

Please find attached the document which the Central Commission asked Mother Lucia (Nasi Pani) and Dom Erik (Mt St Bernard) to draw up to help the communities and the regions in writing their reports for the 2017 General Chapter (cf. *Minutes of the Central Commission, Roscrea 2016*, p. 10)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE :**

- The House Reports must arrive at the Generalate **no later than May 1, 2017** (and no later than June 15, 2017 for the Communities who will find translators and will send their report in 3 languages! Already thank you very much!)
- One must arrive at the GC with the Regional Report and their translations. The document should not be sent to the Secretariat.
- Working Papers must arrive at the Generalate by the end of January 2017 at the latest.

## **HOUSE REPORT, 2017**

*In order to avoid spending a whole paragraph of the house reports on the statistics and to harmonize the data from the communities included in each document, we would be grateful if you would fill out the little grid that is at the top of p.3 at the time you send the house report.*

### **Questions to the Communities**

1. How would you, in one paragraph, describe the 'Cistercian charism' specific to our Order as you desire to live it out in your community? What elements of our patrimony are especially dear to you? Where are you called to conversion or change?
2. According to our *Constitutions*, the OCSO is defined as an 'institute wholly ordered to contemplation'. How do you maintain this inward, Godward focus? What are the main factors that distract you? How do you cope with these?
3. In recent years we have, as an Order, spoken much about formation. What is the concrete goal of formation in your community? What signs of growth do you look for? How do you foster this growth through individual accompaniment? How is the community as such formed to unity of heart and mind around its abbot/abbess?

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## **REGION REPORT, 2017**

### **Questions to the Regions**

1. A half-century has passed since the closure of Vatican II, which brought on many changes in the Order. Looking back, how does your Region evaluate the spiritual fruits of this time? What has been gained? Has something been lost? If so, what?
2. Through our times blow winds of secularism, individualism, and fear. In this context, what is our prophetic task as Cistercians? What unique response can the houses of your Region give to the Church's call to engage in a new evangelisation?
3. We often say our life rests on the four pillars of the *Opus Dei*, personal prayer, work, and *lectio divina*. What is the status of each in the monasteries of your Region? How does relative performance in each domain affect the standard of fraternal life?

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## HOUSE REPORT, 2017

STATISTICS AT THE TIME THE REPORT IS SENT									SINCE THE LAST GENERAL CHAPTER OF 2014				
Sol Prof	Temp Prof	Nov	Post	TOTAL	Average age	Med. age	Abs.	Non Stab	Rec. habit	Temp Prof	Sol Prof	Deaths	Departures
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