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Dear Sisters,

We are now gathered as the General Council after having held the first EGC of this mandate with the Vicars from Brazil, Congo, France, Vietnam and Slovakia, and the Delegates from Belgium and Great Britain. The simultaneous translation outstandingly provided by Thanh Nga [*for Lan Nhi*] and Otilia [*for Majka*], allowed for fluent and effective communication between us all.

The welcome provided by our Sisters, Françoise, Marie-Thérèse and Gemma [*Ildiko*], combined with that of the Mindszenty School, enabled us to live this week of work in a climate of outstanding considerateness : it is an understatement to say that we lacked for nothing!

Thank you to everyone for having offered us this "living environment" valued by us all, communities and schools alike.

As I told you in the Christmas Letter, we revisited the Orientations voted at the Chapter and reflected on their implementation. You will find attached a summary of the decisions taken by the EGC. Some of them require a plan of action, others do not, but all of them are binding on us, regardless of our situation. They are the fruit of a communal discernment which, with the help of our Brother Jean-Claude Lavigne, led us to adopt them with splendid unanimity. In the light of these decisions, it is no longer only the Generalate who "must do/organize" things or to whom "we ask/recommend to do" them: the whole Congregation is committed.

In this time of Lent which calls us to the humility of conversion, let us joyfully continue along the road opened up by the Chapter. Let us ask for the grace of the simplicity and strength of Alix and Pierre Fourier whose faces and relics were present at our daily Eucharist.

With all my sisterly affection

Cécile
Together with Graça, Thu Phuong, Fidélie,
Marie-Alexia and Kim Ngoc



Mindszenty School



Our meeting (class)room



Headmaster Gabor and Vicky, French teacher and our Guide during our visit to the Abbey.

Visit to the Benedictine Abey at Pannonhalma

