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Prot. Reg. V; fol. 211/09

TO ALL THE RELIGIOUS OF THE ORDER.

Subject: Convocation of the LXXIX Extraordinary General Chapter of the Order.

Dear brethren, my warmest greetings.

In respect of:

- what was decided by the *Programmatic Document* of the LXXVIII General Chapter of 2017, which at n. 4 of the “Revision” thus expressed: “that a special General Chapter is celebrated in the third year of the six-year period for the final insertion (in the *Constitutions*) of the revised text and the revision of the missing parts” in place of the Plenary Congregation;
- according to the n. 194 of the *Constitutions* and n. 94 of the *Directory*;

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the LXXIX General Chapter of the Order of the Discalced Augustinians.

It will be an Extraordinary General Chapter that will begin on Monday, June 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the General Curia – Piazza Ottavilla, 1, in Rome.

By decision of the Ordinary General Definitory of October 2, 2019 (SESSION IV, Prot. Reg. V; fol. 210/03), there will be 22 Vocals participating in the LXXIX Extraordinary General Chapter, as divided as follows:

- the Prior General, the 4 General Definitors, the Procurator General and the Secretary General;
- the 3 Prior Provincials;
- 12 Deputies (4 for each of the 3 Provinces) elected by the base.

In the election of the Deputies who will have to participate in the General Chapter under n. 195, 1, c, and 195, 2 of the *Constitutions*, those who participate ex officio in the same Chapter (n. 95 of the *Directory*) have no active and passive voice.

The list of religious eligible for the Office of Deputy must also include the names of religious residents outside the Province that are part of it.

The ballot with the names of candidates for Deputies of the LXXIX Extraordinary General Chapter can be sent to the religious by the respective Provincial Councils by e-mail. Once received, they will be printed on white paper, A4 format and, once filled in, will be sent back to the respective Prior Provincial in two white envelopes (one inside the other): in one will appear the name of the Religious and in the other the word Vote.

The Minutes of the ballot and the election of the Deputies will be delivered to the General Definitory not later than April 30, 2020, so that the Convocation of the Chapter in question can be communicated in time to the elected members.

The General Chapter will discuss the status of the Order and review the current work plan (cfr. *Constitutions* nn. 192 and 193). According to the guidelines of the CIVCSVA, it will not have to deal with the final inclusion in the *Constitutions* of the text revised by the previous General Chapter, because, with the approval by the Holy See and the Decree by the Prior General promulgating the new text is already in vigor. Instead, it will have to complete the work of

reviewing the Parts of the *Constitutions* concerning the Administration of Goods and Fraternal Correction, the protection of laws and separation from the Order.

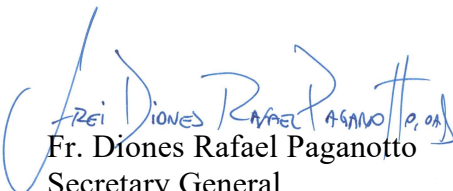
As it is difficult to predict its duration, it is prudent that those who are called to participate in this important event have adequate time to carry out the full work.

During the work of the General Chapter, the Italian language, the official language of the Order, will be used. Everyone carries the black religious habit.

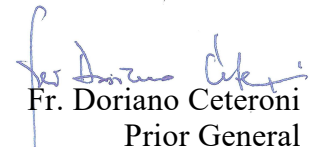
I ask all Religious and all Communities to pray insistently to the Holy Trinity, our holy father Augustine, Our Lady of Grace and our Venerables so that it may constitute a time of grace, a celebration of authentic fraternity and communion, a moment of listening and discernment to strengthen the sense of belonging to our religious family.

I hope that the revision of our *Constitutions* and the *Directory* will provide a further impetus to embody the Charism of our Reform, as codified in the new *Constitutions: Joyfully serving the Most High in the spirit of humility*, like Mary in the Church of today.

Rio de Janeiro (RJ) – Brazil, December 8, 2019,
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.


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Secretary General




Fr. Doriano Ceteroni
Prior General