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In the past days the postponement of the celebration of the XII General Chapter was communicated to the whole Opera, due to the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19), which has created a public health problem, with the consequent total restriction on international transfers and travels in every territorial realities where we are present.

This sad event did not stop the preparation for the Chapter; instead, looking at it with eyes of faith, we can live this period as a “*kairos*”, a time of grace, a gift of Providence to “*stop off*” with mind and heart on the *Instrumentum Laboris* that we have in our hands.

The *Instrumentum Laboris* of XII General Chapter was born from an orderly synthesis of sharing of life, reflections, discernment and desires reported on the final documents that each Delegation has delivered to this Commission.

We recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit who has worked in this “Document”, which is the result of a synodal writing and the voice of the Calabrian Family in its various expressions.

The dispatch of the *Instrumentum Laboris* to the Calabrian Family will take place in stages:

- Today, the members of the Chapter, the Delegates and Responsible of Mission, the Poor Servants Sisters, the Missionaries of the Poor, the Laity who will take part in the Chapter and all the pre-Chapter commissions, will receive it;
- Then, it will be sent to our religious communities of Brothers and Sisters;



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- Subsequently, each Delegation will deliver it to the members of the Calabrian Family.

In the last meeting of the General Councils of the Brothers and Sisters Poor Servants (April 21, 2020), we have welcomed and shared with joy and gratitude, the choice of the Sisters to walk with the same *Instrumentum Laboris* in the preparation of their XII General Chapter. This choice not only strengthens the family spirit and the sharing of a single charism, but also consolidates the proposals born in the meeting of March 2019. In that meeting, the Delegates, the Responsible of Mission, together with the two General Councils, have taken the orientation to start in the Calabrian Family a synodal and discernment process, to seek the will of God and to do our best so that communion among us becomes ever more a sign of prophecy for today's world.