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The XXXVI General Chapter of the Congregation of the Schools of Charity - Cavanis Institute will open on July 16, 2025. Six years have passed since the last General Chapter and, as in all things, this religious reality, this community has made a journey; it has gone through various stages and now it is necessary to draw conclusions about the things done and not done, in order to move forward in the Church and be witnesses of Christ.

MEANWHILE, LET US ASK OURSELVES AS LAY CAVANIS about the true meaning of Cavanis Consecrated Life: it is a life where all are brothers and Cavanis brothers with the Founders, Father Anthony and Father Mark Cavanis and one Master, Jesus. The foundation of the Cavanis Christian life is community, that is, members living the home, prayer, sincere and loyal dialogue, respect, working together and helping each other. The identity of the Cavanis religious must always be open to others, available to the confreres and lay people who collaborate in the missions of the Congregation. Consistent living of communion in the community, the valorization of welcome, respect and esteem for others, living poverty should shine through this identity.

REGARDING VOCATION MINISTRY, which is even more important today especially in the Italian Delegation, it is necessary to strengthen a



vocation project through vocation animation groups with lay collaborators and young people and to create information, formation and animation activities. Formation of young people in the Cavanis realities present in the world and publicizing the Charism through the various means of communication available today is also necessary.

REGARDING THE FORMATION OF THE CAVANIS LAITY, it is necessary to understand that the Cavanis Charism is not the exclusive property of consecrated persons. The Lay Collaborators are also recipients and co-responsible for the Cavanis Spirituality and Mission and as such must be part of a specific formation program. The Lay Collaborators have validity and skills that are important for the growth of the Congregation itself and for this they must be helped in formation.

We confirm as Lay Cavanis our active belonging to the Congregation of the Schools of Charity - Cavanis Institute in order to grow according to the Charism of the Founders, to collaborate in the project of holiness, of charity, of responding to the vocation that all must make their own.

Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for the next General Chapter that the minds of the participants may be enlightened, according to God's will, especially in the election of the next General Superior.

PSALMS 133 (132)
The Blessedness of Unity
A Song of Ascents.

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.



FATHER MARCO CAVANIS TEACHES HOW TO WELCOME, GUARD AND ORIENT YOUTH

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In the changing era that we are living in, it is increasingly difficult for young people to feel welcomed, guarded and especially oriented by us religious. They frankly say that they find no reason to participate and stay in our works and activities, and be accompanied and oriented.

"Orienting to the beautiful homeland of heaven" is the third task of the educational mission.

"Heaven" represents the end point of life's journey, the fullness of fulfillment and happiness. To get there, there are so many roads and so many treacherous paths to be chosen and traveled.

Young people, not without a hint of irony, ask, "We must move forward, but by what road and to where? What future heaven do you adults want us to participate in?"

The youth want to make choices of freedom and in freedom, a human heaven here on earth by changing structures not just only the hearts, grow and act independently. They want adults to be "like God who after creating the world ceases to work and rests, leaving it to man to complete the work of creation." They want to be responsible for humanizing interpersonal relationships, with Creation and with the Transcendent.

The work of guidance is undoubtedly a social work that sha-

pes relationality, respect for others, cooperation towards a common goal, responsibility, sense of duty, value of sacrifice for the common good, here and now. Young people who grow up incapable of a common vision, who consider their own desires as absolute values, become unable to face the path of life aiming at a final point but also at a "heaven" here and now.

The distant heaven is not a conquest but a free gift, the heaven here and now is the result of a symphonic work. Young people have to deal with a context marked by ethical subjectivism and practical materialism, by intrusive social media that increasingly occupy their imagination, colonize their desires. And it is not about believing in unrealizable utopias, but to welcome life as a commitment that makes us responsible for ourselves and therefore of the future.

The future will be neither better nor worse than now, it will be as we build it today with our hands, and not as a crowd that advances in some way, dragged by a leader who leads who knows where, but as free people, wisely critical and conscious.

The human person is born for happiness, "Brothers all". Pope Francis has understood that it is necessary to return to young people.

The correct act is born from thought; it is necessary to invest more in opportunities capable of generating in young people a serene "thinking thought" and not only "calculating thought".

Father Diego Spadotto, C.S.Ch.