



Office of the Provincial

3 October 2006

My Dear Brothers,

It is my privilege to announce the convocation of the tenth session of the Provincial Chapter of the Province of the United States. This session of the Chapter will be held at the El Retiro Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, California from October 27-29, 2006.

As you may remember, the Provincial Chapter has decided to have two different styles of sessions each year. The Fall Chapter session will be for discussion not legislation. There will be no propositions solicited for this session of the Chapter. The next legislative session is March 2 - 6, 2007.

The purpose of moving the fall session of the Provincial Chapter to various locations in the Province is to have an opportunity for Chapter members to interact with members of the Province. Members of the Province, especially those in the Northern California area, are invited to join the Chapter during this session on Saturday evening, October 28. More details about this gathering will be announced in *Family OnLine* and will be sent to Directors of communities in the near future.

The Preparatory Commission of the Chapter has prepared the agenda and process for the upcoming Chapter session. The Commission, which is determined by the Manual of Procedures of the Chapter, consists of James Fitz (chair), Oscar Vasquez, Paul Marshall, Jack McGrath, and Stephen Tutas. Ed Violetta had been on the Preparatory Commission as Moderator of the Chapter; a new moderator will be elected at this meeting.

Some of the agenda items to be discussed at this Chapter are:

1. Discussion of the document on "Signs of the Times" from the Province Vision Committee of the Provincial Chapter (the same document being discussed throughout the Province this fall).
2. Reviewing the response to the consultation concerning the Election Process for Provincial Chapter Delegates.
3. Report from the Province Directory Committee concerning the remaining parts of the Province Directory.

4. Update on the Province accreditation process with the Praesidium (Child Protection).
5. Province response to the General Chapter of 2006—suggestions of Provincial Chapter to Provincial Council.

I wish God's blessings to each of you and your communities. I ask the prayers of the communities of the Province for the upcoming session of the Provincial Chapter.

Affectionately yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen Glodek S.M." in a cursive script.

Stephen Glodek, S.M.
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