

December 21, 2015

Dear Delegate,

May the grace of the Risen Lord be with you!

As you know, the 42nd General Assembly of the Congregation of the Mission will be held at DePaul University in Chicago, IL (USA) from June 27 – July 15, 2016. The motto of GA2016 is: *“Let us allow ourselves to be renewed by the missionary vitality of our Vincentian vocation.”*

Our theme is:

*“The Congregation of the Mission:
four hundred years of fidelity to its charism and the New Evangelization”.*

You should have already received from DePaul a Letter of Invitation, especially helpful for those who need to obtain a Visa to enter the United States. If anyone is in need of any further information regarding this matter, please send an email to Rome as soon as possible: ag2016@cmglobal.org.

At this time, we are writing to provide you with the information you will need to plan your trip and to invite you to formally register for the meeting.

Please save all receipts related to travel expenses. Copies of these receipts will be needed by the Economy General so that the costs of the meeting can be properly allocated to the provinces. Delegates to the Assembly MUST provide a copy of their airline ticket showing the actual airfare paid. All receipts will be collected at the Assembly. All travel reimbursements and charges for the costs of the Assembly will be made through the Province's account in Rome. Absolutely NO cash reimbursements will be given at the assembly.

Please return the Registration Form to us at ag2016@cmglobal.org no later than **January 29, 2016**.

We look forward to being with you soon.

Your brothers in Christ,

Joseph Agostino, *Coordinator*
Adam Borowski, *Secretary*
Orlando Escobar
Joaquín González Hernando
Fernando Mucavele
Robertus Wijanark

Registration Form

Full Name:

Province:

Visa and Insurance Information (if you have not provided it yet):

Full Name as printed on your passport:

Name as you would like it to appear on your name badge:

Country that issued your current passport:

Passport number:

Date that your current passport expires:

Do you need insurance coverage? Please answer YES or NO

Travel Information

Arrival

Date:

Airline & Flight Number:

Time of Flight Arrival:

*****Please plan to arrive through Chicago's O'Hare International Airport (ORD).

Departure

Date:

Airline & Flight Number:

Time of Flight Departure:

Other Information

The language(s) I speak comfortably:

Do you have any allergies to foods?: Please circle: Yes or No

If yes, please specify allergies:

Do you have any special medical needs or requirements?:

Please circle: Yes or No

If yes, please specify:

Information Sheet for GA 2016

Arrivals and Departures: Please fly through Chicago's O'Hare International Airport (ORD). We will arrange trips from the airport to the University for the delegates on a regular basis, based on flight schedules. You will be contacted with details for these trips once we have received everyone's registration forms. Should you wish to take a taxi from the airport; the cost will be approximately \$50 USD.

If your flight is delayed: please call or email with your new arrival information.

Phone: 1-312-362-5544

Email: GA2016@depaul.edu

Please plan to arrive no later than **Sunday, June 26, 2016**. Lunch will be available for the delegates at the University at 12:30 PM and supper at 6:00 PM on Sunday. Please do not plan to leave the University until **Saturday, July 16, 2016**.

If you are planning to arrive earlier than Sunday, June 26th or leave later than Saturday, July 16th, please notify the Curia if you are requesting hospitality at DePaul.

Currency: The US Dollar is the currency in the US. Please change your money at the airport (or at a bank) before you arrive. This service will not be accessible at the University.

Climate: The weather may be very hot and humid in Chicago in July. All meeting and residence spaces will be air conditioned. You will want to dress accordingly.

Rooms: Each confrere will have a private room; there will be a shared bathroom for every two confreres. Your room will be cleaned and your bed linens changed twice, at the end of each week, through your stay at the University.

Electricity: The electrical current in the US is 120V. Please bring an adapter or converter with you, if needed.

Computers: The University will have Wi-Fi available throughout the Campus for the confreres at the Assembly. Confreres will also have the ability to print materials at stations that will be established throughout the residential and meeting facilities.

Laundry: There will be a laundry service available for the use of the confreres during their stay at the University. Confreres will also have easy access to laundry rooms in the residence if they wish to wash their own clothes.

Prayers and Liturgies: Sheets will be prepared for our prayer services and Masses. *Please bring your own alb.* We will provide stoles. Please bring with you a worship aid containing the readings of the day in your own language.

Communications: As previously mentioned, each confrere will have Wi-Fi access to email, etc. If you are expecting any mail / packages they should be sent to:
DePaul Vincentian Residence; DePaul University; 2233 N. Kenmore Avenue; Chicago, IL, 60614-3594, USA.

The phone number, for leaving messages, is: 1-312-362-5544.

Email contact (if needed): GA2016@depaul.edu

Overview of the Schedule

The schedule is not in its final form at this time. But what follows below is a general listing of the daily schedule which we will use at DePaul University.

On Sunday evening, June 26, we will have an orientation to the Assembly beginning at 6:00 PM. Dinner will immediately follow at 7:00 PM. The Assembly opens on Monday, June 27th. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 AM.

The basic schedule for the 3 weeks is as follows:

(Meditation in Private)
7:00 AM: Mass (combined with Morning Prayer)
8:00: Breakfast
9:00: Session
10:30: Break
11:00: Session
12:30 PM: Lunch
3:00: Session
4:30: Break
5:00: Session
6:30: Evening Prayer (in the conference room)
7:00: Dinner

Generally, evenings are free after the last session.

There will be a welcome dinner from DePaul University on Thursday, June 30th.

The Retreat Day before the election of the Superior General will be on Sunday, July 3rd.

Monday, July 4th, is a holiday and free day. That evening there will be a dinner hosted by the Western Province for the delegates to the Assembly and the confreres from the Chicago region.

There will be a boat ride and dinner in the evening of July 7th.

There is a half day (morning) session scheduled for Saturday, July 9th. The afternoon and evening is free. Sunday, July 10th is a free day after a Mass with the Vincentian Family at 10:00 AM.

The Assembly will close with a dinner on Friday, July 15th.

Other (optional) recreational activities will be planned over the course of the three weeks. You will be informed of them as plans are firmed up.