

PRIESTLY FRATERNITY IESUS CARITAS

CONVOCATION OF THE III PAN AMERICAN ASSEMBLY

CORDOBA, 19th -24th September 2022

To the National Responsible of our Fraternity in Argentina, Chile, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Haiti, the United States and Quebec-Acadie.

Dear brothers:

Peace and joy in our beloved Brother and Lord Jesus!

It is appropriate to start the process of preparation for our III Pan American Assembly with this Convocation. In planning the format of the Assembly, we should take into account both the Conclusions of II Assembly (Santo Domingo, February 2018), as well as the Orientations that emerged from the World Assembly held in Cebu, Philippines in January 2019.

In our Assembly in Santo Domingo, we made several proposals to respond to the ecological challenges and the migratory challenges and to improve the life and mission of our fraternities. I believe that a careful reading of the "Letter of Santo Domingo" can refresh our memory and place our III Assembly in continuity with Santo Domingo. Also, in Cebu we set certain emphases and priorities that are included in the "Letter of Cebu". I am attaching both documents in preparation for our next Assembly.

We can say that the World Assembly emphasized the missionary dimension of our priestly ministry, based on the mission experience of Brother Charles and the insistent invitation of Pope Francis to be a Church that goes out to the geographical and existential peripheries. In a meeting that the American delegates had during of the Cebu Assembly, we agreed that this should be the nucleus of our III Pan American Assembly and that it would be good to address it from the missionary experiences on the ground in the migration, ecological or health ministries, during these times of pandemic.

Pope Francis in his encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" places the gestation of universal brotherhood as the ultimate goal of the mission and points to Br. Charles as the one who inspires this evangelizing horizon. (FT n. 286 and 287).

Also, it seems important to me that we collect, analyse and project the data regarding our Fraternities in America, which is provided by the Survey that the International Team sent to all the countries.

With this background and taking into account the evaluations of the I and II Pan American Assemblies, which were quite positive, I would like to present to you the following proposal for your consideration.

PROPOSAL.

1. PARTICIPANTS:

The Brothers of the International Team

Two brothers from the countries where there is only one Region: Argentina, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Haiti and Quebec-Acadie: the National Responsible and a base delegate.

Three brothers from countries that have several regions: the United States and Brazil: The National Responsible and two more brothers.

Some brothers from Argentina to provide services to the Assembly: secretariat, commissary, sacristy, etc. They will have the right to speak but not to vote in the work sessions.

I wonder if it would be appropriate to invite some priests who have shown interest in being part of our Fraternity, although we are not yet present in their country. I mean Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, etc.
What do you think?

2. DURATION OF THE ASSEMBLY:

~ From Monday 19th to Saturday 24th September, on 19th being the day of arrival we have with some introductory activity in the afternoon or later in the evening. On 24th the departure be after breakfast. In this way we will have 4 full days to share prayer, work, our friendship, and time for recreation.

3. LOCATION OF THE ASSEMBLY AND DAILY COST

- ~ The House of Spiritual Exercises Catalina de María.
- ~ Carlos Pellegrini 238, X5105 Villa Allende, Córdoba.
- ~ The Daily cost: US \$ 20. Total, US \$ 100.- (5 nights).
- ~ Plus: transfers (from airport,); secretarial expenses; back up team; snacks: US \$ 50.
- ~ Total per participant: US \$ 150.-
- ~ The airfare will be financed by the fraternities of each country. If there are difficulties in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

4. METHODOLOGY.

- Implement the methodology of SEE, JUDGE, ACT AND CELEBRATE.
- Collect, analyse and project the information provided by the Survey sent by the International Team
- Share missionary experiences in the areas of migration, ecology or health. Each country would present an experience in any of these areas.

- Illuminate our missionary work with a presentation by Fr. Willians Roque de Brito from Brazil.
- Make proposals to improve our missionary practice as diocesan priests.
- Management report of the Continental Responsible and election of the new Responsible
- Visit and have a dialogue with the new Archbishop of Cordoba
- Make a visit to Local Communities
- A Desert day and then the Review of Life.
- Organize a Cultural night and an afternoon walk around the city.

5. QUESTION

Among the brothers in your country, is there someone who could design a logo for the Assembly?

6. CONTINUATION OF THE PREPARATION PROCESS.

As follow up to this Convocation could you please send me any suggestions you may have. Can you please get them to me during the month of January or February?

Domestic questions can be directed to our Brother Marco Bustos, Responsible of the Fraternity of Argentina: marcoanbustos@gmail.com (+54 9 351 360-8933)

Once you have the names of the delegates, please send me their email address.

May the fire of the Holy Spirit ignite our hearts in the missionary pursuit of Jesus, in the footsteps of Saint Charles de Foucauld.

Yours Fraternally,

Fernando Tapia Miranda
Continental Responsible

Santiago, Chile, January 3, 2022