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TO ALL PROVINCIAL / REGIONAL / MISSION SUPERIORS OF THE SOCIETY

In re: **18th General Chapter: Second Guide for Communal Reflection and Preparation for the 18th General Chapter** (GC XVIII, Communication n° 5)

Dear Fr. Provincial/Regional/Mission Superior,

More than a year back the Society began the preparations for the 18th General Chapter. The International Preparatory Commission for the 18th General Chapter was convened at the Generalate in Rome, 1-7 December 2016. The commission reviewed the reports of the communal reflections of the provinces/regions/missions (PRMs) on the theme of the next General Chapter and analysed the trends from these reports, especially taking note of what the confreres want from the next General Chapter.

According to the circular letter dated 26 January 2016, “The objective of 18th General Chapter is to foster a process of a spiritual rekindling, bringing us back to the Word of God as the source of our life, vocation, and mission and our religious missionary commitment.” Thus, the aim of this Chapter is the **renewal of oneself, community life, and mission**. Based on the reports of the PRMs, the first preparatory commission has evolved a Second Guide for Communal Reflection. They also proposed the process to be adopted by the PRMs for deepening one’s renewal and commitment. These materials were discussed in the Caucus in January 2017 and the General Council approved this guide for reflection and a process to be adopted by PRMs. Along with this letter we are attaching these materials, a prayer for the Chapter and other instructions that are helpful in preparation for the next Chapter. We ask the PRM Superiors that these materials are translated into the languages necessary for personal and communal reflection in your particular context.

1. Second Guide for Communal Reflection

The Second Guide for Communal Reflection is to help individuals and communities to renew themselves in their commitment to live as a religious missionary in the present challenging situation of the world, and also to renew themselves to work zealously in the PRM among the people. This renewal is based on the Word of God and what God asks us to do in the present time and context; this is to change our habits and ways of life to become closer to God and people. In the light of the theme of the Chapter “The Love of Christ impels us” (2Cor 5:14): Rooted in the Word, Committed to His Mission”, this Guide is divided into three sections and each section offers a proposal for communal reflection – *Conversations*.

Process to adopt for discernment and discussion

Each community/district is asked to meet **three times** at regular intervals prior to the PRM Assembly/Chapter for discernment and discussion based on the three sections of the Second Guide for Communal Reflection. Each time when a community/district meets, the following process is to be implemented for renewal and transformation of oneself and community.

- a. **Show a video clip** on the theme of the 18th General Chapter (Generalate will upload the video clips for each section in the svdcuria.org website at regular intervals, kindly download it from there). You may also use the Powerpoint presentation that is sent to you; this is a help to initiate reflection or it could be sent to individuals for personal reflection.
- b. **Bible/Faith Sharing:** Use any one of the suggested texts or any other appropriate text.
- c. **Points for Reflection:** The questions in the text are to help personal and communal reflection and sharing. Not necessary to answer all these questions; choose what would inspire you the most.
- d. **Putting God's Word into Practice:** Personal application of the Word to oneself and to the community.

After three gatherings of each community/district, they send a report to the PRM Superiors on the following aspects:

- 1) **A statement on the content of renewal and transformation.**
- 2) **A statement on the process of renewal in your community that you had.**
- 3) **A process of renewal which could be institutionalized or structured in all the communities in the PRM for personal and community renewal and transformation.**

These statements are meant to revitalize our commitment to the Congregational Directions both *ad intra* and *ad extra*, and to do the evaluation of the process of renewal. Your suggestion would be to improve the process of renewal, so that our way of life in itself is life-giving to others. These reports are to be collated and used again for study, discussion and discernment during your PRM Assembly/Chapter and after that, the PRM Superiors are asked to send us a report based on the three aspects that are enumerated above. This report should be a maximum of **two pages** only (1500-1800 words) and it is to be sent to the Generalate **by 25 March, 2018**.

The second international preparatory commission, to be convened in April, 2018, will study these reports and draw up proposals to the General Chapter.

