



Dear Brothers,

Greetings to you, this time from Dublin where the 32<sup>nd</sup> Congregation Chapter, started two years ago in Lima, has just concluded.

Knowing that, in recent Zoom processes, so many of you shared your wish for our brotherhood to be lived more contemplatively, we would like you to know that the Chapter was a deeply contemplative experience. The elements of the Chapter Prayer became our lived reality.

### **Post-Chapter processes**

It was clear to all of us here in Emmaus that your involvement by Zoom, both before and during the Chapter, was highly appreciated by all of you. You can be sure that the experiences since the Chapter was prorogued in Lima in 2020, made a significant impact on the Chapter and on what you will be invited to integrate into your lives. The fruits from the Padlets and Scenario Building processes shaped much of the work of the Chapter.

Of significance was the clear desire of the Chapter for a continuation and development of participatory processes involving as many Brothers as possible from around the Congregation in the co-creating of our future Brotherhood. This was also the very clear desire from so many of you.

Work has begun on preparing the material relating to Chapter outcomes for distribution to Provinces, so that those who were at the Chapter can be with you in processes to engage with it.

A new kind of Chapter, such as the one we just had, calls for a new kind of *post-chapter*. Therefore, rather than just communicating a clear and detailed action plan and simply invite you to follow it, the capitulants will share with you, through a contemplative process, what we heard the Spirit say to us, so that, together, in your Provinces and Communities, you'll have the opportunity to be led by the Spirit and find ways of embodying those calls.

### **Whatever happened to the scenarios?**

Some of you may be asking what happened to the 28 scenarios developed in recent months. You may be waiting for the winner to be announced!

However, as you may recall, it was never the intention that one scenario would be picked, or indeed that a perfect scenario would be composed at the Chapter. Rather, the richness of elements of the scenarios formed part of our overall sensing of where the Congregation is, where the energy is for the future and what may be ways forward. We thank you all for this. It was invaluable.

All these scenarios will now feed the next stage of our co-creative process, so that every brother, through various types of contributions (and not just Zoom) can contribute to writing the collective story of our emerging future.



**The 2022 Chapter**

### **Constitutions and Statutes**

The Chapter has asked the incoming CLT to begin a participatory process involving all Brothers leading to a re-writing of our Constitutions for consideration at the next Chapter in 2028.

Several minor and technical changes were made to the Statutes. Some changes of a more substantial nature will be communicated to Brothers by separate letter.

## **CLT transition**

The new CLT will take office on Monday, March 14. From March 14-17 both teams will meet for a transition process in Rome.



**The Incoming CLT. Hugo Caceres, John Casey, Peter Clinch, Senan D'Souza, David Ryan Silva**

With fraternal good wishes from both teams,

***David, Hugh, Hugo, John, Peter C, Peter D, Richard and Senan.***