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## INTRODUCTION

### Loving Our Xaverian Vocation

The beginning of the community year is always the moment for reviving our missionary ideal with new enthusiasm. During the planning of our Community Project of Life, we picked the coming XVIII General Chapter's theme "*Loving Our Xaverian Vocation*" as the inspirative direction of our community year. We are aware of the great gift we received with our calling as people who have been touched by the infinite love of God, just like the young Saint Guido perceived the love of the Crucifix, and who desire this love to be experienced by any man and woman in the world.

We are also aware that loving our missionary vocation calls us for the responsibility to take care of our human face which represents an essential element and tool for living mission. For this reason, we decided to focus on this particular dimension of our life. Jesus himself did not despise his humanity. In fact, in Christ, "the assumed [human] nature inseparably united to Him, serves the divine Word as a living organ of salvation" (LG 8). Thus, we desire to grow in the awareness of who we are and to take care of our human face as an essential element of our formation and missionary vocation. We cannot become missionaries if we are not integrally human.

We also desire to keep syntonized with the universal Church which is currently reflecting upon synodality to get closer to the ideal of the Trinitarian communion in its life and structure. For this reason, our Community Project of Life tries to orient our life and apostolic activities toward a more shared responsibility as a deeper sense of the Xavierian family. Deepening our communion cannot but foster mission.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the community who gave their contribution to the formulation of the Community Project of Life which required energy, patience, sharing ideas, and the capacity to listen and humbly accept each other's opinions, in particular, while disagreements aroused. It was in itself an exercise of synodality. We are also grateful for the presence of fr. Eugenio Pulcini who helped us with some important insights at the beginning of the formulation of this Project of Life.

We now humbly entrust this community effort to the Blessed Mary's care. May this community planning help us live in accord with God's will upon each one of us, our community, and the mission entrusted to us.

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*This year the Xaverian International Theologate of Manila is composed of 14 members from 7 countries*



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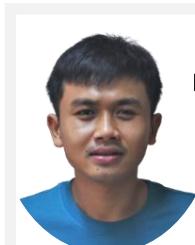
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# **PRIORITY**

**“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit...” (John 15:16).**

The theme of the upcoming General Chapter, *Loving Our Xaverian Vocation*, refers to the ‘greatness’ of our vocation and our personal identity as missionaries. For us, this theme is constantly relevant. It engages us directly, wherever we may be, and whatever the task we are carrying out. Only by authentically (and affectively) accepting our vocation and daring to verify the way we are Missionaries *ad gentes, ad extra, and ad vitam* today can we really be faithful to our vocation in a significant way (Letter of General Direction: Rome, July 9th, 2022). With this in mind and heart, we desire to live this new beginning, as Theology Community, by reflecting on the human dimension involving all our wholeness: our intelligence (I know what I want); our affectivity (I love what I want); and our will (I do what I love and I freely decide to love what I do). Our Founder, St. Guido M. Conforti, places Christ at the heart of his life and spirituality. He uses the suggestive language of the letter to the Hebrews: “turn your minds to Jesus” (Heb 12:2, cf. RFX 38). He also emphasizes that “every one of us should be intimately persuaded that the vocation to which we have been called could not be greater or more noble; it draws us close to Christ” (TL 1), whose humanity is the living instrument of salvation (LG 8).

Since the Chapter is an ecclesial and family event involving all Xaverians, we, as a community of Theologate of Manila, journey together in communion with the whole congregation. Being aware of our call, each one of us must therefore nourish a profound interest in his own human growth, in the awareness that human formation is both a personal effort and a grace that we must desire, ask for, and welcome (RFX 293). Realizing that it was not we who chose the Lord, but the Lord chose us and appointed us to go and bear fruit (cf. John 15:16), we express our joy and gratitude to the Lord for having called us to be His witnesses among those who do not know Him yet. This is our particular and specific vocation within the Church. Whatever we

do must be at its service (see Msgr. Conforti's Lettera Circolare n. 7, January 25th, 1929).

Responding to the call of Pope Francis to journey in Synodality, we are encouraged to live out the pillars of the synodal Church actively: communion, participation, and mission together as a community. We do so by listening together to the Word of God in Scripture and the living Tradition of the Church, and then by listening to one another, especially those at the margins, discerning the signs of the times. In fact, the whole Synodal Process aims to foster a lived experience of discernment, participation, and coresponsibility, where diversity of gifts is brought together for the Church's mission in the world (cf. <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/EN-Vademecum-with-Appendices-A-B-CD.pdf>).

# **DIMENSIONS**

## 1. The Human Face of the Xaverian

The humanity of Jesus is the instrument through which salvation has been given to us (cf. PDV 43, RFX 293). Jesus who invites us to learn from him (cf. Mt 11:29) is a perfect example to imitate in the journey of human growth. The way He lived among the people becomes the source of our strength and inspires us to go and bear much fruits as missionaries.

