



THE PREPARATORY CAPITULAR COMMISSION FOR THE DRAFTING OF THE INSTRUMENTUM LABORIS

Oggetto: *sharing the first guidelines regarding the work of the Commissions, Secretariats, Offices and Services, and Fraternities in the preparatory process for the General Chapter 2027.*

Dear brothers, may the Lord give you peace!

As the Preparatory Capitular Commission responsible for drafting the *Instrumentum laboris*, we are writing to initiate a dialogue aimed at gathering the fruit of an initial work of discernment toward the General Chapter.

By its very nature, the General Chapter 2027 is called to be a fraternal and spiritual event, fully synodal. The proposals that have emerged and been shared so far indicate the desire for a journey of communion that is open, inclusive, and well prepared, in which the voice of the entire Franciscan family may be heard.

The theme of the Chapter is centered on evangelization and oriented toward opening the Order decisively to the future. The general theme is shared below:

FRIARS MINOR ON MISSION: FOLLOWING CHRIST AND PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL TODAY TOWARD GOD'S FUTURE

Following the Gospel of Christ amid technologies, pluralism, and human frailty toward a prophetic Franciscan presence in our time
"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20)

Within this horizon, the reference to Francis — a man who embraced the Gospel as a way of life — helps us to read the new challenges not as paralyzing threats, but as places where the Spirit calls us to a mission that is more humble, creative, and courageous.

The worksheets for reflection and discernment constitute activation tools offered to the various participants involved (commissions, secretariats, offices and services, fraternities, ... of the different entities) to journey together toward the General Chapter.

These tools, appropriately adapted and used in the different contexts, should lead each entity to prepare a synthesis and to share with our Commission what has emerged. The deadlines for your responses can be found in the respective worksheets. This will be precious and fundamental for the drafting of the *Instrumentum laboris* of the Chapter.

Further orientations and operational guidelines are shared through a Letter that can be downloaded from the page dedicated to the General Chapter 2027 on the Order's website at the following link:

www.capitologenerale2027.ofm.org

For each Conference, an online meeting will be convened in the coming months to review the materials together and share working guidelines related to the worksheets. For any need of clarification, we invite you to contact our Preparatory Commission directly by sending an email to: capgensec@ofm.org

On behalf of the Preparatory Capitular Commission for the Drafting of the
Instrumentum laboris



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