



6° Intercapitolo
S. Miguel – Buenos Aires

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“But even if you should suffer because of righteousness,
blessed are you. Do not be afraid or terrified
with fear of them, but sanctify Christ
as Lord in your hearts.

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone
who asks you for a reason for your hope.”

1 Pt 3, 14

Dearest Sisters,

By now the Intercapitular works have arrived at its completion. We can truly praise and thank Jesus Good Shepherd who has been with us with his Light and his Grace. We were united by the reciprocal closeness in prayer which we felt the strength and the richness of its fruits.

June 26 and 27, we synthesized what emerged in the reflections of the Intercapitular sessions arriving at an outline of the common journey of the Congregation for the next years: 2009-2011.

Starting from the objective of the 7th General Chapter - which inserted us greatly in the journey of *conformation to Christ Shepherd* and is asking us to qualify *the ministry of pastoral care* - during these years we have particularly took care of the spiritual life putting at the center the Word of God, the Eucharist, the prayer of discernment for a renewed pastoral mission.

Now, continuing in this journey of conformation we are invited to manifest with more conviction in daily life, *the reason of hope which is in us*: revitalizing our religious profession, manifesting a great sense of belonging to the Congregation expressing with *zeal* the pastoral care in the *triple work* reread today.

We welcome the opening of the *Sacerdotal Year* as a time of grace and another occasion to deepen the charismatic reality of the Pastorelle in the midst of God's people. Another privileged opportunity is the *Seminar on pastoral care* (June 2010), during which we will reflect on the theme of the pastoral mission which will lead us to the 8th General Chapter.

Today, June 28, we approved the synthesis of the common orientations for the whole Congregation. We welcomed the concluding message of the superior general, Sr. Marta Finotelli. In the final prayer, we had a very significant moment, in which the sign done at the opening of the Interchapter was repeated, mentioning the names of the sisters who are alive and of those who are already in heaven. Then we formed the icon of *Jesus Pantocrator* with the pieces of puzzle given to us at the beginning of the Intercapitular assembly wherein at the back was written chapter 12 of the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, a visual expression of the journey of communion among us. Thanks to all for the nearness in prayer and for the messages and greetings.

On this day, the celebration is made more significant of gratitude and praise for the religious profession of the novice Romina Paola Jalil of the delegation ARG-BO. We wish that she may live in true joy and fidelity the Pastorella vocation that the Lord has given her. This greeting goes also to novice Analiesis Leslie of the delegation CO-VE-ME who will make her first religious profession tomorrow 29 June, in Bogotá (Colombia).

With trust we invoke Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd, with her help and in following the footsteps of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, may our Congregation offer to the world a witness of unity and of courageous dedication to the Gospel of Christ.

Fraternally
In the name of the Intercapitulars
sr Ana Acero and sr Lucia Varo

San Miguel, 28 June 2009

Vigil of the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul