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To all the Sisters of the Institute

Dear Sisters,

I am writing to you in this month of the Holy Rosary and the month of Missionary: prayer and mission highlight the fundamental aspects of our life and our spirituality.

In the letter of 1 June 2021 I had anticipated that the General Chapter would take place in August 2022. There are 10 months to this long-awaited event, that unites us as Sisters, a time of grace for our Institute and for the Church.

Our Rule of Life No. 80 says: *“The General Chapter is the supreme authority in the Institute. This authority is exercised collegially and temporarily.”*

I wish to emphasize that this collegiality touches all of us in different ways, none is excluded. Indeed we are all involved in its various phases: the preparation and during its development, in its realization and by the decisions that are taken synodally and that marks the beginning of the new six-year term.

Fidelity to the charism and to what Magdalene had transmitted to us depends on the future and fruitfulness of the Institute.

Our spirituality becomes meaningful and we become true witnesses to the extent that we commit ourselves to achieving the goals that Magdalene proposes to us:

“... the particular sanctification of each individual Sister and the constant exercise of the works of charity. My dear Sisters, there is no doubt that the first objective is so bound to the second that little or nothing would be achieved in our neighbours when the one is failing in the primary aim.” (UR, Preface, p. 19)

We feel the responsibility to give an adequate, strong and significant response to building a more humane world with our brothers and sisters and to prepare a future rich in hope.

Our journey towards the General Chapter, like that of many other Institutes, has been interrupted and resumed. Today, when many of the difficulties that caused its postponement have been overcome, I entrust to the Lord the announcement of the Convocation of the

XVII General Chapter
will be celebrated from 7 to 30 August 2022
in the International Centre of Ottavia – Rome

Each Chapter is a new beginning, with many possibilities. We have a rich heritage from which we can learn a lot and which today awaits the novelty of our contributions.

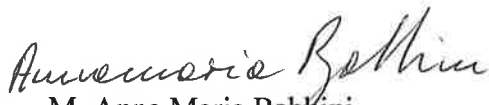
May these new times, with the characteristics we know and those we are discovering every day, awaken in us new understandings that need creative responses and new ways of service to be carried out with realism, foresight and enthusiasm.

I invite all the communities of the Institute to pray daily for the General Chapter.

Let us walk with confidence in the search for God's will, let us pray that we may be women of communion, bearers of life, who promote the intensification of the union of hearts, the unity of the Institute and to reinvigorate and live the Gospel and Charismatic values.

May the Holy Spirit illuminate with his light and his truth the path we are following, may Mary accompany us with her love as a Mother.

With affection and trust


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