2. Video Clips/Stories

The first preparatory commission members wrote their reflection individually on their experiences in the group on prayer, liturgy, discussion and discernment. Recognizing the importance of this personal sharing in the process of renewal, the General Council proposes that each member or a community too could write their reflection on their process of renewal. The PRM Superiors are asked to send us **one of the stories/experiences** on the process of renewal. This should be **half page** only (400-450 words). If possible, we ask you to produce a video clip on the process of renewal in your PRM, this should be of 3-4 minutes. We would like to share these stories and video clips in the svdcuria website later, so that these could be available to others too. We ask you to send these stories or video clips by **25 March, 2018**.

Sending in Electronic format

Please send an English translation of the PRM reports and stories along with the non-English original in electronic format. This is very helpful to us in the generalate office.

3. Logo

A few provinces and confreres have sent their proposals of logo for the 18th General Chapter. We would be interested to get some more suggestions for a logo from the provinces and confreres on the theme of this Chapter. Kindly send them to the Generalate by **30 November 2017**.

4. Prayer

A Prayer for the next Chapter was prepared by the preparatory commission. We suggest that this prayer could be used by every confrere, community and mission partner so that the General Chapter becomes a moment of oneness and grace to deepen our relationship with the Lord, the confreres and with the people.

The focus of next General Chapter is on renewal; in fact, this has already begun in the PRMs by individual and communal reflections and sharing. We believe that you and your council will motivate the confreres more in the process of renewal, and pave a way to change into something new in our life that we often think we cannot change. We propose to you the following aspects that would be helpful for further reflection and sharing:

- ❖ Provide a copy of this letter and the Second Guide for Communal Reflection to all the members of your province/region/mission.
- ❖ Instruct the members that each community/district gather **three times** for discernment, discussion and sharing before the Provincial Chapter or Regional/Mission Assembly.
- ❖ Urge every confrere to take part actively in the local discussion and in the renewal process.
- ❖ Sufficient time is to be given for bible/faith sharing and fraternal sharing.
- ❖ Encourage you to involve the SSpS and our lay partners in the reflection on the theme.

We wish you God's blessings and enriching experiences of preparation for our next General Chapter.

Fraternally in the Divine Word,



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Enc.: Second Guide for Communal Reflection
Prayer for the 18th General Chapter
Powerpoint Presentation

18th General Chapter

Second Guide for Communal Reflection

Theme: “The Love of Christ Impels Us” (2 Cor 5:14):
Rooted in the Word, Committed to His Mission

Introduction

We are invited to anchor more deeply in the Word in order to be renewed and transformed by Christ’s love for us so that we may press forward in His mission, loving one another just as Christ has loved us. Love begets love. Having experienced Christ’s love for us, we are animated and even impelled to fulfill our vocation as transforming missionary disciples with greater generosity and resolute commitment. It is in this spirit that we have chosen the theme of the 18th General Chapter: “The Love of Christ Impels Us’ (2 Cor 5:14): Rooted in the Word, Committed to His Mission.”

Drawing upon the responses and suggestions from the Provinces/Regions/Missions (PRMs), the objective of this second guide for communal reflection is to further the process of a spiritual rekindling, namely, by centering on the Word of God as the source and foundation of our life, vocation, mission and our religious missionary commitment. To accomplish this objective we begin in the first section by examining the life and unwavering missionary commitment of Saint Paul as well as our SVD heritage and traditions for inspiration and renewal. The second section explores the implications of being rooted in the Word; namely, seeking to live in a missionary community that intentionally fosters interculturality, a simple lifestyle, and financial responsibility and transparency. This section also highlights the importance of formation (initial and on-going) and the role of leadership. The third section examines the different ways that we can carry out our mission with greater focus and renewed commitment. In each of the three main sections, there is a time for communal sharing or “conversations” whereby a suggested format is given along with some “points for reflection” drawn from the three main sections to stimulate further dialogue. We hope and pray that this Guide for Communal Reflection will serve as an instrument for the whole Congregation to enter into a genuine spiritual reawakening both individually and communally.

In your communal conversations, please do not feel obliged to discuss all the biblical texts or reflection questions. Choose those that seem to stir greater sharing.

