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**TO ALL THE RELIGIOUS OF THE ORDER
THE GRACE AND PEACE OF GOD, OUR FATHER**

Dear Brothers:

We are all aware of the seriousness of the global situation, caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. All aspects of our life and mission have been affected, and we have no clarity on the evolution this situation may have.

Last October we held a first consultation with the Holy See on the possibilities of holding the General Chapter, scheduled for July 2021 in Mexico. We saw that the difficulty is not so much the place, but the possibility of traveling by quite a few of chapter members and the risk of a meeting of so many people for so long. The Holy See's orientation, aware of the difficulty of moving forward with the Institutional Calendar of the Order, was to wait until December 2020 and there to make the most convenient decision.

We have also consulted with numerous religious congregations, and with the Unions of General Superiors of men and women, to learn about the various possibilities that are being thought out.

We are six months away from the Chapter, and the situation remains very complicated, with great difficulties and risks of all kinds. We do not see it possible to prepare or celebrate the General Chapter under conditions that allow the proper participation of all chapter members if the Chapter takes place in July 2021.

For this purpose, we inform you that, with the approval of the Holy See, we have taken the decision to postpone the **48th General Chapter of the Order of the Pious Schools for six months**. The Holy See has extended the mandate of the present General Congregation for this period, so that the life of the Order is not affected by this circumstance.

It seems reasonable to think that this six-month delay will allow the world situation to improve enough to be able to carry out our Chapter, although we are all aware of how unpredictable all we are living is. We wish to share with you the three most important criteria we have taken into account in making this decision.

- a) Trying to ensure that the General Chapter be well prepared, performed normally and with the presence of all chapter members.
- b) Do not prolonging too much - and unnecessarily - the mandate of the current General Congregation.
- c) Preventing the chapter processes of demarcations from being altered by this delay.



This change of dates has also forced us to change the seat of the General Chapter. It will continue to be in Mexico, but we will celebrate, God willing, in the House "Lago de Guadalupe", headquarters the Mexican Episcopal Conference, in the State of Mexico.

Therefore, I officially inform you that, God willing, the 48th General Chapter of the Order will begin on January 20 and end on February 10, 2022, and it will be held, as planned, in Mexico, at the Casa "Lago de Guadalupe", home of the Mexican Episcopal Conference, in Cuautitlán Izcalli, State of Mexico.

We remain united in prayer for the good of mankind and for the life and mission of our Order, so that everything may always be for the Glory of God and the Utility of Others. Get a fraternal hug.

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General Secretary



Fr. Pedro Aguado Sch. P.
Father General

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