



XXII General Chapter Final Phase

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“The same Spirit which led Fr. Butinyà and M. Bonifacia to bet with radicalness and passion for the poor working world, especially for the woman, will accompany and animate us during this chapter period helping us to discern and implement the way by which can better impel our life and mission.” (Letter of Convocation to the XXII General Chapter, 12-18-2016)

WE FOLLOW JESUS IN NAZARETH ACCORDING TO THE CHARISM RECEIVED FROM OUR FOUNDERS

The way of life of Jesus who, with Mary and Joseph, worked and prayed in Nazareth, deeply contemplated by our Founders, came to configure their way of living the Gospel. It is the GIFT which they bequeathed to us Siervas de San Jose, our valued Charism.

However, we are aware that the Congregation carries this treasure in earthen vessels... that the strength is of God. Let us express our desire to be faithful, to continue sowing in the world, signs of hope, signs of his Kingdom with the “smell” of the Charism ...

SONG: SIGNS OF HOPE

Lord, you call us men and women
To walk by your paths, barefooted, two by two
Dreaming of the Kingdom, the world which you want,
With arms always outstretched and filled with love.
We carry a treasure in earthen vessel
so that your power, Lord, may be revealed.
Humble bearers of something so sacred
That only to think of it the heart shivers.

**Signs of hope, signs of your Kingdom,
the clay in our hands, the dreams, the love.
Signs of hope, the breast stamped with
names and faces, your people, my Lord.**

Lord, if you hide yourself or sleeps in the boat.
Forgive us if we shout at you, it is not lack of faith;
only because, the night erases your footsteps
and fear finds us not knowing what to do.
You said you were coming back, we are waiting for you
our eyes gaze afar to see if you were coming.
The waiting becomes long, the candle is dying down
but before it is blown out, give us a sign.

Signs of hope, signs of your Kingdom...

Lord, here we are, we want to be faithful to you,
you know that we love you, to whom shall we go?
Workers of your vineyard, morning, noon or evening,
take supper with you, what more is there to ask?
Your people teaches us to see you in what is hidden,
covered in the poverty of the sacramental.
Your people shelters us, gives us home and warmth;
Keep the arms extended, there is a long way to go.

Signs of hope, signs of your Kingdom...

PSALM: BLESSINGS OF THE RENEWED WOMAN

Happy is the woman whose eyes are pure, awake to know how to read the mystery of life,
understand the signs of the times, and discover the foot prints of the Beloved.

Happy those whose ears are wide open, to listen to messages given, and welcome the
voices of the little ones, the cries of the victims, the proclamations of the prophets.

Happy is the woman whose hands are open, generous; knows
that to them belongs the Kingdom of God and awaits it,
together with the poor. The woman with available hands,
obliging, generous, that the Kingdom of God may come.

Happy the woman who walks by her own feet, resting her
steps in those of Him who lived until the extremes of love,
who seeks to walk with others, who wants to ease the path
for others.

Happy the woman with an ardent heart, who listens to the Word and is inflamed, takes
pleasure in the promise, spreads optimism, believes in the utopia and labor for it.



Happy is the joyful woman although she knows suffering and poverty, health and infirmity, honor and disgrace. It is not a natural bliss, it is received, she has listened to the Beatitudes. She knows that the poor who suffer are blessed, God is with them.

Happy is the woman who raises her arms in an attitude of supplication, aware of her need of God and of the Spirit who makes History fertile and the desired fruit possible, the one “who makes the entire creation moan as a woman in labor.”

We pray you, God our Father, that we may be these women, those whom you love and have chosen as new family. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

We also want that the Spirit makes our Congregation fecund so that it may give the fruit that God is asking of us, which our Founders also, are waiting and desiring from us.

SONG: The Message of Bonifacia

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May the Lord accompany us in our journeying, in our deliberations, in our decisions. May he grant us the grace to move on, courageous, creative with our eyes fixed on the horizon.

May we learn to be a guide to each other mutually with patience, with good disposition and with joy. May we put all our capacities to the maximum.

May the Lord guide our steps in lighter moments and in the more complicated, in the more important and in the least.

May the Lord be light of our path and sustain us with his bread and wine.

May St. Joseph, our Father, wrap us up in his protective mantle and our Founders, Butinyà and Bonifacia inspire and accompany us, remind us always, in every moment, in Whom we have trusted...

May the Lord bless us, bless our Congregation and become a blessing in all times and places it may be. AMEN.

SONG: Friend of the Poor.