Drawing from the spirit of the preparation for the coming General Chapter, we are invited to be “constructively critical toward our situation, in order to help us live a life more coherent with the demands of our missionary vocation” (Announcement of the XVIII General Chapter: Rome, June 11th, 2022). Furthermore, “we are constantly urged to look for new, humble and concrete answers to the serious questions arising from the many changes that befall us” (Towards the XVIII General Chapter. Some guidelines for its preparation: *Rome, July 9th, 2022*).

In the process of formation, we acknowledge that we are the first responsible for our own growth, recognizing and accepting our strengths and weaknesses, talents and wounds, and integrating all aspects of our lives through the help of our formators and companions. Thus, “each one of us must [...] nourish a profound interest in his own human growth, in the awareness that human formation is both personal effort and a grace that we must desire, ask for and welcome” (RFX 293). Some concrete markers of the Xaverian human face can be found in Constitutions 4: “... the Founder wanted his missionaries to possess broad vision, a rich and balanced personality capable of adaptation, and a cultural formation consistent with the demands of our mission. Faithful to his desire, we cultivate a creative spirit, free from bias and prejudice about people, cultures, ambiance, and methods of evangelization” (cf. FR 52).

## Means & Moments

- **The Personal Project of Life** encompasses all the dimensions of our life and time management. It will be prepared and submitted at the beginning of the school year and evaluated after the second semester with a written report. The PPL must be synchronized with the CPL. The PPL should be deepened during the Spiritual Direction and with the Rector during the formative dialogue.
- **Formative Dialogue and Spiritual Direction.** Each of us is required to have a spiritual director, who will be chosen in dialogue with the rector. We meet with the rector and the spiritual director monthly to share with trust and openness our spiritual journey, difficulties, and joys (cf. C 59.1).
- **Psycho-diagnostics and Counseling:** the psychological assessment may take place during the second year of presence in the community. Psychological counseling can be done anytime according to the need.
- **Informal Sharing** is everyone's initiative. We encourage each other to be more open and proactive. This personal sharing should be more spontaneous where we can share more about our personal experiences in order to make ourselves one and enrich our human growth.
- **Storytelling:** twice per semester some of us (Purba, Isidore, Friwandi, and Martinus) will share about our life and vocational journey. We are encouraged to share more about the feelings and spiritual experiences we had at the starting point of our vocational journey for our reciprocal growth.
- **Cultural Nights** will be held twice a year. It will involve the presentation of the country, the history of the Xaverian presence, and the main traits of that particular culture. The countries

selected for this year are **Brazil** and **Burundi**. The committee for the celebrations will be responsible for the implementation of this activity.

- **Cultural Activities:** we will hold some activities in order to nourish our general knowledge and learn more about Filipino culture, history, and arts.
- **Holistic Formation:** according to our own possibilities (time, capacity, talents), we are encouraged to choose, in our Personal Project of Life, one personal skill or ability that we would like to cultivate for our personal growth, community service, and the needs of the mission.
- **Fraternal correction:** it will be held at the beginning of Lent. Everyone in the community is highly encouraged to participate in this activity, in which we mention both positive and negative aspects. Aside from the formal fraternal correction, each brother is encouraged to practice the informal fraternal correction during the year.

## 2. Contemplative Dimension

Prayer is a very important part of our lives in that it enables us to remain in a habitual union with the Lord. It is the chain that links us to Him, whom we serve and who sends us in mission. Without prayer, we are cut off from the Lord, the source of our vocation. In the mind of Saint Guido Maria Conforti, “consecration is born of the contemplation of the crucified Christ and of the love made manifest therein: this is how we should love” (RMX 15).

Our vocation demands prayer as our first and principal activity. We are called to “act in constant union with Christ from whom we incessantly draw inspiration” (C 42) of “our thoughts, love, and action” (C 3) until Christ be formed in us (cf. Gal. 4:19). Through prayer, we enter in dialogue with the Lord who assumed our nature in order to make us partakers of His divinity.

We are aware that Christ is in our midst whenever we gather as a community in His name (cf. Mat 18:20), “when we pray, at the altar, when we study, in the many activities of our ministry, in our dealings with others, in times of distress, sorrow and temptation” (TL 7). According to Saint Guido Maria Conforti, our activities must be nurtured by heavenly thoughts and prayer, that is our strength. Only in this way, is our work constant and profitable, because fecundated by the blessing of the Lord (cf. PDP 64).

## Means & Moments

- **Personal Prayer:** each of us is committed to defining in his PPL how to live his daily encounter with God. At least one hour daily should be dedicated to personal prayer.
- **The Eucharist** (cf. Timetable, p.35). In order to facilitate the preparation of the celebration, we will make a special effort to observe 30 minutes of silence before and after the Mass, making sure that everything is prepared beforehand and our punctuality guaranteed.
- **Praying for one another:** each one of us will pray for the confreres around the world and especially for the members of our community as a way of growing together in holiness and mutually supporting in our mission.
- **Our departed confreres** and beloved relatives will be remembered with special mention during the Eucharistic Prayer. During our prayer, we are encouraged to share our personal experiences about those deceased confreres we have personally known.
- **Xaverian Martyrs:** we commit ourselves to give special attention to the remembrance of these confreres as witnesses to holiness in mission (cf. C 51). We are asked to check the list of Xaverian Martyrs displayed in the sacristy.
- **The Word of God:** in order to preserve the dignity of the celebration, we will improve the quality of the reading of the Word of God by preparing it properly.
- **Wednesday Rosary:** we will deepen our devotion and love to the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying the Rosary every Wednesday evening (at 6.45 pm, cf. Timetable p. 35) in Tagalog, English, or other languages. Whenever possible, the Rosary can be prayed two by two with an extra moment of spiritual sharing.

