



*San Zeno in Monte, Verona
29 June 2022
Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul*

Dear Calabrian Family,

Ego dixi nunc coepi...

*With the words and spiritual strength of St. John Calabria, we would like **to START** this letter that officially presents and offers to the whole Calabrian family the unique text of the final document of the XII General Chapters.*

This is the way, follow it! (Is 30: 21).

In this text, as well as in the Final Document of the General Chapters, there is only a part of the richness experienced by that privileged Assembly, since it cannot convey the meaning of encounters, shared experiences, dialogues and fraternity. The document that you have in your hands is therefore a sort of collection of the essential things that emerged during the days of Chapters; it is a synthesis of what has been said and experienced, and will allow everyone to participate in the richness of that event. A synthesis that cannot be entrusted only to the personal witness of those who attended and participated in the Chapter, who also have the mission of spreading around the light glimpsed in those days by the Chapter assembly, and which is unanimously witnessed and approved by the Chapter participants, so that all may be reached. And everyone, as has been said several times, must be AMBASSADORS.

The publication collects the effort and passion of the Chapter participants who have worked, reflected and prayed for over a month, around the theme of *The prophecy of Communion*. That is why it is important to receive it as a gift that cost work and effort, and therefore it must be a text to be studied, assimilated and lived. And above all the *Final Document of the XII General Chapters* reported here, must be a valid tool to unite our communities and make us feel part of the one family, the Calabrian Family; to make visible the prophetic dream of God for St. John Calabria.

The work of the Chapter participants has been embellished and made wise by the presence of the Spirit, invoked and listened to every day in His providential suggestions and indications. This profound bond with the Divine Providence of God, who watched over our Chapter work, becomes a guarantee of the Lord's blessing on the roads we receive from Him today, as His will and indication to walk through.

That is why, start!

With the presence of the Father walking and making history with us, we are invited to have a look ahead, on a new horizon, that is, on that Kingdom of God to be seeking before anything else. Confidence in taking the path again is founded solely on the grace of God, who knows how to guide the steps to realize his "great designs". A path traced by Providence to be traveled together, in communion, in full synodal style as Pope Francis reminds us, to be in harmony with the Church and the world, but above all to be a Church that testifies that the true richness of "our family" born from a charism that is breathed and lived in communion, and that communion is the way to the realization of prophecy for the Opera and the world.

A special thanks to the Chapter participants Brothers, Sisters and Laity, for the commitment and dedication they have been able to put in put in practice during the days of the Chapters. Thanks to the translators of the texts and those who contributed and worked on the drafting of this text. Thanks be to God for all of you! To God I want to entrust you with words similar to those that the Apostle Paul addressed to the Christians of Philippians: *“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God”.* (Phil 1:3-6. 8-11).

We entrust you and our entire journey of implementation of General Chapters to Mary, Mother of Divine Providence, our Patroness, to Saint John Calabria, our Father in the faith, and the intercession of all the brothers, sisters and lay of the Calabrian Family who have gone before us in keeping the torch of faith, hope and charity lit to this day. They have been "in a permanent Chapter" for a long time before us and for us.

On this Solemnity, may the Saints, Peter and Paul, the Ambassadors of the Gospel, be models of communion in diversity for all of us who begin this journey together. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.


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General Superior