

INVITATION TO THE IV PAN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY SAO PAULO, September 21 to 26, 2026

*“Who became a neighbor
to the man attacked by the robbers?”*

Cf. Lk 10:36

**Dear brothers:
First Pan-American responsible, national leaders, and delegates of the
fraternities of the Americas**

I am very pleased to invite you to participate in the IV Pan-American Assembly of the Priestly Fraternity Iesus Caritas, to be held in the city of São Paulo, Brazil, from September 21 to 26, 2026.

While it is true that this Assembly was scheduled to take place in 2025, since we also have the International Assembly, it seemed wise to postpone it for a while.

I invite you to participate in this IV Assembly: the members of the international team, Fernando Tapia (the main Pan-American coordinator), the leaders and delegates from the countries in the Americas where the fraternities are already established, and some representatives from other countries where the fraternities are in the process of being formed (Colombia, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela), as well as some collaborating brothers.

For some time now, we have been thinking about this meeting, which aims to continue the work carried out at the III Pan-American Assembly in Córdoba (Argentina), where we reflected on our mission as priests in terms of outreach to the peripheries. Our Pan-American team has considered the proposals from the XII International Assembly in May 2025, in Buenos Aires (Argentina). Taking a further step, we want to turn our attention to the theme: “Pastoral, human, intellectual, and spiritual assistance of priests according to the spirituality of Brother Charles de Foucauld” in order to carry forward the mission entrusted to us by the Church..

We believe that on this path, a thought from the Brazilian psychologist William César Castilho Pereira, who has accompanied priests for many years, can be useful: he often says, ‘those whose main vocation is to care for others also need to take care of themselves’.

We are sending you, as an attachment, a questionnaire with two questions that will serve as input for our Assembly.

As we agreed on the occasion of my election as international responsible, it is necessary that in this IV Assembly a new Pan-American responsible be elected for the next six years. The elected responsible will have the task of appointing the new team that will accompany them during this period of work.

May the Holy Spirit help us to live our ministry in a healthy way in our entire being.

Fraternally.

Goiás, February 2025.

Pe. Carlos Roberto dos Santos

Pan-American Responsible

QUESTIONS FOR SHARING AT THE IV PAN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY

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Dear Brothers and Delegates:

Considering the work done at the Córdoba Assembly (“The Evangelizing Mission”), and with the theme we propose to address at this IV Pan-American Assembly in San Pablo in mind: **“Pastoral, Human, Intellectual, and Spiritual Assistance to Priests in Accordance with the Spirituality of Brother Charles de Foucauld,”** we are sending you some questions for the fraternity in your country to answer. The responses will serve as input for our collective reflection:

1. What reflections and commitments from the III Assembly (Córdoba) have been taken away as valuable insights and have you been working on in your country?
2. What actions are being carried out in your country to accompany and heal the lives of priests?

We ask that you bring your work to be presented at our Assembly. Each country will have approximately 10 minutes to share their response.

Best regards.

Fr. Carlos Roberto Dos Santos

*Fr. Carlos Roberto Dos Santos
and the Pan American Team*

Argentina	Responsable nacional	+ 1 delegado
Brasil	Responsable Nacional	+ 2 delegados
Chile	Responsable nacional	+ 1 delegado
EUA	Responsable Nacional	+ 2 delegados
Haití	Responsable nacional	- - -
México	Responsable nacional	+ 1 delegado
Quebec-Acadie	Responsable Nacional	+ 1 delegado
República Dominicana	Responsable nacional	+ 1 delegado
Venezuela		1 convidado
Colombia		1 convidado
Nicaragua		1 convidado
Cuba		1 o 2 convidados