

Thy Kingdom Come!

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To the Territorial Directive Colleges

To the Territorial Secretaries

To the Local Directors and Section
Directors of Regnum Christi

Dear in Christ,

In addition to greeting you, we would like to inform you that starting in September 2022, we will begin a journey of preparation for the 2024 General Convention (cf. SRCF 64-67). This news was announced to the Territorial Directive Colleges a few weeks ago with the communication DG FRC 044-2022 (annex).

This is a path that must involve all the vocations that make up Regnum Christi, and that will consist of three phases:

- A local phase, which will run from September 2022 to July 2023.
- The Territorial Conventions, which are expected to take place between August and December 2023.
- The General Convention, which is expected to begin on Monday, April 29, 2024, and will last approximately 6 days.

We would like to give you some guidance on the first of these phases: *the local phase*. Although in the month of September a letter will be sent to all the members of Regnum Christi, explaining the significance of the path we will travel and the spirit behind it, the purpose of writing to you now is to offer a guide and points for developing your own programs, taking into account that the local phase will be developed in accordance with the activities that are already occurring in the ordinary life of the sections and communities, in particular the Encounters with Christ.

This phase will consist of an "*apostolic discernment of reality*" through *Encounter with Christ Discussion Guides* that will be published at the beginning of September. On the Solemnity of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, an essay on the Encounter was published. This essay

delves into its identity, internal dynamics, and the meaning of the *apostolic discernment of reality* in the daily life of the members.

What objectives and fruits are we seeking in this path of preparation for the Convention? We aspire to make it part of the broader journey of the renewal and maturation of the Regnum Christi life and mission that we have been doing in recent years. We do not want to simply promote an analysis at the intellectual level, but to foster a dynamic of discernment in the localities themselves. Therefore, the emphasis that is proposed is to look at the needs of the world and the Church from the heart of an apostle of the Kingdom.

The local phase seeks to insert itself into the ordinary life of Regnum Christi in each place. Consequently, we are seeking fruits on several levels:

- On the one hand, the personal renewal of each member, as well as the renewal of the life and apostolic zeal of Regnum Christi as a whole.
- On the other hand, to help us – as a spiritual family and apostolic body – to discover how to best respond to what God expects and asks of Regnum Christi today.
- And, thirdly, to generate reflections, lights, recommendations, etc. for the work to be carried out by the territorial conventions and the general convention.

Let us put these fruits and the path we will travel in the hands of the maternal intercession of Mary Most Holy.

In Christ,



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Annex
Q&A. Responding to possible concerns and thoughts

What methodology will be followed in the local phase?

In September the General Directive College will publish several Discussion Guides on various topics that follow the methodology of the "*Encounter with Christ*." They will include questions that support an apostolic discernment of reality (see, judge, and act) and a way to collect responses and conclusions.

Who is invited to participate in the local phase?

This process involves Regnum Christi members of all vocations. In the local phase we invite you to include non-member supporters who want to participate, and other people interested in contributing.

What are the themes for discernment that the General Directive College will propose to the teams and communities?

The topics foreseen in the *Encounters with Christ* discussion guides are based on number 11 of the Statutes (which have their correspondence in CLC 4, 3°, CCRC 9 and CLCRC 8):

- Proclamation of the faith, the new evangelization, and the dissemination of Catholic doctrine.
- Christian formation and education of children.
- Christian formation and education of adolescents.
- Christian formation and education of youth.
- Promotion of marriage and the family.
- Vocational culture and ministry.
- Evangelization of the professional environments of culture and means of social communication.
- Promotion of social justice and practice of the works of mercy.

Of this list of topics, which are mandatory, and which are optional?

Although it is encouraged, it is not mandatory to discuss all topics. We suggest that you prioritize those that the members of Regnum Christi consider more relevant according to the needs of the territory and the reality of the locality.

What if you want to delve into other topics that are not included in the discussion guides?

If a territory considers it necessary to address any other topic not presented in the discussion guides, it may propose it to the *Commission for the Preparation of the Convention*.

How should we form teams to discuss the various topics?

There are many ways to do this, the most common being the *natural teams that exist in the sections and the consecrated communities* as they are configured. In both cases (teams and communities) we recommend inviting members of other vocations to participate in these Encounters.

On the other hand, in the sections or localities you can also organize Encounters with Christ that are open to members of various teams and vocations according to topics of interest. In that case, it is recommended to choose the topics, assign dates to them, and open to registrations so that those who are interested can join.

Mixed teams can also be organized by areas of responsibility in the life and mission of Regnum Christi. Without wanting to exhaust the possibilities, some modalities of teams that are formed *ad hoc* are:

- Territorial teams: The Territorial Directive College, the Plenary Council, the Mission Support Teams.
- Directive teams of the locality.
- Directors and formators of sections, according to age group (adolescents, youth, adults, married couples). Thus, for example, it may be the case that those who collaborate in working with adolescents and ECYD meet together for the Encounter on the "*Christian Formation and Education of Adolescents*."
- Teams that collaborate in the educational field (directors of Educational Centers, coordinators, formation instructors, prefects of discipline, teachers ...).
- Teams that collaborate in parishes entrusted to the Legionaries of Christ and Regnum Christi.
- By apostolates (e.g., work teams of *Mission Youth, Conquest, Challenge...*).
- Etc.

How will you collect the conclusions and recommendations that the teams want to offer for the Territorial Convention and General Convention?

The discussion guides include questions whose answers will be collected through an online form, which must be filled in by a member of the team who is designated as the secretary. For those teams or areas where it is not possible to fill out the online form, it will be up to the section or locality to define the alternative mechanisms.

What organizational aspects does the territory have to take into account in the local phase?

It will be up to each territory, on the basis of these guidelines, to design the practical method to carry out the local phase. This must involve dialogue, listening to and accompaniment of localities and sections, and promoting strong participation.

Each territory, no later than August 30, will appoint a coordinator to coordinate the process and to serve as a liaison with the *Commission for the preparation of the General Convention*.

In addition to the territorial coordinator (who will have a more organisational-operational profile), in each territory a work team will prepare the synthesis of local contributions from the local phase for those attending the Territorial Convention. The members of this team should be people who have some experience in the various topics proposed for discussion in the local phase.

There will also be an open channel for communication with the *Preparatory Commission*.