1. “THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US” (2 COR 5:14)

1.1 St. Paul – The Unwavering Missionary

Saint Paul was a man on a mission! Before he met the risen Christ on the road to Damascus, Paul was determined to extinguish the flame of the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, after having experienced God’s *steadfast-love* (*hesed* in Hebrew or *agape* in Greek) and commissioned to carry out the *missio Dei*, Paul became a transforming apostle, sent to proclaim the message and power of God’s faithfulness and mercy to all people. It was God’s boundless love that moved, animated and impelled him to fulfill the task of an apostle with generosity and resolute commitment.

Paul had to face many trials and hardships for the sake of Christ and the church, sacrifices that were often overwhelming and life-threatening: hunger and thirst, dangerous travels, shipwreck, horrific persecutions, stoning and imprisonments. He found himself weak and powerless. In his weakness, he experienced the transforming power of the love of Christ, stating “for when I am weak then I am strong” (2 Cor 12:10). Thus, Paul did everything out of God’s tender-loving-kindness, which transformed and motivated him to live no longer for himself but as Christ lives in him. Paul

powerfully captures this theme through a familiar and effective image saying, “We hold this treasure in *earthen vessels*, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us” (2 Cor 4:7).

Paul’s list of hardships shows that he frequently encountered problems and tribulations. He frequently wrestled with the way people saw and understood him, particularly the Corinthians, who judged him only from externals. Nevertheless, Paul still cherished and loved them with all his heart, describing them as a letter “written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stones but on tablets that are hearts of flesh” (2 Cor 3:3). Thus, Paul constantly gave thanks to God for their faith, their love and their partnership in mission. Consequently, Paul asserts that nothing, no matter how bad or how frightening, can separate us from God’s love (Rom 8:35-39). Challenging times and situations are occasions for us to trust in God’s steadfast love. With every difficulty, God also provides us the grace, which is enough for us. Christ’s love does not claim us for God as a special privilege or entitlement but pushes us toward others. We who are loved also love others. Love for others is not an option which we may or may not choose. Love produces love and impels us to love and trust others because the greatest of all gifts is “love” (1 Cor 13:13).

Like Saint Paul, Arnold Janssen and his first collaborators were also impelled by the love of Christ for mission. They expressed this in the veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On June 16, 1875, at the 200th anniversary of the appearance of the Sacred Heart, they made an act of consecration. Saint Arnold always understood this as the spiritual foundation of the mission house, writing in the *Sacred Heart Messenger*: “The mission house will never forget its origin. And since it has as its stated goal to fulfill the grace-giving intentions of the divine Heart of Jesus, still more does it feel compelled by its origins to call upon the Sacred Heart of Jesus more forcefully and, as a proof of this, to make the following beautiful words its motto: *Vivat Cor Jesu in cordibus hominum!* May the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all people! So be it. Amen.”

1.2 Transforming Missionary Discipleship

It is through that same love of Jesus Christ that we Divine Word Missionaries are inspired and compelled to commit ourselves to carry out the work of *Missio Dei* to become “transforming missionary disciples” of Christ in *each* place, among *every* people and for *all* cultures (cf. *EG* 121). Ultimately, we are motivated, perhaps even “compelled,” by the very love of Christ burning within our hearts and the hearts of all people and creation. We are reminded by the words of St. John, “We love, because he first loved us” (1 Jn 4:19). Additionally, we are inspired by the example of St. Joseph Freinademetz to show “the language that all people truly understand is that of love.”

Jesus commissioned his disciples to go out to the whole world and to make disciples of all nations by proclaiming the good news of God’s reconciliation. Paul received a similar mandate from Christ to proclaim the gospel, which is a command that he described as a “ministry of reconciliation” (2 Cor 5:18). Paul committed himself wholeheartedly to it saying: “Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!” (1 Cor 9:16). The ministry of reconciliation could help mend conflicts and bridge the divisions happening in our world today. We can learn much from Paul’s plea to reconcile with God, with each other, and with creation that is “groaning in labor pain” (Rom 8:22). Since the ministry of reconciliation is rooted in God’s love for all people, it prohibits any marginalization or exclusion of “the other.” The passionate and unbending zeal to become transforming missionary disciples derives from Christ’s love for us as well as our love of Christ. However, to become effective ambassadors and instruments of Christ, we must know Christ and remain with him in order to bear fruit just as “the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine” (Jn 15:4).

