

Profile for General Leadership in the C.PP.S. 2007-2013

Challenges for General Leadership

1. Moving to a new stage in the development of the Three Pillars of the C.PP.S. as a Society of Apostolic Life.

1.1. Mission

- Develop a Congregation-wide understanding of the theology and spirituality of mission today (unfinished business for the XVIII General Assembly)
- Issues of exchange of members between units (facilitation of exchange, evaluation of the effectiveness of exchange for the units involved)
- Lead the Congregation into a deeper sense of a call to the New Evangelization or Re-evangelization that gives primacy to preaching the Word in all its forms, to the Eucharist, and to the option for the poor.

1.2. Community

- Issues of cross-regional, international formation of C.PP.S. identity as part of formation (initial or ongoing): at what point is there a critical mass of candidates? At what level of formation? For what duration of time?
- Deepen renewal of community life, both for the sake of the members and as witness to mission
- Assure education, prevention of members regarding sexual abuse as well as care for those who have been involved in abuse

1.3. Spirituality

- Work toward a spiritual renewal of the Congregation as a means of re-entering the work of “refounding”
- Continue to develop Precious Blood spirituality, especially around the theme of *caritas*

2. Working through the challenges to the units of the Congregation, North and South

- Attending to the issues of the North:
 - *The declining number of active members
 - *The consequences of declining numbers for apostolic commitments
 - *The impact of declining numbers on maintaining financial resources

- *The need to ensure vocation ministry
- *The need to open up new spaces for ministry even as older commitments cannot be maintained
- Attending to the issue of the South:
 - *Building the capacity—economically and in leadership—that will lead to units in the South achieving autonomy as provinces
 - *Development of vocation ministry
 - *Development of ongoing formation for members
 - *Strengthen community life
 - *Open new areas of ministry
 - *Work with the burgeoning populations of youth
 - *Strengthen option for the poor in our ministries and in the witness of our lives
- Keeping North and South in dialogue as a single Congregation, sharing a common identity and spirituality
 - *Establish a better flow of information on how actions in the North affect the lives and ministries of those in the South
 - *Help both North and South see each other as they are and understand better each other's hopes and dreams
 - *Establish ways of evaluating exchange so that neither side is disadvantaged
- Attend to the processes and consequences of changes needed in the North to understand and give space for action in the South

3. Developing the vocation of the lay faithful in the Church

- Strengthening relationships with lay associates within the Congregation
- Include the laity more in our pastoral plans and action
- Fostering a Precious Blood spirituality adequate to the lay vocation
- Accompanying lay associates in their development of their vocations

4. Strengthening the voice of justice and reconciliation

- Attention to human rights (especially right to life and dignity of the human person)
- Attention to ecological issues (e.g., in Peru and Brazil) and the integrity of creation
- Greater attention to the poor, and assuring the voice of poor in our planning and ministry
- Greater attention to migration (both within countries and between them), and the consequences for those who migrate, those they leave behind, and those who receive them
- Greater attention to the victims of violence and struggle against the causes of violence
- Work toward reconciliation at all levels (socially, economically, within the Church, within the family)

Qualities Sought in Those Who Accept Leadership

The Moderator General should be someone who:

- Is a person of deep faith and holiness, steeped in the charism of the Congregation and the Spirituality of the Blood of Christ
- Is able to translate the charism and spirituality into action
- Can evoke and foster a common vision for the Congregation
- Who keeps the questions—both the signs of the times and living out the charism of the Congregation—before the membership
- Can lead spiritual renewal within the Congregation
- Can animate the General Council to join him in this process and who can model spiritual renewal
- Has a capacity or a willingness to learn interaction in a multicultural and multilingual Congregation
- Can represent the Congregation in the wider Church and society

Members of the General Council:

- Should together have the linguistic capacities to communicate with the Congregation
- Should have talents that complement those of the Moderator General
- Should be able together to have talents needed to meet the challenges before the Congregation
- Should be able to work as a team with the Moderator General and with one another
- Should be able together to have the capacities for staffing the needs of the General Curia
- Should together embody the efforts at spiritual renewal needed for the Congregation
- Should have on the Council effective representation of voices from the South