

Description of the General Chapter

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82. “The general chapter is a collegial body representative of all provinces and regions and the highest authority in the congregation when in session. Members of the chapter form an international faith community as they pray, dialogue, and search together for the will of God for our congregation.

83. Essentially a paschal event, the chapter is inserted into the life and history of the church. The power and presence of the Spirit acting in the participants makes the chapter an event in the salvation history of the congregation. The chapter is an occasion for conversion and renewal for the entire congregation. The functions of the general chapter are stated in the constitution.”