1.3 Word-centered Spirituality

We are invited to renew and return to our deep roots, anchoring us in the Divine *Logos*. Word-centered spirituality is and should be the primary characteristic for who we are as *socii* (or

companions) of the Divine Word. God speaks to us in creation and history and through the signs of the times. The Sacred Scripture is the locus of dialogue and encounter with God, creation, the human family, and one another. *Dei Verbum* states, “The Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them and the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her [children], the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life” (DV 21).

Thus, to be a *socius* of the Divine Word we must be inspired by and rooted in the Word so as to share that good Word with others. In order to be a light for others’ paths, the Word of God must be a lamp for our own feet (Ps 119:105); to share the sweetness of God’s Word, we must first enthusiastically eat God’s Word as the prophet Ezekiel once did (Ezek 3:3). To foster and strengthen our spirituality for the sake of mission some possible spiritual practices are encouraged: personal prayer and meditation, Bible Sharing, Lectio Divina, and Faith Sharing. The heritage of our Society consists of many other spiritual practices and devotions that can also assist us to be united with Christ.

1.4 Conversations

1.4.1 A Suggested Format

- a. Show a video clip on the Theme of the 18th General Chapter
- b. Faith Sharing or Bible Sharing
Suggested texts:
Jn 1:1-18 (Prologue)
2 Cor 5:14-20 (“Love of Christ impels us”)
1 Cor 13:1-13 (“The Love Hymn”)
Phil 3:7-11 (“The supreme good of knowing Christ”)
- c. Points for Reflection (see below)
- d. Putting God’s Word into Practice

1.4.2 Points for Reflection

1.4.2.1 To rediscover our very motivation and our commitment for mission, we are encouraged to return to Christ for renewal and transformation. What does it mean for us to have Christ as “the center of our life” (c. 401)? What often separates us from Christ’s love and our love for one another? What constantly challenges us to deepen our union with Christ and the commitment to our mission?

1.4.2.2 Paul considers his ministry as one of “reconciliation,” rooted and shaped by the love of Christ. How can we help mend conflicts and bridge the divisions happening in our context and in our world today? How are we called to be bridge-builders and peacemakers? More concretely, with whom do we need to be reconciled?

1.4.2.3 We are invited to renew and return to our deep roots and heritage by anchoring ourselves in the Divine Logos. What are some spiritual practices that can help us be further rooted in the Word and that can foster and strengthen our spirituality for the sake of missio Dei? In what ways can we be a light for others’ paths and a lamp for others’ feet? How can we be more rooted in the Word so as to share that good Word with others? Is there an image, a parable or a metaphor in your cultural context that expresses the love of God?

2. ROOTED IN THE WORD

2.1 A Community of Disciples

Planting our roots deeper into the Word, we seek to live in community. As a community of brothers “from various peoples and continents” (c. Prologue), we have been entrusted with a common mission. This means that we are invited to put His will and mission above our own desires and preferences. In order to work for the common goal, we strive to create an atmosphere of trust where we can express our true self even if it means exposing our weaknesses and vulnerability. Just as Jesus emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, we too are called to self-emptying in the way we live, pray, and work.

2.1.1 Embracing Interculturality

Sharing intercultural life and mission is our SVD heritage; it is clearly evident especially in our communities and parishes. The commitment to interculturality is a key element of our identity. We work at it reflexively. We celebrate our differences easily because of our grounding in a tradition that respects and encourages this gospel value. We have learned over the years to recognize and appreciate intercultural differences. We too have difficulties due to differences in personalities. We address occasional tensions confidently and seek to reconcile with one another when conflicts do arise. Moving beyond simply a community of multiculturalism, we seek to build an atmosphere in our community that mutually respects the richness of every culture and background. We promote equality as members of one family. Rooted in our SVD identity, we become brothers to one another, interdependent in personal and practical ways. The apostle Paul is often portrayed as a model of interculturality, for although a jealous Jew he crossed all forms of social barriers whether geography, ethnicity, or language – all for the sake of the Gospel.

