

REPORT OF THE "JESUS CRUCIFIED" CONFIGURATION TO THE 48TH GENERAL CHAPTER

1. The "Jesus Crucified" Configuration is divided into the **Northern Zone**: the Provinces of St. Paul of the Cross (USA, Canada, Jamaica/West Indies and Puerto Rico), Holy Cross (USA) and Christ the King in Mexico; and the **Southern Zone**: the Provinces of Gethsemane (Brazil, Mozambique, Argentina, and Uruguay) and Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Brazil).
2. One of the most significant **goals** is continuity in the **Northern Zone** in studying the current **migration crisis**, a global problem, focusing attention on the sufferings of migrants, as instruments of God's mercy and compassion; we are a Church without borders. The President, the Major Superiors of the Northern Zone of the "Jesus Crucified" Configuration, the Daughters of the Passion of Jesus Christ and our Lady of Sorrows, the Secular Institute of the Passion and the Lay collaborators have assumed concrete commitments. We participated in the Inter-council meeting in New York, in February 2023, on **Migration**; and the same topic was further addressed in Mexico in 2024. The Director of the Passionist Solidarity Network, Michael Nasello, moderated the Meetings and reported on the process to the Superior General and his Council and invited the **Preparatory Commission** of this 48th General Chapter to call upon the Congregation to prepare objectives in **Formation, Communication and Action in ministry with migrants** - the crucified of our world.
3. We participated in the **36th Provincial Chapter of Holy Cross Province**, June 2023, with the theme: "**Charism without borders.**" The Province suggested concrete actions on the topic "**Passion of the Earth-- Wisdom of the Cross**", *renewing the Passionist Charism*.
4. Due to the resignation of the **Vice President and Secretary of the Configuration, Fr. Giovanni Cipriani**, who was appointed Director of Students in Angola, Africa, **Fr. Alfredo Ocampo** was elected from the CRUC Province.
5. We participated in **the Interprovincial Retreat of the Provinces of Gethsemane and Exaltation of the Holy Cross** in Brazil, August 2023, and celebrated the Assembly in the Southern Zone.

CJC CONFIGURATION REPORT

6. I attended the **Extended Council meeting in Rome** in September 2023, with the General Council, the Presidents of the Configurations, and the members of the Preparatory Commission. We began to organize the 48th General Chapter, in terms of theme, motto, dynamics, etc. with the **Moderators** of the Chapter.

7. We presented to the Superior General the **Norms** for the Election of **Delegates and Substitutes** for the priests, professed students, and Brothers of the Configuration for the 48th General Chapter in Rome, since they were not included in the **Statutes of the Configuration**. They were approved by the Superior General with the consent of his Council.

8. The General Consultors Frs. Eddy Vásquez and Rafael Vivanco, the Major Superiors of the Americas, the Provincial Superior of SCOR, members of the Secular Missionaries of the Passion and the President of the Configuration, gathered in a **General Assembly** in April of this year in Sao Paolo, Brazil. They **elaborated and approved the Regulations of the "Passionists in the Americas", divided into three Zones.**

9. *"Starting from the reality of our people, the **Passionists in the Americas** aim to walk together in strengthening Passionist spirituality, theological reflection, initial and ongoing formation and mission, for improving our lifestyle and for the transmission of the charism".*

10. These **Regulations** contain the **General Principles, the organization, and the various associated entities:**

- **Passionist Formators of the Americas**, whose mission is to foster, coordinate and communicate the formation processes at the level of the Americas.
- **The Passionist Reflection Team of the Americas**, whose mission is to encourage, coordinate and communicate the theological reflection that is being carried out at the American level on the Passionist charism and spirituality, on the Theology of the Cross and on the themes that the Magisterium of the Church and the Congregations are proposing.
- **The Mission Team**, composed of members from the different Zones whose mission is to foster and coordinate missionary activity based on the Passionist identity.

11. Among the services offered to the entire Passionist family and the Church in the Americas are:

- a) **The Castellazzo Retreat--** as a propitious means to experience and to live Passionist spirituality for the laity, male and female Religious, individually or in groups, throughout the Americas.

CJC CONFIGURATION REPORT

- b) ***The Passionists in the Americas Bulletin***—an informative and official instrument of communication of the Passionists in the Americas.
- c) ***The Passionists in the Americas Notebooks***-- A publication of the Theological Reflection team to share their reflections and theological-pastoral research.
- d) The celebration of ***Congresses of Passionist Spirituality and the Theology of the Cross in the zones and in the Americas.***

12. Finally, the specific **Regulations** concerning the **functions** of the Coordinating Team formed by the President, Vice-President, Zone Coordinators and Secretaries. It concludes with the **economic dimension based on an annual budget.**

The **difficulties and challenges** continue to be those highlighted in the XVI Synod of the Congregation:

- Personnel continues to diminish in number, the rising median age, the sick, etc.
- In some **countries**, drug trafficking, violence, insecurity, corruption, organized crime.
- **Learning foreign languages and fields of specialization.**
- Resolve some gaps in the Configuration Bylaws at the next General Assembly.

Francisco Valadez Ramírez C. P.
President of the Configuration