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LXIV CRM General Chapter

July 2024

Dearest Brothers,

Peace be with you all!

By now, you must have heard the news that I have been re-instated to serve you for another six years. Thank you for your prayers and trust. Please bear with me as we listen and walk humbly with the Lord together. I will do my best to serve and obey God.

I'm writing to all of you to recognize and appreciate the substantial efforts of our brothers in the general chapters.



Special mention to our brothers who patiently listened and clarified things about the gray areas of our life in the community. To our translators, I am always grateful for helping us overcome the communication gaps. To the our brothers who worked in the secretariat and liturgy, and to all of you who prayed and sent intentions from July 1 to 15. To our preacher, who inspired and challenged us throughout this chapter. To all those who served the food and the Fraterna Domus who accommodate our needs.





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And on the last day of our Chapter, we were privileged to have an audience with the Holy Father. I wish to extend a special thank you to Msgr. Anthony Figueredo for helping us arrange the audience with the Holy Father.

Pope Francis invited all of us to reflect on the beauty of the lives of our founders. Their witness to the Gospel illuminated the world and showcased the true richness and beauty of God's work through the Gospel. True beauty, he said, is simple. We are called to simplify ourselves and avoid all forms of complications. He reminded us, as we prepare for the chapters and even after finishing them, to avoid superficialities. Such things are not the work of the Spirit. We must avoid ambitions, envy, and anything that hinders the work of the Spirit. Envy, he pointed out, is particularly ugly in community life, calling it the "yellow face." We should avoid pretensions, rigidity, and any forms of self-referential behavior.



Live simply, one day at a time and aspire to live and listen to the word of God. Our life can only be prophetic if and when we witness our lives as the Lord asks of us—to do all things in the name of love, not for love of oneself, but for the love of Christ, which is exemplified in our Charism: the radical imitation of Christ in the paschal mystery.

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As we embark on this new term together, I count on your sacrifices, collaboration, brotherhood, and charity. Thank you for your trust and prayers. Let us continue to walk together. The work is upon us all, not just a few. The charism of witnessing the gift of Christ is given to all the baptized, which means to all of us.

We are brothers, we are prophets, and we are Christ to others.

In Christ,

P. Ted Kalan, CM

