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DECISIONS CGE 2023

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SHARING OUR CHARISM

The CSA International Education Network will meet in Congo, 15th - 25th May 2023. This meeting will focus on the educational work of the CSA in Congo and on the **CSA Educational Pact**. Based on the text voted at the Chapter: "Towards a CSA Educational Pact", the Network will define the commitment of the Congregation, valid whatever the mission and insertion of the Sisters (school, university, hospital, formation centre, parish, NGO, etc.) and which can be adapted in each country by the educators themselves.

FORMATION

A. First Formation :

The next Session of Formators will take place from **21st to 29th January 2024**, in Rome and at Casa La Salle, Villa Pacis not yet being in operation on those dates. It will be facilitated by Sister Anne Chapell who opened our 2022 Chapter.

The objective of this meeting is primarily to reread the **First Formation Handbook** (Angers, 2016; Ho Nai, 2018) and to evaluate its relevance but also to point out its insufficiencies or shortcomings (especially concerning abuse, witchcraft, integral ecology, integration of personal history etc.) and to respond to them.

J³

The EGC has confirmed the offer of a 3rd Juniorate experience to young sisters with less than 5 years of Final Profession.

J³ will be followed and completed by a time of apostolic internship in formative host communities where prayer life, community life and apostolic life are intertwined on a daily basis.

The duration of this internship will be from 3 months to 1 year, depending on the maturity and availability of each sister.

➤ Calendar :

2024		2025		2026		2027		2028
J ³		EGC Bursars	A.I.	J ⁴			A.I.	



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Vocations Ministry

Each Vicariate is to assume this pastoral ministry by looking for ways of presenting the call to Religious Life wherever the sisters live and work.

N.B. It is not possible for us to honour the request to set up an itinerant group, given the previous decisions on Formation.

B. Ongoing Formation :

Formation for Leadership

This is provided as much as possible in each country, especially during the visits of the Generalate. The first session will take place in Vietnam, from **8th to 14th December 2023**.

It will focus on the specificity of **CSA leadership** which depends on Augustinian spirituality, the pedagogy of Peter Fourier, etc.; it will also give the leaders management skills.

N.B. The EGC reminds us of the necessity of :

- a **Job Description (Letter of Mission)** for all those who are in charge: whether it concerns a community or an apostolic work, no mission can be entrusted without specifying the objectives, and the expectations of the Vicariate.

It is on the basis of this letter that each one will be able to give an annual account of her life to her Vicar.

- **spiritual accompaniment and supervision** for all leaders.¹

INTER-GENERATION

The EGC discussed:

- planning for the future of properties: houses suitable for elderly sisters: "houses for living, not for dying".

- language learning by Zoom between Sisters from different countries and different age groups

- international exchanges between Sisters from Europe by promoting non-verbal communication (sharing of skills), interpersonal links (Zoom with translation), bilateral meetings...

We had a debate on the internationality of our mission without, however, coming to any conclusions, simply rereading the past:

- mission linked to the history of colonization is not a model to be reproduced

¹ Cf. Decisions of the EGC 2018: "Accompany – Challenge – Give Account"



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- the Second Vatican Council gave priority to inculturation/acclimatization
 - CSA superiors have taken care not to put the youngest at the service of the oldest, thus depriving the Vicariates of human resources necessary for the mission.

We noted, however, that Congregations today are returning to an international novitiate and that the youngest sisters favour this international dimension.

OUR COMMON HOME

Laudato Si'

The EGC decided to give priority to actions of the Congregation which combine Laudato Si' with our charism, summed up in our motto "**Do harm to none, do good to all**" – "**Make him grow**".

- It is no longer a question of just listing everything we do (composting, reducing our carbon footprint, recycling, fair trade...)
- The link person(s) for each country must inspire, organise, collect and transmit these actions to the Generalate who will publish them on the website.

Some proposals from the EGC:

- Not just actions but a spiritual focus: a short prayer for the whole CSA and its co-workers.
- Not just individual asceticism but a mobilizing educational aim (cf. Congo: campaigns against early marriage and teenage pregnancies; conflict management/mediation: apprenticeship/training of mediators; designation of 'Congregation Eco-schools').
- Awareness-raising to enhance life (countering ultra-conservative conspiracy theories, predictions of 'the Great Replacement' or of the extinction of natural resources); to call for more hope (our strategy must be based on a God who always defends life: cf. Gn 7 to 9; Dt 20, 19; Rm 8...).

CSA Safeguarding Commitment

It cannot be denied that there are cases of abuse everywhere and that the Congregation is not immune. The EGC therefore asks each country to draw up a precise text answering



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these questions: who watches over what/who does what? (who receives, listens, supports the victims, decides on sanctions in conformity with the law of the country?)

Text to be sent to the Generalate by September 16th.

The Generalate, for its part, with the help of experts, is thinking about a "risk map" and the implementation of new measures: e.g. an audit of the countries every 3-4 years.

OTHER DECISIONS

A. The Website

The EGC was able to explore the website reworked by our webmaster, Johann Cordier (new search engine, changes in presentation, sections to be reworked or created)

We committed ourselves to feed the website, in particular :

- the history of each country (including the family tree which must be extended)
- work for vocations
- the Associates
- Laudato Si'

B. The Common Fund

Raymond Verley gave an update on

- the economic situation of the countries and the state of their reserves
- The Common Fund

Six years after its creation (EGC 2016, Jundiai), in accordance with the rules we had given ourselves, we have to think about what we want to do with this centralization of our capital resources.

The EGC has decided to maintain the principle of payments to the Common Fund by countries that have surplus reserves. The amount of these payments is calculated by maintaining the criteria used for the Long Term Forecast (LTF) made in each country. The final amount is set after dialogue with the Generalate and is re-assessed every 3 years.

C. Health Care

In order to ensure health coverage in countries where there is no health insurance, Raymond Verley presented the different options offered by EMI (Entraide Missionnaire/Help for Missions), which is now part of MSH.



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Viszlát !
Au revoir !
Adeus !
Goodbye
Zbohom !
Arrivederci !
Tạm biệt !

