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Introduction

Our recent Enlarged General Council was celebrated at Ariccia, (across lake Albano from Castelgandolfo), from the 26th to the 7th of June 2008.

During the EGC, information was sent out to the confreres by means of several bulletins of “Spiritan Newsflash” and afterwards in a special issue of “Spiritan News”. The delegates in their turn, on returning from Italy, will no doubt have informed the confreres of what was discussed.

The General Council, by means of this special issue of *Anima Una* (the new title for what was formerly known as *I/D*), wishes to let all confreres know about the practical follow-up to the opinions and ideas expressed at the EGC. These are not a collection of texts which have been carefully amended and voted on, as is the case for a General Chapter. Neither are they a few vague hopes and ‘pious wishes’. The aim of an enlarged council (of the Congregation or a circumscription) is essentially ‘practical’ – to make sure that our daily personal and community commitments are “built on rock”. The General Council has based this reflection on the minutes taken during the EGC and on the syntheses of topics made on the spot, so that this rich material forms a basis for the practical orientations in the next four years leading up to the General Chapter of 2012.

We considered it important that all confreres be aware of these orientations. The Congregation belongs to all of us. We all need to work together so that the poor are served better and the Gospel of Christ is more effectively proclaimed.

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