In the months of Mary (May and October), we may pray the rosary in our yard.

- **Liturgy of the Hours** (cf. Timetable p. 35). We will pray the liturgy of the hours to sanctify our days, bless the Lord, and pray for the world. We will pray them loudly and slowly to interiorize what we read. The practice of giving a brief introduction on the prayer and orientations about the proper of the day should be kept. We will observe a moment of silence after communion before praying the Benedictus.
- **Liturgical Formation:** we will dedicate at least twice a year our formation meetings to deepen our liturgical life.
- **The Adoration** will take place every Thursday evening at 6:45 pm and will be inspired basically by the Xaverian Spirituality. For this year, we take into consideration the theme of the coming general chapter. We are encouraged to have long moments of silence during the holy hour.
- **The Lectio Divina** will take place every Friday in small groups at 6:45 pm.
- **The Recollection** will occur monthly, on the last Friday and Saturday of the month starting on Friday after dinner and ending on Saturday with Eucharist at 11:30 am. We are asked to observe silence during recollection.
- **Annual Retreat:** it will be held in July.
- **The Liturgical Teams** will take turns in order to prepare the liturgical celebrations meaningfully and creatively, in cooperation with the priest presiding for the week.
- **Choir Practice** will take place twice a month: the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays. We will try to use the newly learned songs in the Mass so as not to forget them.

- **Liturgist:** he prepares the Rota of the readers; together with the priest in charge and the appointed liturgical group, he cooperates in the preparation of special liturgical celebrations (Perpetual Vows, Founder's Day, Xavier's Feast, etc.). He is responsible for the sacristy and the chapel.



### **3. Community Dimension**

Pope Francis is summoning the Church to reflect upon synodality and implement it in its structures. We are aware that the same spirit of communion is part of our Christian vocation and community life. In the community, we experience fraternity and mutual support. The community is also the place where we grow in humanity. “We share everything: faith, apostolic commitment, hopes, joys, concerns, spiritual and material goods” (C 35). We love our community as our new family: “The institute is not a functional structure for organization and departure for the missions, but a Family that we must love ‘like a mother’ (TL 10), it is not an abstract entity, but a community of persons we must love as brothers” (RFX 64). The community is where we evangelize each other (place of conversion), verify the fundamental motivations of our action (place of sharing), and help each other to a greater fidelity to the kingdom and to the task entrusted to us by the Church (place of discernment)” (RMX 19).

Our fraternity is intertwined with the evangelization of those who do not know Christ yet. Our Constitutions state that “the Lord has gathered us into one religious family so that the Church, the new brotherhood in union with Christ, may be made present among non-Christians” (C 35). The realization of Christ’s Dream (cf. TL 1) calls us to a visible testimony of communion: “that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me” (Jn 17:21).

## Means & Moments

- **Community and Formative Meetings** are important opportunities to journey together in a synodal way. Whenever possible, we will invite experts in special fields. The meetings will be held every Saturday except for the week of the recollection.
- **Service to the Community:** following the example of our Master who washed the feet of his disciples, we will contribute at the practical level to the life of the community through our responsibilities and other services such as house cleaning (every Saturday after the community meeting and according to the needs), cooking, answering the phone, opening the gate, welcoming guests, etc. If necessary, we take initiative in serving, and to go beyond the mere limits of one's duty.
- **Community Celebrations** are special moments that help us to break the monotony, make memory, and create an atmosphere of joy. Special emphasis will be given to some, like Christmas and Easter, welcoming and farewell of confreres, birthdays, and anniversaries (including the confreres in SFXP) which will be prepared with modesty, creativity, and cooperation.
- **Sports and Recreation:** Physical activities are important for our health and well-being. Therefore, we will practice sport together as a community once a week. Besides, whenever possible, we will interact with other religious communities. The evening is reserved for community recreation. The coordinator and the team celebration will oversee it.
- **Use of Gadgets:** we are exhorted to be respectful, discreet, and sensitive as stated in the guidelines for the use of gadgets and

the Internet (cf. appendix 1). We are reminded that gadgets and other valuable things are not private property.

- **Outings** possibly will take place during the semester break and at the end of the school year.
- **Tools and common goods:** everybody must be responsible for the good use and preservation of tools and common belongings of the community. If something gets broken or disappears, we need to communicate it to the bursar or the person in charge of house maintenance as soon as possible.
- **Inter-Xaverian Communication** will continue to be given attention, especially with the other international Theology houses (cards, pictures, greetings for special occasions, etc.), as well as with the Novitiates and Philosophy communities. The brother in charge of correspondence will take care of this matter. We will pay particular attention to reading news about our Institute.

