



QUALITIES NEEDED IN A GENERAL CHAPTER DELEGATE

Sisters need to be confident that the delegates they elect possess at least some of the following qualities. They look for someone who:

- Can see the chapter as a faith experience in a synodal spirit and so is open to a process of discernment, seeking to see where the Spirit is leading her and the group, even if at some moments this is not a direction that she herself wishes.
- Is open to the opinions of others. True discernment requires openness, so this is a key quality to look for in a potential delegate.
- Is ready and able to give the required time to preparation despite the demands of her own ministry.
- Is able to think wider than simply her own province and is open to appreciating the diversity of cultures and needs of the whole Congregation.
- Is well-informed and concerned in regard to the presence and action of God in the reality of the Church and the world and sees the importance of this for the mission of the Congregation today and into the future.
- Is able to say what she thinks clearly and without putting pressure on others.
- Is able to work well with others.
- Is willing to participate fully in small group work and in general sessions, reaching out to connect with those who do not share her own language or culture.
- Is able to stay at peace even when the group is confused or when there is tension caused by conflicting opinions.
- Is willing to enter into the discernment required by the election process, with an understanding and appreciation of the service of Congregational leadership.
- Has sufficient health and stamina to sustain an effective presence at a chapter which will last for over three-and-one-half weeks.
- Is willing to learn to use an electronic device during Chapter proceedings.