

PROFILES for Delegates, Alternates and Staff

GENERAL CHAPTER 2025



Delegates

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Delegate:

**ANA HELENA
ANDREÃO**

Area: Brazil

Date of perpetual profession:

March 25, 1976

Current Ministry: Presence with those AFFECTED by the Dams (MAB) and by the crime of the Mining Companies; Support for the Settlers and Campers fighting for the LAND; Landless Movement

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Our efforts, faith, and hope, poured into our hearts, are dedicated to the greater good of the world. Together, we unite with organizations committed to the defense of Life and the stewardship of our planet. Missionary Women of Hope who nurture gardens, foster community organization, and bring courage to the harvest, ensuring nourishment for all people. A Church led by Pope Francis that hears the cry of the Poor and the cry of the Earth.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

Walking together with humility, journeying in communion, making memories that welcome the soil that holds seeds for the future. Opening spaces in our imagination of the future for the newness of God. Remaining open, beginning the journey towards the unknown,

accepting the anxiety of feeling surprised and incomplete in the dream of forming a community. Living together the Synodal process in discernment, in search of the path of justice, risking the New.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

May the Spirit guide us as Women of Hope, empowering us to believe that God brings forth Life from death. Hope energize us to persevere joyfully in the journey ahead, nurturing deep interconnections with ourselves and the cosmos, and ultimately bringing Life and Hope to the world. May each RSHM embody the essence of Hope, and may every Chapter forge a sacred bond through the Spirit, while honoring our shared responsibility for our Common Home.





Delegate:

**ANA LUÍSA
VALENTE PINTO**

Area: Institute Leadership

Date of perpetual profession:
June 3, 2012

Current Ministry: Institute Councilor

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

It gives me joy to be able to contribute to the common good and unity of the international 'body' that we are as an Institute. Witnessing the creative fidelity to our charism, the co-responsibility and deep commitment of RSHM and Lay Colleagues to the life-giving mission of Jesus Christ, fills me with hope now, and looking into the future.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

They have invited me to take time to remember what God has done for me and for our Institute, from its origins throughout the generations of RSHM, until today. The experience of God's faithfulness and gratuitous love encourages me to continue to journey in deep faith and renews my willingness to love with God's tenderness, to act justly and to proclaim the fullness of life for all and for all of creation.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

I hope that the Chapter will be a celebration of the gift of being RSHM, a time of deep listening to the Spirit and of strengthening communion among ourselves with respect for diversity. My dream is that we will have the courage to open new hope-filled pathways, as we seek to respond to the cry of the victims of injustice and the cry of our planet.





Delegate:

**BEATRICE
MAGAYA**

Area: Zambezi

Date of perpetual profession:
April 5, 2014

Current Ministry: Health ministry;
formation and Area Councilor

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

What gives me hope is the life I share with those who are sick. Especially celebrating with those who have improved their health because of our presence. Working with young people in the early stages of formation gives me hope for the future, as a sign of life in our Institute.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

Loving tenderly means being compassionate to those who need this loving presence. As an RSHM, I feel that listening to those most in need and journeying with them, strengthens me in my commitment to give life. It represents my mission as an RSHM wherever I am.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

My dream for the chapter is to see and experience my sisters as we move forward into our future. Each participating with Joy and listening to each other. I dream of being inspired by the spirit of our founder as we embark on our future.





Delegate:

BERNADETTE JACINTO TESOURA

Area: Mozambique

Date of perpetual profession:

January 20, 1985

Current Ministry: Teaching; Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary; Responsible for Pastoral Zone 2 of the Parish; Responsible for the Junior Sisters and FASCM

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

The words of Jesus: "Fear not, I have overcome the world."

A phrase by Jean Gailhac: "On the path of God there is no stopping. To stop would be to lose everything."

The words of Jesus: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." This implies a commitment to Life.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

Micah's words are a call to me to be increasingly aware of why the Lord consecrated me and what response I must give with concrete actions: to rise up and go out to meet the people, bringing the Good News of life and liberation, to practice justice, to love loyalty, to be faithful and humble before God.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

To strengthen our fidelity to the Charism of Father Gailhac and his mission yesterday, today and tomorrow. To walk together as a body, along the path to make something new happen.





