

informed of the results of each other group and had given their opinion, were the results discussed in the plenary sessions. Three themes are evident in our new Constitutions: a contemplative attitude, our eucharistic lifestyle and the words of Mother Pauline which are integrated in many articles and which make them in a special way “our” rule of life. We were able to complete the work on the Constitutions within two weeks. Now they have to be approved by the *Congregation of Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life*. This process can take a few months. I ask you to accompany this “examination” with your prayers.

During the last two weeks of the Chapter we addressed some current issues: women, sacredness of the earth, inter-religious dialogue, immigration/emigration and collaboration with laity. These urgent issues had been chosen in connection with the Declaration of the UISG Plenary of the Superiors General in May 2007. In due time you will become more familiar with these.

Further points of discussion included the format and place of renewal courses, international meetings, the re-configuration of Provinces or rather the Congregation, and the possibility of membership in a Non Government Organization (NGO). We will have to deal with these issues during the coming years. Right now I cannot say much more about them. However the Chapter decided that in each Province and in the Generalate a Sister should be nominated who will be responsible to coordinate issues concerning justice, peace and the integration of creation.

We also decided that from now on the general jubilee list should also include the names of those Sisters who look back on 40, 65, 70 or 80 years of Religious Life in addition to the Sisters who celebrate their 25th, 50th, 60th or 75th anniversary. The form of the celebration is left to the Provinces.

We also gladly accepted the proposal to include a photo of the respective Sister on her death letter.

Summarizing I can say that we experienced the light of the Holy Spirit in all searching, questioning, sharing and decision-making, and I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us also with regard to the implementation of all into our daily life as SCC’s.

In a few days we celebrate our founding day. At that time I will be in Paderborn because I want to participate in the Jubilee celebration of the Sisters of the German Province. At Mother Pauline’s grave I will pray for you in a very special way. May the words of Jesus, engraved on her tombstone, become more and more a part of us!

*This is my commandment,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.*

John 15, 12

*Holy Father
keep them in your name
which you have given me
so that they may be one as we are one.*

John 17, 11

Information:

- From August 18 to September 3 I will be in Paderborn in order – as already said – to participate in the jubilee celebration and to get some rest and gather new strength for the beginning of the new term of office.
- On September 25 I will travel to South America. First I will go with Sister Cecilia to Chile where on September 28 we will participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the Motherhouse in San

Bernardo. On October 4 I will travel to Montevideo to talk over with the Sisters of the Uruguayan-Argentinean Province organizational matters. On October 16 I will be back in Rome.

- I also recommend to your prayers the change in the provincial government of the N.A. Western Province that will take place on September 8. Once again I thank Sister Mary Clement for her untiring commitment for the good of each Sister. We also wish God's blessing to Sister Caroline Schafer who will leave the provincial leadership team.
- I attach to this letter my six-year report on the status of the Congregation. To facilitate a sharing I am including some questions which may help you to face the challenges which I mention in my report.

Once again I thank each one of you for your prayers and interest that you have shown during the General Chapter. Let us continue to strive to implement its decisions into our daily life with joy and responsibility.

With many greetings also from my councilors I am in gratitude

Your

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