## 4. Academic Dimension

An academic formation is a tool for deepening our knowledge of the One we love and have chosen as our only Good, and therefore it unquestionably becomes an essential part of our journey to God. Moreover, the study is a process of self-discovery necessary for our human growth. It is also the gate for accessing a deeper understanding of contemporary culture and so it represents an important tool for dialoguing with the world. As it is summarized in RFX 177, “Study is a valuable and indispensable instrument of our personal formation; it broadens our knowledge of self and others, it promotes dialogue with contemporary humanity, the various cultures, religions, and languages, and it teaches us to grow in the knowledge of God”. Therefore, “For us, study is, first and foremost, an *apostolic priority* that helps us to acquire methods and sensitivities for a profound incarnation of the Gospel in different human settings” (Vademecum 2015, SF 16.1).

Our desire for knowledge is motivated by the fact that we love to search for the Truth by maintaining and demonstrating it, together with an honest recognition of the limits of human knowledge (cf. OT 15). On this, we desire to maintain a critical approach to reality, ready to be challenged and transformed by its discovery.

Being aware that study is a permanent component of our missionary endeavor, and that the stage of temporary vows is particularly dedicated to intellectual preparation (cf. RFX 179), we commit ourselves to study. Besides the academic program provided by LST, we also value other formative moments offered to us to deepen our intellectual formation for the mission, in the

fields of culture, other religions, language, psychology, human development, etc.

## Means & Moments

- **Personal Study** is essential for self-formation and preparation for the mission. To study is our daily duty and needs to be given substantial time. We responsibly make use of our study time. We are also encouraged to make use of group study.
- **Personal Research** helps us to deepen our studies according to our personal interests, sensitivity, and gifts. Reading books and recommending them for our library is highly encouraged. We will make use of the materials gathered in our digital archive.
- **Sharing:** we are all encouraged to share what we learn, our thoughts, discoveries, and papers during daily conversation, in moments of communal sharing as well as through our bulletin board, our journals, and website. We will put ourselves at the disposal of those who need help in intellectual matters such as, reviewing papers, explanations, and clarifications. We are also encouraged to produce papers for Asian Study Center.
- **Languages:** with learning languages we prepare ourselves to embrace the new culture, theological studies, and ministry. Therefore, we commit ourselves to improve our skills in both English and Filipino. Watching the news on television, reading newspapers, magazines, correcting each other's mistakes, and asking for help are some of the ways of doing it.
- **LST Facilities:** we are encouraged to make the most out of the facilities offered by the Loyola School of Theology (library, audiovisual room, multimedia room, etc.).
- **Extra-Curricular Activities:** We appreciate the extracurricular activities of the school and, if possible, we will join

some of the committees organized by the Students Council in LST.

- **Library and Computers:** We take more advantage of the books that are already in our library. As for its use, we are reminded that our library is primarily a place of study, and so we observe silence. We commit ourselves to be responsible in borrowing and returning the books in collaboration with the librarians and to use computers responsibly. We commit ourselves to enriching our library by adding new books, journals, and digital materials.
- **Academic Support:** the academic Advisor will facilitate communication with schools, guide the students in their plan of studies, and assist them in their academic duties. All the brothers are responsible for handing on the grades and informing on the situation of their studies to the formators.

## 5. Apostolic Dimension

The apostolic dimension is an essential part of our missionary vocation. We are aware that mission is not an individual achievement. In the spirit of synodality promoted by pope Francis, "... we Xaverians are called and helped by the Holy Spirit to live our vocation in *koinonia*, aware that the community is in itself already a missionary witness and that it, and not the individual, is the most suitable subject of the mission" (RMX 19).

Our Founder tells us even today that" ... we must strive to fulfill the sublime goals of the Institute, working with ever-increasing zeal for the spreading of the Gospel among the infidels, thus giving us our own modest contribution to the fulfillment of Christ's wish: the formation of a single Christian family embracing all humanity." (TL 1) Our deepest desire is that everybody will become aware of the presence of Jesus Christ in his life. Pope Francis reminds us in *Desiderio Desideravi* about Jesus' desire to celebrate the covenant with all humanity: "The world still does not know it, but everyone is *invited to the supper of the wedding of the Lamb* (Re 19:9) ... We must not allow ourselves even a moment of rest, knowing that still not everyone has received an invitation to this Supper" (DD 5). To live this passion, we identify ourselves with Christ the Good Shepherd" who gave his life for the good of the brothers (cf. PDV 58). This makes us live our charism and verify our assimilation of the values that we proclaim" (RMX,184).

We are aware that our apostolic activities are limited and do not often reach the "extreme peripheries," those "Human, cultural, religious settings still foreign to the Gospel of Jesus and to the sacramental presence of the Church" (Message of pope Francis for the World Mission Day 2018). Nevertheless, we

believe that our apostolate trains us to become missionaries and fosters our passion to make Christ known to everyone.