Delegate:

**BREDA
BYRNE**

Area: Northern European

Date of perpetual profession:
September 7, 1972

Current Ministry: Co-Leader; Pastoral
Ministry

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

In my ministry, I have always found great hope and joy being immersed in the lives of the people of our local area, as I witness the goodness, courage and commitment of those who do all they can to reach out to those most in need in their communities, empowering them so that may have a better quality of life.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

This encourages and inspires me to live out my commitment more fully to the mission entrusted to us, with a new sense of hope. It is affirming because over the years our focus has been on justice for the most vulnerable and the desire that all those we minister to may have life by enabling and empowering them.

Our world today is broken and our Chapter theme calls us to be instruments of hope wherever we find ourselves so that we can make a difference and reveal the tenderness of God to all we meet.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream is that as we walk together in a synodal way, open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that we will be enriched by the sharing of our hopes for our mission in today's world and continue to be faithful to the mission entrusted to us by working for justice and by being a voice for the voiceless, especially women and children.





Delegate:

**CATHERINE
GARCIA**

Area: Western American

Date of perpetual profession:

September 8, 1974

Current Ministry: English Teacher;
South Central LAMP

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

It is a privilege to accompany immigrant women from Mexico and Central America as they embrace the challenges of reaching their full potential as women and mothers. The hope and joy of these women along with my collaborators in this ministry continually animate my call to mission.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

The words of Micah 6-8 so simply and clearly identify how single hearted and single-minded is God's call. Embracing these words have allowed me to be sure-footed in my efforts to live faithfully each day the RSHM life and mission.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My hope is that the 2025 Chapter will be the same vibrant force that the 1975 Chapter was for the members of the Institute 50 years ago. It launched us into a time of transformation.





Delegate:

**CATHERINE M.
PATTEN**

Area: Eastern American

Date of perpetual profession:

June 2, 1968

Current Ministry: Active Retirement

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

I am now retired, but I have great hope and joy in our being able to connect as an Institute and in seeing our younger sisters growing and assuming leadership roles.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

Micah's words are a touchstone in my interactions with others and in evaluating decisions.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream for the Chapter 2025 is that we will be open to the Word, faithful to the Spirit's leading, and renewed in our commitments as RSHM.





Delegate:

**CATHERINE
VINCIE**

Area: Eastern American

Date of perpetual profession:
November 5, 1983

Current Ministry: Council member
for the EAA; Continued work as a
liturgical theologian

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

What grounds me and gives me hope and joy is my rootedness in God and belief in God's presence with me personally and with us as an Institute. In my capacity as a theologian, I feel privileged to be living in a time when women have access to theological education and can function as theologians in the Church. I find hope and joy in working for the transformation of Church systems and thinking that bring greater participation and valuing of women and the laity. I am grateful to the community for their support for me in this ministry.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

What has inspired me from this scriptural text is the balance suggested between acting justly, loving mercy and walking with God.

For me, RSHM life and mission is keeping in balance "Knowing and loving God, and making God known and loved," and acting for the promotion of justice for women and the laity, particularly in the Church.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream for the Chapter is that we renew our commitment of women religious as RSHM in places of new life and in places of diminishment. I hope that the vitality that marks our community may continue in the younger women who are joining us. I also hope that the new structures of governance we are envisioning serve the Institute and our mission well. I want to leave the Chapter energized and hopeful about our present reality and our future.





Delegate:

**CIDÁLIA JESUS
SILVA DINIS**

Area: Portugal

Date of perpetual profession:
July 27, 1997

Current Ministry: Administrator of
the Colégio do Sagrado Coração
Maria- Lisbon

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

What brings me joy in the ministry I am part of is witnessing, daily, that the people with whom I share my being in the mission (students, families, collaborators, benefactors, sisters...) live and transmit our Charism through their actions and the values they uphold. In an increasingly elitist and exclusive world, "transforming indifference into closeness and exclusion into belonging" fulfills our mission as women of prophetic HOPE, giving life SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE LIFE.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

I believe that God is faithful, does not contradict Himself, and therefore does not abandon us. Despite our weaknesses and limitations, He will perform wonders and is always surprising us! I trust and believe that God leads the Mission.

