

22nd January 2017

Dear Sisters

CHAPTER of MATS in ASSISI: 25 January—8 February 2017

Greetings from the Communications Team. This is the first Communication to ensure that we are connected. We hope to send out bite-sized information as each day unfolds. 25 members will be gathered in Assisi for the extraordinary CHAPTER OF MATS in Assisi.

This is the first time in the history of our Congregation that such a gathering takes place in Assisi — the home of our Franciscan spirit and charism, where we can draw wisdom for our discernment and decisions which we need to make.

The purpose of this Extra-ordinary Chapter of Mats will be:

To continue the process of implementation of new models of leadership and explore their implications for the Congregation after July 2017.

MEMBERS AT THE CHAPTER OF MATS

Anne Goh	Beatrice Pius	Bee Kennedy	Biatar Ndlovu	Christiana Thomas
Denise Boyle	Ellen Munn	Elvine Msimuko	Helen Doyle	Helena McEvilly
Isobel Loong	Jane Bertelsen	Juliana Chin	Kathleen Murphy	Linda Sim
Martha Musonda	Mary Burke	Monica Weedon	Oneng Mendoza	Rita Satdom
Rogita Bonaventure	Shirley Aeria	Teclar Mukuli	Theresa Ryan	Yeyani Nyoni

ACCOMMODATION & CONFERENCE ROOM

The sisters will be staying at Casa Papa Giovanni Pastoral Centre which overlooks the Umbrian Valley towards Perugia.

TRAVEL

On Wednesday 25 January 2017, our sisters will arrive in Rome and from there will travel to Assisi by train.

DAYS OF PRAYER AND PILGRIMAGE

On 26, 27, 28 January 2017, members will have three days of prayer and pilgrimage in and around Assisi before their 10 days of actual meeting.

FACILITATOR

The facilitator is Margaret O'Brien, an Ursuline Sister and she will be working with us through to the 2019 Chapter.

COMMUNICATION

FMDM website: www.fmdminternational.co.uk

The Communications Team will send the news in the MEMBERS page (for FMDMs only) of our website.

You will need the password: **itWASlight**

We hope that through this communication we will feel united in prayer and spirit with all our members at the Chapter of Mats in Assisi.

With our love and prayers
from the Communication Team

Frances (Hall)
Angeline (Lim)

