



XVIII GENERAL CHAPTER

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SOCIETY OF SAINT TERESA OF JESUS



WITH ENTHUSIASM AND GREAT JOY



We present an excerpt of the vision and Chapter option, which is the result of the shared discernment of sisters and many others who have participated in the preparation and celebration of the XVIII General Chapter of the Society of St. Teresa of Jesus.

This process has been an authentic synodal experience, in which we have enjoyed walking in communion and committing ourselves to the creation of a future full of hope.

We have shared life through the processes of reorganization and our charismatic identity, and we have committed ourselves to undertake a journey of conversion that will open our minds and hearts to a new community awareness that transcends the sum of our individualities.

We only understand life and mission



The Spirit inspires an active, prophetic, and creative HOPE in us. We realize that Teresian spirituality restores the beauty and dignity of every person, nourishes our awareness of being family, and moves us to care and to heal.

We commit ourselves to:

- Grow in the new awareness of our community identity and foster synodality.
- Collaborate in seeking the common good and in building global citizenship.

We want to continue nurturing life so that the world may live.

To create this new vision, we want to focus on the following:

- 1 GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP**
Strengthen, in all areas of mission, a transformative Teresian education that forms for global citizenship, community awareness, and the search for the common good.
- 2 A TERESIAN SPIRITUALITY**
Listen to reality, rediscover the value of silence, spend time encountering Jesus through prayer and collaborate with Him in the healing of wounds left by conflicts, poverty, and migration.
- 3 A SYNODAL STYLE**
Create open and inclusive communities, collaborate for the common good, create paths of communion, and live out a shared leadership style.
- 4 INTERCULTURAL LEARNING**
To value and welcome differences and be enriched, as a community, by the diversity that is a part of who we are and what we have.
- 5 VOCATIONAL CULTURE**
Foster a Teresian vocational youth ministry that will help young people to encounter God and experience faith, based on their needs. Help young people to discover the value of their inner life, and open ourselves to their reality.