2.1.2 A Simple Lifestyle

To fully embrace “His life is *our* life, His mission *our* mission” (c. Prologue), we are called to truly live out the vow of poverty. We give witness as transforming missionary disciples by a lifestyle of simplicity. The vow of evangelical poverty allows us to be available to others by sharing our time and resources willingly and generously, for “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

2.1.3 Financial Solidarity and Transparency

A life of financial responsibility becomes possible when confreres are in solidarity around a common purpose, when they trust one another, and when they are able to rely on one another. Transparency and accountability in financial matters are signs of good and responsible stewardship and are very important in building up trust.

2.2 Initial and On-going Formation

The aim of our formation is to create an intercultural missionary community that models itself after the Trinity (c. 501), and to shape us in the spirit of our characteristic dimensions. It is a process in which all are invited to continually strive for spiritual renewal that is rooted in the Word and SVD heritage and traditions. Anchoring our lives in the Word begins with initial formation and lasts throughout our entire religious life. Being faithful missionary disciples in a world that focuses on instant gratification and individual freedom requires a willingness to be challenged and a disposition for constant conversion. It is important to foster and develop spiritual renewal and personal transformation.

We strive in our formation to acquire effective communication skills, cultivate personal and emotional maturity, and develop cultural competencies to live in an intercultural community. Developing healthy spiritual habits and interpersonal skills are integral to forming a transformative missionary. Fostering healthy relationships, whereby one can share and express oneself freely and honestly without fear of rejection and criticism, is an important characteristic of a religious. Creating an atmosphere of generosity, team-work, communal ownership, and shared responsibility is a vital sign of a healthy community already participating in mission. Another key feature of a healthy formation is one that encourages confreres of all ages and backgrounds to work, eat and pray together. It is good to recognize that authentic renewal and transformation are often achieved through the help of others, such as friends, confreres, mentors, spiritual directors, formators, superiors, and professional counselors. Participating in frequent workshops, retreats, seminars, and other on-going education programs is highly encouraged for all confreres.

2.3 Servant Leadership

All members are called to exercise their authority as leaders in a manner worthy of their duty and responsibility. Leaders are just stewards who act with “firmness and kindness” (c. 611.9). Like Jesus the servant leader, leaders are called to serve and not be served (c. 601). Good leadership demonstrates collegiality, shared-responsibility, and teamwork. A leader is able to delegate and seek out help when it is needed. More than just a manager or an administrator, he is encouraged by his election to be innovative and visionary. A good leader is one who is also willing to prepare and nurture future leaders who embody a spirit of service, humility, honesty, and generosity. More importantly, when the time is right he is willing to hand over responsibilities to his successor.

2.4 Conversations

2.4.1 A Suggested Format

- a. Video Clip of the Theme of the 18th GC
- b. Faith Sharing or Bible Sharing
Suggested Texts:
Jn 13:3-15 (Washing the feet)
Gal 5:13-26 (“Love as the fruit of the Holy Spirit”)
1 Thess 4:9-12 (“Fraternal love”)
1 Cor 8:1-13 (“Fraternal love”)
- c. Points for Reflection (see below)
- d. Putting God’s Word into Practice

2.4.2 Points for Reflection

2.4.2.1 What has been the most transformative experience of living in an intercultural community? How can we discern God’s will and mission that allow us to move beyond our own desires and personal preferences? In what ways can you live more modestly? What are the personal and cultural biases that prevent us from sharing and trusting one another?

2.4.2.2 How can you acquire effective communication skills, cultivate personal and emotional maturity, and develop cultural competencies in your initial and on-going formation in order to live in an intercultural community? In what ways can you develop healthy spiritual habits and interpersonal skills, which are integral to forming a transformative missionary?

2.4.2.3 *How can we honestly discern and choose the most qualified leader who is more than just a manager or an administrator but is an animator, innovative and visionary?*

3. COMMITTED TO HIS MISSION

Having sat at the feet of the Incarnate Word and experienced the love that he offers, we are empowered to tell our story to the world. It is a story founded on a personal experience of how the love of Christ impels us.

Mission always implies a conversion and a change of mentality (*metanoia*) for all (Mk 1:15). Hence, our commitment to His mission has to be anchored in our being rooted in Christ. The world we live in calls for a sustained renewal in our commitment to Christ's mission and in spreading His Gospel. Sometimes our indifference to what is happening in the world, the fire that no longer burns in our hearts and the lack of passion for mission can slowly cripple and weaken our commitment to His Mission. We commit ourselves to His mission with new ardor.

