

General Chapter 2013 Ladywell



CHAPTER Briefing

Number One



There is a *real buzz* with the latest arrivals of Chapter Members from Malaysia & Singapore, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Ireland & Australia.

As we have less delegates and no observers at this Chapter, all the Chapter Members will be living in either the Retreat Centre or Portiuncula thus creating a much greater sense of Chapter Community.

The Secretariat Team will be living in Greccio.

On the home front, the Hospitality Team has been busy preparing everything to the minutest details (from laundry facilities, meals, transport, fire safety, internet access etc).

True Franciscan Hospitality!





The Chapter Room has been prepared. The recent addition of large plasma screens will certainly mean much less paper and clearer viewing.



The Secretariat and the Communications Team have been hard at work behind the scene.



Sisters Bridget Ehlert and Ann Concannon have just arrived and are getting prepared.



The Opening Eucharist will take place on **Monday 15 April at 9am** in the Chapel.

The Gospel will be from **Mark 6:50** highlighting our Chapter theme.

Let us be united in prayer as we formally open the Chapter.

“Quotes and Shared Wisdom for the Chapter”



“That we will take the lead from Pope Francis”

- Corona



“I feel very encouraged by the new Pope. No formality. I believe that we will sow a seed that will grow. Also, that we will take heart from the changes that is happening.” Teresa Corless and Kay O’Neil



“I have been to one Chapter. I don't really know what shape the Chapter will take, but I am sure the Chapter will evolve and begins to take shape when the process begins.” — Janeen



“I will be praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the Chapter”

— Aine



“That we go back to basics. Also, that Community life be given a priority”

— Anne Spratt



“Keep it simple (the Chapter)” — Sandra



“I feel encouraged to hear the message from the Easter Octave readings of DO NOT BE AFRAID which is so apt for our Chapter.” — Anne Kavanagh



“That we will be more spiritual and less secularized. To have a recognizable outfit. I am so glad you asked me about the Chapter!” — Angela Carroll

“Quotes and Shared Wisdom for the Chapter”



That we will listen attentively, constructively, and actively to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit and having listened that we will be prepared to take risks.

- Martha Musonda (Zambia)



“As we have been saying the Chapter Prayer, I feel sure the Lord would have heard us. My constant prayer is that the Holy Spirit will truly be with the delegates once the Chapter commences. For the Chapter delegates to be “true to oneself” is an asset to the Chapter.”

- Agnes Tan (Singapore)

“I pray that we will elect a team to lead us for the next six years who will follow the norms set by our new Pope and that we opt for a more ‘low key’ approach rather than high powered way. Francesco Berdoglio has set the norm; may we follow it in love and in truth. Let us preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary use words.” - Marie Coyle (Ireland)

“The most exciting part of this Chapter for me is our connectedness to the preparations and feed back we have received before the chapter begins.”

The words of 2 Peter 1:19 came to mind. “We possess the prophetic message as something altogether reliable. Keep your attention closely fixed on it, as you would on a lamp shining in a dark place until the first streaks of dawn appear and the Morning Star rises in your hearts.” - Catherina (Ireland)



“If by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we succeed in never gossiping, it will be a great step forward and will do us all good.” This is a quote from Pope Francis' Mass on 9 April 2013.

“A good quote for all of us to bear in mind at this time!” - Carmel Spratt (Rome)



“To try to be more aware of the importance of our Franciscan element. To Live more simply so that others may simply live, also to be aware of the importance of building relationships in all aspects, thus enabling us to be more faithful witnesses to FEL, GEL, JPIC. Pace e bene!”

- Maura Bermingham (Rome)

“Listen with the ear of your Heart” - Trish Madigan (Zimbabwe)

“Courage it is I do not be afraid” - Mary Rose Doyle (Zimbabwe)