It is up to me and to each one of us to be faithful and not give up... God walks with us and challenges us to walk together, with one another.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

Each of the delegates/participants should not bring preconceived ideas, but rather come with an open mind, so that we may allow ourselves to be surprised by the Holy Spirit, open and available to the newness that God wants to offer us.





Delegate:

**COLTRIDA
MULIMA MOOYA**

Area: Zambezi

Date of perpetual profession:
April 23, 2005

Current Ministry: Area leader

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

The enthusiasm of the Sisters in the Area, their attentiveness and determination to make God known and loved in our communities and ministries, even in the midst of poverty, drought, political instability... gives me great hope and joy. The collaboration with our sisters in other Areas and other congregations strengthens my hope and joy.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

The words of Micah provide a path to tread on and light for our feet in our RSHM life and mission.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

That as the Chapter discerns, every participant will embrace the words of Micah, '...to do justice and to love goodness, and walk humbly with our God.' And that the diversity of the chapter body will be strength for unity.





Delegate:

**DEBORAH
TAZIWONA
JAMALI**

Area: Zambezi

Date of perpetual profession:
December 29, 2019

Current Ministry: Office of Justice
and Peace- Angola

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

After the Civil War in Angola, people are traumatized, and vulnerable. Many things are destroyed and cause poverty, malnutrition, and hunger. The presence of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary will make a difference in people's lives. We are here so that all may have life to the full and live the gospel through our ministries. Charism and Spirituality will bring a new kingdom to Lwena.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

I feel that God is inviting me to do justice, to love, and to walk humbly with Him. This carries our mission here to respond to God's call. To reconstruct what got lost, mend the broken hearts, and bring liberation to the Angolan people.

To bring justice and peace to abusive families and empower people in different activities. Promoting the Safeguarding policy for children and vulnerable adults.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream in Chapter is to promote unity through our diversity. Continue maintaining our identity as RSHMs. Angola continues to be in the hearts of all the RSHMs as our response to Gailhac's vision.





Delegate:

ISABEL GRANGEON

Area: Portugal

Date of perpetual profession:
March 31, 1992

Current Ministry: “Centro de Espiritualidade Jean Gailhac”; Sources & Spirituality Team; Vocation Awareness and formator of Pre-Novitiate and Temporary Professed

In your ministry in today’s world, what brings you hope and joy?

Walking together in synodality; risking the new and being aware of our many GIFTS as well as our weaknesses; new vocations and younger sisters generating enthusiasm and taking on leadership roles; our collaborators and the SHM Extended Family identifying more and more with the RSHM Spirituality; the work of the leadership, of the Institute Commissions, and the growing visibility of the Institute through Communications.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

Our mission calls us to know and love God, to make God known and loved. And our God is Justice, Love, Tenderness, and Humility (cf. Mic 6:8). Making God known and loved urges me to have a profound experience of intimacy with Jesus Christ,

letting myself be touched and transformed by Him, so that I can be ‘another Jesus Christ’ every day, witnessing that He is LIFE for ALL.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

I dream of a Chapter where we can all contribute and live: being open to the newness of the Spirit, with trust, hope and joy; active listening, without pre-judgement; open dialogue that welcomes and respects differences and strengthens communion and unity; a discernment made with feet grounded in the reality of the Institute and the challenges of today's world; hearts that dream and sow the seeds of the future.





Delegate:

**JACINTA VITORINO
ALBERTO**

Area: Moçambique

Date of perpetual profession:

September 09, 2001

Current Ministry: Secondary School
Teacher

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

- Forming a person wholly
- Collaborate with colleagues in the education of students
- Being a religious among the lay people.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

- Yes, because I am invited to be humble in my relationships with other people.
- Learn to obey superiors as the voice of God.
- To have total trust in God in ministry.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

May God answer the prayers of vocations as a means to have qualified RSHMs to continue the charism left by our Founder.





Delegate:

**JOYCE
RUSHINGA**

Area: Zambezi

Date of perpetual profession:

February 24, 2018

Current Ministry: Primary School
Teacher; Area Councilor

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

I feel hopeful when seeing primary school children coming to school every day, hoping to receive quality education for their future endeavours. Teaching them every day, especially in areas which concern their daily lives and those of others gives me hope and joy that we are grooming a responsible young generation which will uphold their values, heritage and integrity.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

The words of Micah 6:1-8 encourage me to speak about the RSHM' goodness in the world. God is challenging me to stand for what I know and believe in. God has been faithful to us in all his ways.

