



## PRESENTATION

Dear Brothers,

The Interchapter Assembly, participated by the Major Superiors of the 18 Circumscriptions of the Congregation together with the members of the General Government, was celebrated in the Philippines, 14-28 February 2013, as truly a “time of favour” and moments of “extraordinary riches of grace”.

Dubbed truly as a working Interchapter Assembly, its two main objectives were spelt out by the Superior General Fr. Silvio Sassi in his convocation letter dated 26 November 2012, thus: “to check the plans drawn up by the General Chapter”, half-way of the mandate of the present General Government; and, “to discuss with the Major Superiors the more urgent problems facing the Congregation” that have to be addressed in the remaining three years. The Superior General has asked further the Major Superiors what to substantially contribute in synthesis as outlined in the *attachment* of the convocation letter.

The principal themes and compelling activities of the Interchapter Assembly can be gleaned from this present issue of *San Paolo*, like the important interventions of the Superior General and the *Final Document*. Besides, an entire week alone was dedicated to the purposeful study and proposals for the revision of the *SSP Constitutions and Directory* in view of the next General Chapter. For this, Fr. Teófilo Pérez was invited as *Consultant*. Other matters and issues of the Interchapter Assembly can be accessed through a dedicated link in our [www.paulus.net](http://www.paulus.net) website, or one can directly request of any related information from the Secretary General ([seggen@paulus.net](mailto:seggen@paulus.net)).

We truly thank and praise the One and Triune God for the innumerable graces received, especially the experience of true fraternity and collaboration during the days spent in Alfonso, Cavite and the diversity of gifts and capacities of members demonstrated in print, sounds and visuals in accomplishing our mission for people of today using the traditional and current means in the culture of communication. We also express our dutiful gratitude to our confreres of the Philippine-Macau Province who were instrumental to the success of the Interchapter Assembly for their generous hospitality and round-the-clock availability in organizing the event.

The participants now continue “to strain forward” with renewed hope in our Congregation, at the threshold of celebrating its Centenary “in creative fidelity to the gift received” while remaining faithful to the ideals of Blessed James Alberione, in the example of our Father St. Paul and under the maternal care and guidance of Mary Queen of Apostles.

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*Vicar General*

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