

Official Convocation

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL COUNCIL (EGC) 2025

“Lord Jesus, memento Congregationis tuae: be mindful of your Congregation. Give your mother this new Company so that you may renew all things through her and bring the era of grace to a close through Mary just as you began it through her” (PM 6).

Dear confreres, Superiors of Provinces, Vice-Provinces and General Delegations,

Greetings of joy and hope in this solemnity of the Annunciation. I hope that each one of you is fine, as well as all the confreres in your respective Entities. The solemnity of the Annunciation reminds us of one of the important aspects of who we are as Montfort Missionaries as our Founder clearly expressed in his prayers for missionaries: *“Liberos: true children of Mary whom she has conceived and begotten by her love, nurtured and reared, upheld by her and enriched with her graces. Liberos: true servants of the Blessed Virgin ...will range far and wide, with the holy Gospel issuing from their mouths like a bright and burning flame, and the Rosary in their hands, and bay like your watchdogs, burn like fire and dispel the darkness of the world like a sun...” (PM 11-12).*

In the mystery of the Annunciation, Mary, our Mother, was chosen to familiarise God with humanity: to teach the Son of God the smile and language of men; and reciprocally, she was filled with grace to familiarise men with God. As missionaries we are nurtured and moulded by Mary our Mother to bring the smile, the sweetness and the language of the Incarnate Wisdom to others. The mystery of the Annunciation is the path of love that the Triune God chose to save us. It is the path of the Incarnate Wisdom to come to us.

“Father de Montfort reminds us that our identity is to be missionaries in the path of the Incarnate Wisdom. To embrace the desire of our founder expressed in his Prayer for Missionaries, we commit ourselves, during the next six years, to work together in creative fidelity in order to respond to the call of the Church and to the signs of time in a spirit of Synodality” (Acts Gen. Chap. 2023, 6). Oriented by the Acts of the General Chapter of 2023, we have journeyed together as a Congregation in deepening and exercising our identity for almost 2 years (May 2023 – March 2025). The Acts of the General Chapter of 2023 has given mandate to the General Administration to convene the Extraordinary General Council every 2 years as means of accompanying the entities and following-up the life and mission of the Congregation (cfr. Acts Gen. Chap. 2023, 19.2).

The aim of the EGC meeting is to ensure and promote the unity of the Congregation and to develop solidarity and co-responsibility (cfr. C. 233). And, after making proper consultations to all the Superiors of the entities, I, with the consent of my council, have come to a decision to organize the EGC meeting of 2025 via Zoom and the EGC of 2027 in presence or face-to face meeting.

Therefore, in conformity with the article 235.3 of our General Statutes, I, with the consent of my Council, convene the Extraordinary General Council Meeting of 2025 which will take Place:

- **Date: May 12 to 16, 2025 (Monday to Friday) and May 19 to 21, 2025 (Monday to Wednesday).**
- **Time: from 15:00 to 17:00 (Central European Time)**
- **Modality: Zoom Platform**

“The following are members by right of the Extraordinary General Council: 1) The General Procurator, General Bursar and the prefect of missions, when these offices are not held by General Assistants; 2) the Provincial Superiors and Vice-Provincials, or a delegate designated by the Provincial or Vice-Provincial; 3) the Superior General with the consent of his Council may invite the Superiors of Delegations” (C. 234).

In conformity with the article 234 of our Constitutions, I, with the consent of my Council invite all the Superiors of Delegations and also confreres responsible for the new foundations (Vietnam and Mexico). In line with the article 235.2 of our General Statutes, the following members have the right to vote: the Superior General and his Assistants, the General Bursar, the Secretary General and the Superiors of the entities (S. 235.2).

Responding to the objective the EGC of 2025, I had invited you (Superiors – the leadership team of each entity) to reflect on the three questions (cfr. SG 71-2024). I thank each one of you for your responses which will be shared during the EGC, that is, each Superior will have 6 minutes intervention. You may use your own creative way to present within the allotted time. Our daily time of EGC is limited as it is mentioned above. Therefore, respecting the allocated time given for the intervention or presentation is important.

To be better equipped technically to facilitate the good and smooth functioning of our zoom meeting, in collaboration with the office of the communication we invite you to join for the practical training of the Zoom meeting.

- 30 April 2025 in French 15:00 to 16:00 (Central European Time)
- 01 May 2025 in English 15:00 to 16:00 (Central European Time)

I send you this convocation letter and all the detailed program of the EGC25. For a better preparation and an active participation in the EGC25, through this letter, I send you also the **three attached files**:

- **Program of the EGC25**
- **List of the participants**
- **List of the groups for workshops**

Each document for EGC25 will be available in the EGC Folder in our website where you will have access to have them before the EGC.

Please send your latest photo and your whatsapp number to the General Secretary and kindly update the latest version of Zoom in your system.

I wish you all a good preparation for the EGC25. Let us entrust all our plans in the hands of the Lord through the intercession and guidance of our Mother, Mary. As we celebrate today March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, let us courageously renew our Consecration to Jesus through Mary and ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us on this path of implementation of our General Chapter of 2023.

Happy Solemnity of the Annunciation.

United in prayer,



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