The Lord requires me to love tenderly and walk humbly with him. RSHM commitment calls and challenges me to gaze on the Lord to see and experience his goodness to me.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

This 2025 Chapter will be my first time to attend a Chapter. So I am not very sure of what to expect. I dream that matters of greater importance will be discussed and be able to bear fruits in the future.





Delegate:

**JÚLIA TREJO
MARTÍNEZ**

Area: Western American

Date of perpetual profession:
8 September, 2012

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

People's solidarity is more than indifference; it is openness to wanting to know God, gratitude, and empathy for what happens to their neighbours, sometimes even without knowing them. I like the attitude of women, who now love themselves more without competing with men and without losing their position and dignity.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

To listen, pay attention, and set out on the path, to be like the vineyards that bear fruit and to remove the idols that distract me from the goal.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream is to continue projecting the dreams of our founders and to remain faithful even amid adversity, responding to the needs of others, and to give generously what I have.





Delegate:

**KATHLEEN
BUCKLEY**

Area: Northern European

Date of perpetual profession:

22 August, 1967

Current Ministry: Community
Pastoral Worker

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

The conviction that I feel called to work with the marginalised.
For me this is life-giving and hope-filled. It gives me a passion and energy to be a prophetic presence in little ways in my corner of the world.
Walking together with all in a spirit of welcoming encounter and deep listening. Creating space and opportunities where all voices can be heard.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

It triggered our motto "That all may have life and have it to the full" It strengthened my sense of belonging and commitment to mission.
Also gave me a renewed vision of hope for the future.

Motivated me to continue living and working with hope despite the challenges facing Religious Life to-day.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My hope for our Chapter 2025 is that it will be open and alert to the pressing needs in our changing world to-day in society, church and the institute despite our fragility and diminishment.

An openness to the movement of the Spirit and a willingness to listen attentively to each other as we are led into the future.





Delegate:

**KATHLEEN
KELEMEN**

Area: Western American

Date of perpetual profession:

May 25, 1974

Current Ministry: Area Leadership
(Co-Leader)

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Leadership is my current ministry. These times are particularly challenging because of what we are facing in terms of aging and numbers. My hope and joy comes from the leadership we have on our Institute level, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious here in the U.S., and our lay co-ministers who are so supportive of our life and mission

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

Specifically, the words of Micah 6, verse 8, have hung prominently framed in my bedroom, greeting me each day for many, many years. The simplicity and clarity of these words are powerful and profound, providing a mantra for daily living as an RSHM Sister.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream for Chapter 2025 is that it will enable us to take a giant step forward in becoming "One Unit of Governance" and that this will be as natural and meaningful to us as the words, "One Body for Mission."





Delegate:

**KATHLEEN
O'DONOVAN**

Area: Northern European

Date of perpetual profession:

August 28, 1966

Current Ministry: Co- Leader;
Pastoral Ministry

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

I receive hope and joy from sharing in the lives of all those who are part of my journey, especially from the poor, the underprivileged and those on the margins of our society today.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

The words of Micah 6: 1-8 have inspired me to live our RSHM Charism with justice, love and compassion, witnessing to God's love in our troubled world, so "that all may have life "

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream is that we are open and responsive to the call of the Holy Spirit speaking through each participant, and be empowered to walk with others in a synodial way, as messengers of hope and peace as we embrace the future.





Delegate:

LUCILENE DE OLIVEIRA

Area: Brazil

Date of perpetual profession:

February 24, 1995

Current Ministry: Advisor for the Brazilian Area; works as a psychologist

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Develop empathy wherever I go, both professionally and pastorally, welcoming people at times through mercy and inclusion. Providing a pleasant environment of respect and acceptance, especially in aggressive environments. As people become more human, they reciprocate by doing the same, moving from complaining to seeking solutions.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

Our life must be guided by the pilgrimage of love, giving, justice and peace. They must be part of our daily lives. Let us stand up and go on a mission with the strength of the youngest members. Let us practice justice with dignity and perseverance.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

Despite difficulties in relationships, we rely on mercy and love among ourselves as RSHM.

