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## Convocation of the XXIV General Chapter

The Superior General of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, invoking the Spirit of the Risen Lord, who guides and sustains his Church, obtained the consent of his Council at the meeting of April 11, 2018, and following the provisions of DG 136.1 and 4, **convenes the XXIV General Chapter of the Congregation**, which will be celebrated in **Rome** at the General Curia, **beginning July 14, 2018**. The closure is scheduled for July 27, 2018, unless the Chapter itself decides otherwise.

### 1. Composition of the General Chapter

In addition to the members established in CST 137, the **delegates** of the Provinces, Regions and Districts dependent on the Superior General will participate in the General Chapter, according to the following principles, established after consulting the Major Superiors, in accordance with DG 137.1:

- Entities with 1 to 50 members will elect 1 delegate,
- Entities with 51 to 150 members will elect 2 delegates,
- Entities with more than 150 members will elect 3 delegates,

taking into account the number of members in each Entity on the date the Chapter is convoked.

For each delegate a substitute will be elected, who will take his place in case of impediment, according to the norm of DG 137.6.

The participants of the Chapter must arrive in Rome by July 13, 2018, ensuring their presence throughout the duration of the work (see DG 137.4).

### 2. Celebration of the Chapters of Entities

The XXIV General Chapter will be an ordinary Chapter, with the task of evaluating the status of the Congregation, electing the new General Government and giving guidelines for the future. For this reason, it calls for the Provinces, Regions, and Districts dependent on the Superior General, to convoke and celebrate their Chapter **by June 15, 2018**, according to DG 136.4, and according to the provisions that will be further communicated. The contributions of the Chapters must arrive at the General Curia no later than June 15, 2018, so as to be taken into consideration by the General Chapter.

Let us pray that the Heart of Christ accompany us with his love in this time of preparation, so we will be available in heart and attitude to welcome This Day of God (CST 147).



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