



CONGREGATION OF THE FRANCISCAN HOSPITALIER SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION XXVII GENERAL CHAPTER July 12 to August 12, 2019

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SENDING FORTH

In Mary we find the love of a mother. *Go and open you eyes, for she is by your side, now and forever!*

Mary is an example of true joy. *Go and, even if the heart cries, may a smile appear on your lips!*

The “yes” of Mary to God made a new time appear. *Go and open the ears to God, because He awaits your availability!*

Mary opened a new way by walking, progressing in faith. *Go and may your steps journey through life at the pace of the Gospel.*

At the foot of the Cross, Mary courageously accepts suffering. *Go and remain standing, when it comes to suffering to give life.*

Mary is the star that shines pointing to the goal to where we journey. *Go and may she show you that you are destined for the resurrection.*

Go! Mary accompanies you!
(extract from the Marian Consecration at the Shrine of Fatima)

AUGUST 11

The feast of St. Clare of Assisi was celebrated and lived by the Chapter Sisters who, after the Eucharist, continued with their work.

AUGUST 12 – INVESTITURE OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT

At the beginning of the morning, the new General Government took charge. Sr. Shirley Ninfa Fernandes received the Lamp from the hands of the President of the Chapter, Sr. Maria Isilda Freitas, as a symbol of the service of Government. With the lamp in her hands, Sr. Shirley expressed herself saying: “I accept this service and I entrust each of you my Sisters to the hands of God”.



*“Let us conclude, committing ourselves to be pioneers and promoters of life, in Minority, Hospitality and Fruitfulness.”
(Sr. Shirley Ninfa Fernandes, Superior General)*



After this act of faith, all the elected Chapter Sisters received a small lamp and together prayed the Creed of the New Community of Animation of Confhic.



Soon after this moment, Sr. Shirley delivered the closing message to the whole Chapter Assembly from which we highlight: “... let us believe that the Congregation is being called to respond, with greater generosity and radicalism, to the cries of the needy. New and unprecedented emergencies gave rise to new needs that have yet to be attended to. Let us listen to those who knock at our door and respond with enthusiasm. In this spirit and under the guidance of Mary, the Immaculate Hospitaller, with the blessing of our dear Founders, let us conclude, committing ourselves to be pioneers and promoters of life in Minority, Hospitality and Fruitfulness”.

At the end of the morning, the President of the Chapter declared closed the XXVII General Chapter of the Franciscan Hospitaller Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.



*“A providential glance of God watches over us.”
(Blessed Maria Clara do Menino Jesus.)*

The Sisters of the Team of Social Communication of the XXVII General Chapter thank all those who accompanied us during this time.

