

# **Report of the Law Commission Meeting**

**February 8-10, 2023 (Rome)**

The Law Commission met in Rome at the Generalate, 8-10 February 2023. All members were present: Dom Armand, Scourmont (President); M. Kathy, Redwoods; Dom Juan José, San Isidro; Dom Isidoro, Huerta; Sr Eleanor, Generalate (Secretary). Fr Raphaël Garcia Pelayo, secretary of the Abbot General, acted as interpreter.

## **Agenda**

1. Working paper on Mothers Immediate
2. Updating the texts of our Constitutions and Statutes
3. Updating the *vade mecums*

### **1. Working paper on Mothers Immediate**

The General Chapter Part 2 of 2022 (Assisi, Sept 2022) asked the Law Commission to prepare a Working Paper on the question of Mothers Immediate to be studied at the General Chapter of 2025. The Commission produced a working paper, a copy of which accompanies this report. The document is to be studied in the Regions and feedback given to the Central Commission.

### **2. Updating the text of our Constitutions and Statutes**

The Commission updated the texts of our Constitutions and Statutes in the light of recent decisions of the General Chapter and recent documents from the Holy See. The Holy See has not yet given its approval to the changes voted at the General Chapter of September 2022; as soon as this approval is received the texts will be finalized and made available via the website of the Order.

The Commission also made some corrections to the translations of the text on Affiliation, approved at the General Chapter of Sept 2022 for use *ad experimentum* until the General Chapter of 2025. A copy of the corrected document is included with this report.

### **3. Updating the *vade mecums***

The Commission also updated the *vade mecums*. When the approval of the Holy See for the changes voted in September 2022 has been received, the texts will be finalised and made available.

