



**Priorities for Further Consideration  
During the Coming Years**

**General Chapter 2014**

**Through a discernment process, the General Chapter surfaced the following priorities to which the chapter members will give further consideration during the coming years:**

### **Deeping our Charism and Spirituality**

- We create our communities as spiritual oases, where the spirituality of compassion and the cross are lived authentically and with new zeal.
- We seek new ways to strengthen vocation ministry both within and outside the community.
- We seek new ways to give expression to our Charism today.

### **Living in Dialogue**

- We deepen the four dimensions of dialogue: with God, with ourselves, with the community, with the world.
- We cultivate respectful dialogue with each other and promote communal discernment.
- We are in dialogue with the Church and the world with a sisterly attitude.

### **New Structures/New Forms**

- We develop new life giving structures based on new concepts.
- We collaborate as much as possible with other provinces and vicariates and make the outcome available to all.
- We strive to build a community suitable for our present time.

### **Leadership**

- We provide a good training for our sisters for future leadership tasks.
- We look for new and creative forms of leadership in our communities.
- Where needed, a superior and a non-member of our congregation may share the responsibilities of leadership in a local community.

### **Greater Respect for the Gifts of the Laity**

- We take care to deal openly and respectfully with lay people.
- We make our sisters aware of the need to share leadership tasks in a community.
- We introduce our Charism to our co-workers by sharing with them our guiding vision and our values.

### **Greater Collaboration and Networking**

- We accept the different realities in our provinces and vicariates.
- We intensify our interprovincial and continental way of thinking and acting and create the necessary conditions, for example—learning learning languages.
- We dare to enter into networking on different levels with congregations, organisations, apostolates and other matters that are important to us.

### **Poor Among the Poor**

- In all our considerations and decisions we give priority to the option for the poor.
- We practice a simple lifestyle in solidarity with the poor.
- We expand the already existing projects concerning human trafficking and support those working in this area through our interest and prayer.

### **New Forms of Apostolate**

- We are open to find new and diverse ways to reach out to the people of today.
- We pay attention to people we meet in our everyday life and help them feel at home with us.
- We support individual apostolates that correspond to our Charism.