## Means & Moments

- **Apostolate in a synodal style:** We discuss, plan and act our program together in order to live out our apostolate in a spirit of communion.
- According to the possibilities, **our Fields of Apostolate** are the following: youth ministry (Zones II, IV&VI), social actions, Interreligious and Ecumenical Dialogue, and Mission animation activities.
- Those in charge of **Interfaith and ecumenical dialogues** will join the possible activities. At community level, we will have Seminars on Interreligious Dialogue twice per semester.
- **Missionary Awareness and Vocation Promotion Ministry:** we will offer our cooperation to the initiatives of our Delegation, the Mission Vocation Animation Team, Mission Ministry of the Diocese of Novaliches and the SFX Parish. In addition to the initiatives of the team in charge, some topics in our apostolate with the youth will promote missionary awareness and Xaverian vocation.
- **The Pastoral Year** may take place immediately after the first year of Theology. In the spirit of personalization of formation, other options can be discussed and taken into consideration (cf. RFX 336-338).
- **The Weekly Apostolate** will be given a reasonable amount of time.
- **Some Apostolic Exposures** will possibly take place in summer.
- **The Exchange of Experiences** of our apostolate is encouraged during the moments of communal prayer, especially every Tuesday evening prayer, in order to enrich one another.
- **Pastoral Meetings:** we will have planning in the beginning of the first semester and evaluation of our apostolate at the end of every semester, possibly with the pastoral team of SFXP.

- We will invite guest speakers to present their **pastoral experiences** to help us to know better our Local Church and the context where we live and work, once per semester.

**Materials for the Apostolate:** we collect and organize materials for the apostolate to make them available to all.

- **Theologate website:** we commit ourselves to providing content for our website ([www.philippines.xaverians.org](http://www.philippines.xaverians.org)). We consider it as an area of our apostolate having it as a venue for missionary animation and for sharing our activities, reflections, papers, and insights, and as training in the responsible use of mass media for evangelization. We plan to produce videos and digital materials for missionary animation. The team will set up a strategy in order to keep it constantly updated.
- **Pastoral advisor** will help in facilitating the contact with the areas where we work. He will help also in the accompaniment and planning of the pastoral activities.

## 6. Incarnation and Solidarity

Any human being cannot live without love. The pope is reminding us about the necessity of loving our neighbors. "Since we were made for love, in each one of us "a law of *ekstasis*" seems to operate: "the lover 'goes outside' the self to find a fuller existence in another". For this reason, "man always has to take up the challenge of moving beyond himself" (FT 88). Loving our Xaverian vocation, we are aware that "Incarnation and solidarity with the concrete neighbors we encounter in our mission are [...] essential parts of our lifestyle" (Cf. RMX 49). In this process of mutual encounter, we need to accept any challenge that comes from the alterity:" Jesus asks us to be present to those in need of help, regardless of whether or not they belong to our social group ... the Samaritan became a neighbor to the wounded Judean. By approaching and making himself present, he crossed all cultural and historical barriers." (FT 81)

Being aware that our mission cannot ignore the cries of the entire population, we commit ourselves to work for the liberation from all forms of oppression (cf. RMX 76). Following the example of Christ, we are called to share the life and the destiny of the Filipino people with whom we are working by responding to the needs of the poor (cf. C 14). In a spirit of synodality, we believe that the presence of Jesus in our midst will provide the light and strength to "remove our sandals" in an attitude of respect and humility, and welcome our neighbor as a gift from God.

We are grateful for the constant support we receive from the divine providence through some generous people.

## Means & Moments

- **Exposures:** besides the ordinary apostolate, other special exposures are encouraged whenever possible as precious opportunities for a closer encounter with the Filipino culture and Asian context.
- **Relationships with the local people:** as a sign of respect and unity, we will join the local folks in the popular celebrations that are meaningful to them.
- **Monitoring Our Lifestyle:** Everybody is responsible to make a financial report monthly and evaluate his personal lifestyle (cf. C 28). The community financial report will be presented and analyzed in August and January.
- **Personal Inventory:** we will report the inventory of our valuable goods (gadgets and expensive things) in May and September. Moreover, everybody will report gifts and donations received in his monthly financial report.
- We will continue the “**Lenten Fasting Activity**” as a way of exercising concretely our communal solidarity with the poor.
- **Use of Mass and Social Media:** in order to know more about local events, the use of local TV channels and newspapers is encouraged. Being aware of their advantages and possible dangers, we refer to the guidelines for the use of gadgets and the Internet (cf. Appendix 1). One of the formative meetings will be dedicated to the evaluation of the use of Social Media
- **Xaverian Friends:** we will continue to welcome them to the Monday Mass. We consider it important to strengthen our relationship and involve them in some of our activities.
- **Hospitality:** whenever possible, we will make our house and its facilities available to the groups with which we are working.
- **Fundraising Activity:** we will have at least one fundraising activity as a contribution toward the financial needs of the community and as a means to make people get involved in our mission.

