



Movimiento de Seglares Claretianos

Consejo General

Dear brother and sister Lay Claretians,

Happy Feast Day of Father Claret! On this special day, we wish to send you a special, cordial greeting to you all; our first greeting as the new General Council. We celebrate our charisma in communion with the whole Claretian family. We recognise it as an immense gift the Lord has given to us. He calls us to announce His Word in our daily lives, and to incarnate the Gospel in the world. He calls us together to be yeast in the dough of our temporal reality. May His Spirit bless and strengthen us, that we may be capable of faithfully fulfilling His will.

Although we are sure that you are sure that you already know this via the web page, it seems an opportune moment to introduce ourselves. The new General Council comprises **Bernardeta Arbaiza** (from the Leioa/Bilbao community, Northern Spain region) as Secretary General; **Miguel Ángel Sosa** (from the community in Las Palmas, Betica region) as Secretary of Formation; and **Edison Chalco** (from the Chaski de Lima community in Peru) as Econome.

In accordance with what we approved in the IX Assembly, the Movement has delegated the selection of General Assessor to the General Government of the Claretian Missionaries. As soon as we know who will be accompanying us with this task, we will let you know.

We have undertaken this responsibility with hope and energy. We will face the challenges and tasks set us by the Assembly of Granada, respecting the spirit initiated in Aparecida (Brazil). As Lay Claretians, we wish to be protagonists of our own growth toward maturity, and to assume our Lay identity in all the dimensions that our journey will involve. It is necessary for us all to be co-responsible for the many tasks that await, in order for the Movement to be dynamic and attractive, and for it to help us live out the Claretian vocation with energy and enthusiasm.

We have already held our first meetings, fundamentally via the internet, given the geographical distances involved. From the outset, one of our fundamental objectives has been to name delegates for the different tasks and organise working parties for the development of the different themes which we wish to work on over this four-year term.



We can inform you that some of the proposed delegations have already been confirmed in post:

Luis Antonio Rodriguez continues as **Delegate for Communication**, with a support team that has yet to be configured completely. Coordinating with Luis, working as **Delegate for News and Translations**, will be **M^a Jesús Pérez Solano**, with a team of translators for different languages.

The **Delegate for the Claretian Family** will be **Constantino Rodríguez**, the former Secretary General. We also wish to name Delegates for zones to support groups without a region, and who will coordinate closely with the Council, but we are still getting in contact with certain people to ascertain their availability. As soon as we have things organised, we will let you know.

With respect to the working parties for the different themes, these are also in the process of being decided, the closest to completion being the one working on "Our Identity". We will inform you of the progress of these groups, as well as that of other teams we are putting together.

We would like to express our gratitude for the generosity, not only of the Delegates already confirmed in post, but also that of all those who, proposed by this Council will work in the service of the Movement, and those who have expressed their availability to work in anything that might arise to which they could contribute.

We place our Movement in the hands of Mary. We face important challenges, which we will attempt to undertake with courage and with the help and commitment of you all. We always count upon the loving protection of Our Mother and the impulse of the Holy Spirit. May they guide our steps so that, like Claret, our only aim may be "the greater glory of God" (Auto. 494). That this may be so, we ask them to pray for our Movement, and for this Council.

Receive a loving fraternal embrace,

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