3.1 Putting the Last First

From the utter indifference of society that leaves others in the margins, the structures and policies that favor a privileged few, the wars and conflicts that displace people and the unequal distribution of resources that leaves others homeless and hungry have emerged an increasing number of the least and vulnerable. On the highways and byways of every continent, millions of people are constantly on the move. This situation today has raised many issues and concerns about the treatment of the vulnerable migrants. Refugees brave the dangers of the unknown, persons exploited by trafficking, children begging on the streets, informal settlers without a home, the elderly who are abandoned by their own children are some of the poignant realities that challenge once again our congregational priorities. The reality of the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized is not only a social issue but from the point of view of faith and mission, it also deserves a theological and missiological approach. Our commitment to these realities shapes our attitudes and activities.

Pope Francis calls us "to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (*Laudato Si'*, 49). When trees are indiscriminately cut down, when industrial waste flows to the rivers, when mountains and plains are bulldozed to build mega structures, when cars fill the air with their belching smoke, our mother earth, our common home groans. We all suffer the consequences of our own doing and neglect for the preservation of the integrity of creation. Today, more than ever, we are called to a determined commitment to the care of our common home.

3.2 Exploring Mission in the Digital Era

Communication has an incredible effect on our lives and mission. The advancement in information and communication technology has put the world in the palms of everyone. Impelled by the love of Christ, we commit ourselves to put everyone in the "palm of the Lord".

Social media – Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Viber, etc. connect people around the world. People who are separated by great distances can communicate online. Undoubtedly, we acknowledge the importance of digital social media in evangelization. As missionaries, we must take into account our new reality so we can continue to share the Word of God with people today.

The digital world, which has become an essential part of our everyday lives, has developed its own language, one that many people speak, especially the youth. It has created new communities of virtual friends with large numbers on different social media. There is an urgent need for education concerning the risks and responsible use of digital media. The love of Christ impels us to engage in

a new mission – the pastoral care of the digital community. The language of love must also be spoken using the language of technology.

3.3 Journeying together in mission

The mission to which we commit ourselves is God’s mission, *Missio Dei*. We have friends and collaborators who also share in this mission. We therefore collaborate with our SSpS and SSpSAP sisters, other religious, diocesan and other official Church entities, and other organizations and people of good will who work to build a world of justice, peace and reconciliation.

We especially try to collaborate with our lay partners in mission. Working together with our-lay partners is a reliving of an ideal that was dear to our Founder, who right from the beginning of the SVD mission engaged collaborators in the task of proclaiming and witnessing to the Word.

Our commitment to His Mission needs the collaboration of lay partners. By introducing them to the rich spiritual heritage of our Congregation and our own witnessing as SVDs, we can inspire them. By their witnessing and selfless giving of their time and resources for our Congregational Directions, they can inspire us. We give thanks to God and rejoice in the “partnership for the Gospel” (Phil 1:3-6).

3.4 Conversations

3.4.1 A Suggested Format

- a. Video Clip of the Theme of the 18th GC
- b. Faith Sharing/Bible Sharing
Suggested Texts:
Mt 5:3-12 (Sermon on the mount)
Lk 4:16-20 (Vision of mission)
Phil 2:1-11 (“*Kenotic* love or Christological Hymn”)
Rm 8:18-27 (“All creation is groaning in labor pain”)
- c. Points for Reflection (see below)
- d. Putting God’s Word into Practice

3.4.2 Points for Reflection

3.4.2.1 What are the ways by which we can deepen our commitment to His Mission?

3.4.2.2 What can the PRMs contribute for the conscientization, education and awareness concerning care of creation? How do we address oppressive and unjust socio-economic structures? In what way can we collaborate with other religious congregations, other institutions and agencies in the implementation of concrete actions for the poor?

3.4.2.3. What are the areas in which our Congregation can evangelize in the Digital Era? How do we educate young people in our parishes, schools and seminaries regarding digital culture? How do we resolve the tensions that often arise from the use of social media in our communities?

3.4.2.4 What are the concrete ways by which we collaborate with others and encourage our lay partners to share in our mission? How do we promote the formation of SVD lay partners?