**– Relationship with Our Benefactors.** We express our thankfulness for supporting us by sending greetings on special occasions, such as birthdays, Christmas, Easter, and anniversaries. In March, we will have a meeting with them.



St. Guido Maria Conforti

# **COMPLEMENT**

## **A. Apostolate**

### **PARISH**

**Zone 2:** Martin, Christophe, Michael

**Zone 4:** Isidore, Othoniel

**Zone 6 :** Friwandi, Jean Marie, Methi

### **SOCIAL WORK**

**Prison :** Purba

**DIALOGUE:** Fr. Ryan, Friwandi

**MAM and Vocation Animation:** Fr. Cesar, Martin, Isidore

**Lay Xaverians:** Purba

## **B. Community Service Teams**

Three groups alternate for the weekly services: liturgy, dish, and car washing, setting the tables and warming food for dinner.

**Team A:** Purba, Martin, Jean Marie

**Team B:** Isidore, Michael, Christophe

**Team C:** Friwandi, Methi, Othoniel

## C. Timetable

*“Ora et Labora”*

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
05:30			Eucharist				
06:30	Lauds				Eucharist- Lauds		
07:00						Lauds	
08:00					Meeting		
12:30			Lunch				
06:15			Silence				
06:30	Eucharist						
06:45		Sharing & Vespers	Rosary & Vespers	Holy Hour	Lectio Divina		
07:00						Vespers	
07:30			Dinner				
09:00						Compline	
10:30			Lights Off and Good Night!				

## D. Non-Weekly Activities

**Choir practice:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 8:30 pm.

**Recollection:** Last Friday & Saturday of the month.

**Storytelling:** c/o coordinator.

**Cultural Night:** c/o coordinator and celebration team.

## **E. Personal Duties and Responsibilities**

<b>Coordinator</b>	Purba
<b>Gardens</b>	Martin, Jean Marie
<b>Shopping</b>	Isidore, Michael
<b>Garbage</b>	Michael, Methi
<b>Guest Rooms &amp; Laundry</b>	Methi
<b>Library, Photocopier and Computers</b>	Christophe, Michael, Othoniel, Jean Marie
<b>House Maintenance</b>	Martin, Othoniel
<b>Treasurer</b>	Othoniel
<b>Post Office, Photographer, Archive, and Correspondence</b>	Friwandi
<b>Celebrations, Sport and Court</b>	Jean Marie, Christophe
<b>LST Representative</b>	Purba
<b>Music and Liturgist</b>	Purba
<b>Vehicles Maintenance</b>	Fr. Ryan, Isidore
<b>Health</b>	Fr Cesar
<b>Community Website</b>	Friwandi, Isidore, Michael

# CALENDAR

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# August 2022

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 <b>Online Enlistment of LST</b>	2 <i>Choir Practice</i>
	7 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8	9
	14 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary	16 <i>Choir Practice</i>
	21 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	22	23
	28 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	29 National Heroes Day (Holiday)	30

# August 2022

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6 The Transfiguration of the Lord
10 LST First Semester Starts	11	12	13
17 Indonesia Independence Day (1945)	18	19 Quezon City Day (Holiday)	20
24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle Mass of Holy Spirit	25	26	27
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# September 2022

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	<b>4</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Choir Practice</i>
	<b>11</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Bro. Friwandi's Birthday
	<b>18</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Choir Practice</i>
	<b>25</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>

# September 2022

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
	1	2	3
<b>7</b> Martyrdom of Bernardetta, Olga & Lucia Burundi Brazil Independence Day (1822)	<b>8</b> Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>14</b> The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>21</b> St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>28</b> St. Lorenzo Ruiz & Companions (Martyrs)	<b>29</b> Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels	<b>30</b> <b>Recollection</b> Martyrdom of Fr. Marchiol, Fr. Maule & Gubert (Burundi, 1995)	

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# October 2022

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	<b>2</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Choir Practice</i>
	<b>9</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>10</b> Start of Second Half of Semester	<b>11</b>
	<b>16</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Fr. Deiana' Martydom (Brazil, 1987)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> St. Luke, Evangelist <i>Choir Practice</i>
	<b>23</b> World Mission Sunday Founder's Canonization Anniversary	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	<b>30</b> 31 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>31</b>	

# October 2022

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
			<b>1</b> <b>Recollection</b> St. Therese of the Child Jesus China National Day (1949)
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> LST Midterm Break (6-8)		<b>7</b> <b>8</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Bro. Isidore's Birthday</b> Fr. Cobbe's Martyrdom (Bangladesh, 1974)	<b>15</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bro. Martin's Death Anniversary
<b>26</b> <b>Fr. Justin's Birthday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles <b>Recollection</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Recollection</b>

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# November 2022

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
			<b>1</b> Solemnity of all Saints (Holiday) <i>Choir Practice</i>
	<b>6</b> 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>13</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Choir Practice</i>
	<b>20</b> Solemnity of Christ the King	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Fr. Patrick Santinez's Birthday
	<b>27</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>28</b> Review Week (28 – Dec 2)	<b>29</b>

