



“READING” OUR 2ND GENERAL CHAPTER LOGO

Inspired by the Holy See’s instruction *The Gift of Fidelity and the Joy of Perseverance*, we have chosen as the theme of our 2nd General Chapter, the burning words of Jesus: **“Remain [rooted] in my love”** (John 15:9). In this instruction we are told that to remain in Our Lord’s love is where the fidelity and perseverance of a consecrated vocation is found.

Our Lord’s sacrificial love for the Father and for all humankind is the *habitat* of our existence and the secret of the fruitfulness of our Congregation. We are called to be deeply rooted in His Paschal Mystery, the sanctifying rays of which light up every moment of our day and night.

Like the beloved “Doves of the Crucified,” we strive never to depart from contemplating the holy Face, the Heart, the Blood and the sacred Wounds of our Bridegroom, treasuring His saving merits in order to pour them out on a sinful world. Here, in our characteristic “*habitat*” we are “at home” with Mary, the Mediatrix of all Graces, continually devoted to collecting, with her, the saving fruits of Christ’s Passion in order to pour them out on souls.

If we strive to live the graced moments of our 2nd General Chapter with Mary in the all-embracing light of Christ’s sacrificial love, we will find the wisdom, patience, and joyful love to persevere in seeking the Father’s will together in a spirit of attentive listening, respect for each other and a selfless communion of charity.

And then, please God, we will return to our monasteries, more committed as pure doves of the Crucified and handmaids of the Lord, ready to implement the work and resolutions of our 2nd General Chapter.