

# CHAPTER PLANNING COMMITTEE



The PLT and CPC had an enlightening orientation by Bro. Philip Pinto CFC, on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2019 at GSC Chennai. The theme of our Province Chapter is “**Embraced by Mystery, Passionate for Justice**”.

The following are the main points discussed at the meeting.

## **What is the significance of this sacred event –Unit Chapter?**

Chapters are *love letters from God*.

Chapters are *milestones between God and the Congregation*.

Chapters are *paschal events*.

Chapters are *gatherings enabling us to hear the Word of God in unison, during the preparation and the event*.

Chapter assesses *the life of the Province through dialogue and prayer, renews its fidelity to the charism and plans for the future*.

Chapter elects the leaders *who will prophetically lead the province into the future*.

This sacred event invites us to enter into a deep relationship with this Mystery which we call God, who is beyond our human understanding. This Mystery is best revealed in the Creation of the Universe – every element has its *identity*, there is a *vast diversity* and *greater inter-connectedness*.

## **Three aspects of MYSTERY:**

- God is the source of life: I worship God when I bring life to people who lost life
- God is the source of love: Every time I love selflessly, I embrace this Mystery.
- God is the ground of my being: I am in touch with the God within me.

## The Province Chapter theme and logo

Embraced by Mystery, Passionate for Justice.

*This theme invites us to deepen our connection with Mystery.*

The embracing hands around the heart depict the encompassing presence of Mystery around the entire universe and the interconnectedness with one another.

The flame within the logo is symbolic of the dynamic and unbridled nature of the Divine Mystery. This zealous flame dares us to journey beyond the safety of the centre. The empowered crook depicts the passion and courage with which we can walk justly, hand in hand with humankind and all creation.



### Prayer for Chapter

*“O Mystery, Alive in Me!”*

We come into Your presence,  
Asking for Your blessings.

May Your EMBRACE remove  
Our hesitations and our fears,  
Our lack of boldness and audacity.

Enkindle in us the fire of Your love.  
Encircle us with Your grace.

Let it strengthen each step we take,  
As we seek Your wisdom,  
To discern Your will for our Province.

Fill our hearts with hope and courage,  
That we may be passionate for justice  
Following in the footsteps of  
St. John Eudes and St. Mary Euphrasia,

May we become beacons of hope and compassion,  
With self, with Your people and with the whole universe. AMEN

*Micah 6:8 ‘Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God’*