# November 2022

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> Commemoration of all the faithful departed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> St. Guido Maria Conforti Renewal of vows
<b>9</b> The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Fr. Javier's Birthday	<b>12</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Recollection	<b>26</b> Recollection
<b>30</b> St. Andrew, Apostle Bonifacio Day			

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# December 2022

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	5 LST Final Exam Week (5-10) Thailand National Day (1960)	6 <i>Choir Practice</i>
11	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)	12 Death anniversary of Fr. Aldo	13
18	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	19 Fr. Matteo's Birthday & Ate Aury's Birthday Start of LST Advisement for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem	20 <i>Choir Practice</i>
25	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	26 St. Stephen, First martyr	27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

# December 2022

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Feast of St. Francis Xavier
7	8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary	9	10 Bro. Christophe's birthday LST End of First Semester
14	15	16 Start of Simbang Gabi Posting of Grades (LSTISIS and AISIS)	17
21	22	23	24
28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	29	30 Recollection The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Rizal Day	31 Recollection

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# January 2023

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	<b>1</b> Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God <b>New Year</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Choir practice</i>
	<b>8</b> The Epiphany of the Lord	<b>9</b> The Baptism of the Lord	<b>10</b>
	<b>15</b> Santo Niño Feast Bros. Richard and Martinus' Birthday	<b>16</b> Start of Second Semester	<b>17</b> <i>Choir practice</i>
	<b>22</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Lunar New Year</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>29</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

# January 2023

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
4 Fr. Emanuele's birthday	5 LST Online Enlistment	6	7
11	12	13	14
18	19	20	21
25 The Conversion of St. Paul, apostle	26	27 Recollection	28 Recollection

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# February 2023

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	<b>5</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>6</b> President's day	<b>7</b> <i>Choir Practice</i>
	<b>12</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>13</b> Start of STB Comprehensive Exams	<b>14</b>
	<b>19</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Choir Practice</i>
	<b>26</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Fr. Rastelli's Martyrdom (China, 1901)

# February 2023

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> The Presentation of the Lord	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>22</b> Ash Wednesday	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Recollection</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Recollection</b> EDSA Revolution Day (Holiday)

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# March 2023

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	<b>5</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Choir practice</i>
	<b>12</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>19</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare)	<b>20</b> St. Joseph, Husband of Mary	<b>21</b> <i>Choir practice</i>
	<b>26</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

# March 2023

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fr. Handrianus' Birthday	2	3	4
8	9	10	11
15 Fr. Patrick Fornah's Birthday	16	17	18
22	23	24	25 The Annunciation of the Lord
29	30 St. Conforti's Birth Anniversary (1865)	31 Recollection	

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# April 2023

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	<b>2</b>  <b>Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Holy Week</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Holy Week</b> Fr. Veronesi's Martyrdom (Bangladesh) <b><i>Choir practice</i></b>
	<b>9</b>  <b>Easter Sunday</b> Araw ng Kagitingan	<b>10</b>  Start of Second Half of Semester	<b>11</b>  <b>Ate Andrea's birthday</b>
	<b>16</b>  2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b><i>Choir practice</i></b>
	<b>23</b>  3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  St. Mark, Evangelist
	<b>30</b>  <b>Vocation Sunday</b> 4th Sunday of Easter <b>Fr. Botton's Martyrdom (China, 1944)</b>		

# April 2023

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Recollection
5 Holy Week	6 Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	8 Holy Saturday
12	13	14	15
19	20	21 Fr. Pasteur's Birthday	22 Eid-al Fitr (Holiday)
26 Finals for Graduating Students (STB and Cert Prog)	27	28 Recollection	29 Recollection

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# May 2023

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
		1 Labor Day	2 <i>Choir practice</i>
	7 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	8 Review Week (8-12)	9
	14 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	15 Final Exam Week	16 <i>Choir practice</i>
	21 The Ascension of the Lord	22	23
	28 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	29 Mary, Mother of the Church	30

# May 2023

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> Bro. Jean Marie's birthday Sts. Philip and James, Apostles	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Year-End Faculty- Student Party	<b>13</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> End of Second Semester
<b>24</b> LST Graduation	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Recollection LSTISIS posting of grades	<b>27</b> Recollection
<b>31</b> The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary			

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June 2023

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	<b>4</b> The Most Holy Trinity	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>11</b> Solemnity of Corpus Christi	<b>12</b> Philippines Independence Day (1898)	<b>13</b>
	<b>18</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>25</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Bro. Othoniel's birthday

# June 2023

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3
7 Bro. Methi's birthday	8	9	10
14	15	16 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	17 Bro. Purba's Birthday The Immaculate Heart of Mary
21 Bro. Michael's birthday	22	23	24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
28	29 Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles Fr. Cesar's Birthday	30 Independence Day of D.R. Congo (1960)	

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July 2023

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	<b>2</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>3</b> St. Thomas, Apostle	<b>4</b>
	<b>9</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
	<b>16</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
	<b>23</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> St. James, Apostle
	<b>30</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>31</b> Fr. Pierobon's Martyrdom (Brazil, 1976) <b>Annual Retreat</b>	

