

Verona, February 16, 2020
34° Death Anniversary of Fr. Luigi Pedrollo

*“...I chose you”
(Jo 15:16)*

Dear Sisters,

May the Holy Spirit, who is communion and love between the Father and the Son, dwell in our hearts and in our communities!

In communicating the names¹ of the Sisters, chosen as Chapter participants, delegated to represent the whole Congregation at the XII General Chapter together with the participants by right, I offer for our reflection some words of Fr. Luigi Pedrollo, taken from the letters sent to the Sisters on the occasion of our III Chapter, that of 1969: «Do you see good Sisters? In a sense, it is not you who choose, but it is the Lord who chooses by inspiring each of you. **Oh fortunate you, fortunate the whole Opera** if you can say that it was the Lord who elected you».²

We are aware that we have been chosen not for insignificant things, but to take on together a commitment of discernment, which is developing through a long synodal process of listening, sharing and dialogue within our communities and within the whole Calabrian Family . For this reason, once again, we remember that this responsibility is a call to seek and live communion above all, open to a continuous conversion and personal purification, not for self profit, but to serve others, the Congregation and the Opera.

These are the Sisters who have been chosen by the Lord, through all of us:

For “**European Territory**” list:

Sr. Roberta Concas. Sr. Giuliana Cristeli, Sr. Luisa Perale,
Sr. Raquel Serejo. Substitute Sr. Carla Furlan.

For “**Rainha da Paz Delegation**” - Latin America list:

Sr. Roseli Colella, Sr. Jiomara da Costa, Sr. Ignez Stieve,
Sr. Loris Trevisol. Substitute Sr. Gloria Dolzani.

For “**Mãe da Providência Delegation**” - Angola list:

Sr. Martinha Eiala, Sr. Vanessa A. Perin.
Substitute Sr. Domingas Yondela.

¹ *Constitution n. 147*: «The Superior General [...] communicates immediately to the communities the full list of the Chapter members, including both the members by right and those elected in alphabetic order».

² L. PEDROLLO, *Letter to the Sisters chosen to attend the Chapter*, Verona, July 2, 1969.

For “**Mother of Divine Providence Delegation**” - India list:

Sr. Bimla Minz, Sr. Ancy Thanniyil.
Substitute Sr. Sanjita Soreng.

For “**Philippines and Kenya**” list:

Sr. Elenice Cimadon, Sr. Luciane De Cesaro.
Substitute Sr. Luigia Campi.

These are the participants³ **by right** (Councilors and Delegates):

**M. Lucia Bressan, Sr. Marcia Faè, Sr. Ivete Gasparetto, Sr. Maria Rosa Girlanda,
Sr. Maria Chiara Grigolini, Sr. Beatriz Paulin, Sr. Graciela Ramseyer,
Sr. Ioná Santos da Silva.**

These last ones will participate in the XII Chapter of the Brothers, together with the Sisters who have been chosen by their respective Councils of Delegation, and by the General Council for the European Territory. The sisters chosen are the following:

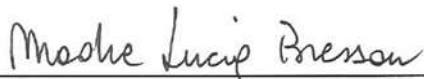
Sr. Raquel Serejo (European Territory), **Sr. Jiomara da Costa** (Latin American Delegation), **Sr. Vanessa A. Perin** (Angolan Delegation), **Sr. Bimla Minz**, (Indian Delegation).

We still propose some writings of Fr. Luigi that presents some useful spiritual suggestions to face the Chapters ahead of us: «This is a great event for you [the General Chapter], as for all religious institutes. It must lead to a real renewal of the individual members of the institute. The essence is right here: with our strength it is impossible to produce these precious fruits of sanctification, **we need the light, the grace, the wisdom that comes from the Holy Spirit** to the Church and therefore also to us. You have prayed and asked prayers, well done! We will continue to pray together; prayer gets us all that we don't have and can't do. You will feel our blessed Father [Saint John Calabria] close to you, but in a very particular way. May he obtain for you the grace to see everything and each problem, in the light of eternity, so that each of you may say: not what I want, but what God wants!»⁴

Let us ask together for the intercession of our Saints in Heaven, Brothers and Sisters who preceded us, so that they may obtain for our participant Sisters, the light, grace and wisdom from the Holy Spirit.

My fraternal greetings and embrace to all.





General Superior

³ They are in alphabetical order.

⁴ L. PEDROLLO, *Letter to the Chapter Participants*, Verona, October 20, 1969.