feel co-responsible in living out and sharing the Pauline charism.

Some keywords already emerged from the talks of the speakers – words that accompany us and challenge us and which will still be enriched by others in the days ahead:

- the initial and ongoing formation is a **dynamism** that involves all of life and requires a "pastoral and missionary conversion", the final goal of which is transformation into Christ;
- to take on the work of formation as a **rediscovery of a great pneumatological itinerary** that embraces all aspects of our life.

We feel personally challenged. And we make our own the wish that Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan has addressed to us: "May this experience ignite anew that flame that the Spirit has placed in us on the day of our Baptism and profession, reinforce our faith in the Promise and may we truly welcome the invitation to *arise* and go on our journey".