# July 2023

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
			<b>1</b> Fr. Simone's Birthday Burundi Independence Day (1962)
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Bro. Simon's Birthday
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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# August 2023

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
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	<b>6</b> The Transfiguration of the Lord	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>13</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<b>20</b> 20 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Choir Practice</i>
	<b>27</b> 21 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

# August 2023

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Indonesia Independence Day (1945)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Quezon City Day (Holiday)
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> St. Bartholomew, Apostle	<b>25</b> <b>Recollection</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Recollection</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

# APPENDIX

## **1. GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF GADGETS AND THE INTERNET**

The genuine use of gadgets is one of the instruments which can facilitate our academic and missionary activities.

1. The use of gadgets (Tablets, Laptop, etc.) requires the dialogue with the Rector.
2. The formative dialogue and spiritual direction are moments to evaluate the responsible use of the digital devices. If necessarily, the formative team can restrict the use of gadgets due to particular and formative reasons.
3. We are encouraged to be responsible for one another through fraternal correction. In case of disturbing others while making call, misusing personal and community gadgets we can remind right away the person who is concerned.
4. We are aware of the risks connected with the use of the media and the Internet such as wasting of time in digital amusements, abuses in communication, addictions etc.
5. We avoid to use gadgets during the community moments.
6. We make our best to use the mass media for the missionary awareness and the promotion of our charism.
7. Sharing of information and missionary insights are recommended through the use of media inside and outside our community.
8. We are called to reflect upon our religious identity on the way we present ourselves in social media by avoiding playing double identity. When communicating and posting material we preserve politeness and respect towards other people, just as we were communicating face to face.
9. We are aware that any action in the Internet leaves traces (the Web does not forget and does not forgive) that cannot be easily erased.

10. Any kind of online abuses affecting the integrity and credibility of our family refers to a personal answerability according to the civil and ecclesiastical regulations. (Cf RFX 377).
11. We are encouraged to be responsible enough in charging load.
12. The formative team is reminded to give the model in the responsible use of these instruments.



## 2. DELEGATION ADDRESSES

### **Theology House**

Block 32 Lot 16, Lily Street (Feliciano)  
Maligaya Park Subdivision  
Bgy. Pasong Putik  
1118, Novaliches, Quezon City  
Tel. (02) 8962 8571

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish**

*(Community Address)*  
27, Richwood Drive,  
Parkland Subdivision, Barangay Malanday  
1805, Marikina City.  
Tel.: (02) 8941 2039 *(Parish community)*  
Tel: (02) 8948 22 64 *(Parish Office)*

### **St. Francis Xavier Parish**

160, Champaca Street  
Maligaya Park Subdivision  
Bgy. Pasong Putik  
1118 Novaliches, Quezon City  
Tel. (02) 8961.20.75 *(Parish community)*  
Tel. (02) 8417.72.10 *(Parish Office)*

### **Philosophy House**

13, Road 15  
Project 8, Bgy. Bahay Toro,  
1106, Quezon City  
Tel. (02) 8553 04 24

### **3. PRAYERS**

#### **A. Prayer in memory of St. Guido Maria Conforti**

God, Father of all peoples,  
through the Spirit of your Son  
you are the source of all goodness  
and holiness,

**We praise you**  
for the life of your servant  
St. Guido Maria Conforti.  
He contemplated your love for every  
creature in your crucified Son,  
and dedicated himself entirely  
to the urgent need to announce the Gospel.

**We thank you**  
for giving him  
to the Xaverian Missionaries as Father,  
to the Church as a Shepherd and Missionary,  
and to all as an example of virtue  
and model of holiness.

**We pray to you**  
through his intercession:  
increase our faith that we might be  
messengers of your love,  
witnesses of hope,  
and builders of your Kingdom.

**To you be praise and glory forever.  
Amen.**

## B. Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. *And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. *Be it done unto me according to your word.*

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. *And dwelt among us.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

### Let us pray

Pour forth; we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Glory to the Father...

## C. Prayer to the Holy Spirit

V. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

R. *And enkindle in them the fire of your divine love.*

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. *And you will renew the face of the earth.*

### Let us Pray:

O God, you enlighten the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant that, through the same Spirit, we may know what is right and rejoice always in his consolation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **D. Prayer for the XVIII General Chapter**

**Praise and glory to you**, God and Father,  
for our Founder St. Guido M. Conforti,  
who, fascinated by your crucified Son,  
and inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
founded the Xaverian Family  
to spread the Gospel  
unto the ends of the earth,  
so that our Lord Jesus Christ  
may be known and loved by all.

### **We thank you**

for the gift of the missionary vocation.  
Forgive our betrayals to the charism received,  
and strengthen in us the desire and zeal  
to live the mission ad gentes,  
with a passionate family spirit.

**Give us** a spirit of living Faith  
to bear witness with Love, in the world,  
to the Hope that gives meaning and life.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen!

## **E. Prayer for the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

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