Let us move from depending on human beings and dependence on God.

Let us leave our comfort zones and seek new paths with creativity.

Work with young people, get closer to them, listen to them.





Delegate:

**MADALENA
SERAFIM MANHIÇA**

Area: Mozambique on Mission in
Angola-Luena

Date of perpetual profession: March
11, 2003

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

The flourishing of the new mission, the belief that God is walking with us, this gives me great hope and joy. It gives me joy to be called by God to a new mission, to risk the new, to be open to God's action in me and in the Institute. It brings me joy to strive every day to bear witness to community life lived in the spirit of faith, overcoming difficulties and strengthening prayer and sharing.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

The RSHM's mission is deeply rooted in the defense of the dignity of the person and of life. This call challenges us to live a prophetic commitment in the struggle for a more just world, where no one is excluded.

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What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

May it be a moment of openness to God's newness, without fear of risking innovative paths. May the Chapter strengthen the bonds between the different regions and cultures of the congregation, promoting leadership that values the richness of the different contexts of the Areas for a unity of government. May the decisions to be made be guided by prophetic hope, trusting that God continues to lead the mission of the RSHM.





Delegate:

MARIA MANUELA DE SOUSA QUEIRÓS

Area: Portugal

Date of perpetual profession:
September 14, 1986

Current Ministry: CNSR-Porto
administrator; JPIC animator;
member of the Leadership Council

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Every day I have the opportunity to socialise with children and young people. It makes me happy and gives me hope for the future, but also for the new. God is always creating and recreating. Making something new. I am confident that the little seed sown today will sprout and grow and bear fruit as it is cared for.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

The words of Micah 6:1-8 remind me of how my relationship with our God should be (humbly), how they encourage me to live with the diversity of people, gifts and frailties. 'Act with justice and love with tenderness' challenges me to act in accordance with the life and mission of the Institute.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

I hope that the 2025 General Chapter will be a synodal event that will allow us to live in communion with each other and with the Church and, in the light of our charism, be a prophetic sign in the world in which we live.





Delegate:

**MARGARET
MARY FIELDING**

Area: Institute Leader

Date of perpetual profession:
August 22, 1969

Current Ministry: Institute Leader

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

My current ministry places me at the heart of the Institute and of its mission in today's world. This gives me the joy of walking with all my Sisters and many other people. It is enriching humanly and spiritually, widens my horizons and fills me with great hope for the future.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

These words call me to live in right relationship with God, others and all creation. They resonate deeply with our Institute's charism and commitment to evangelical justice. I am asked to walk humbly and trustingly with God, with RSHM and all God's people, to bring about God's dream of fullness of life for all.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream is that Chapter 2025 will be a joyful experience of communion in mission, filling us with hope and strengthening us to embrace the future with deep confidence in God and in one another.





Delegate:

MARIA APARECIDA MOREIRA

Area: Institute Leadership

Date of perpetual profession:

September 15, 1984

Current Ministry: Institute Councilor
and Institute Treasurer

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Meeting the sisters, listening to their stories and learning from them; visiting the ministries and being encouraged by the dynamism and vitality of the charism that circulates in the Institute's mission. To work and interact with others, putting my gifts at the service with joy and generosity, and to facilitate the sharing of resources in response to the challenging needs of today's broken, wounded and unequal world.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1975 General Chapter - Mission - A Call to Justice - Micah's words resonate with me and inspire me to renew my commitment to justice by living the Institute's mission with hope and dynamism, "in the Church for the life of the world".

In addition to remembering this important call from God to the Institute, I am aware and challenged to assume that "Working for justice is no longer an option" (GC 1975).

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

My dream is that we will be women who listen actively, capable of welcoming, interacting and building together the 'new' that we want for the Institute, assuring unity in diversity as a richness for our mission and "a gift that has been evident since our origins". May we be able to think of the Institute with its missionary potential, to respond to the challenges of today's world.





Delegate:

**MARIA CRISTINA
CAETANO**

Area: Brazil

Date of perpetual profession:
December 20, 1987

Current Ministry: Vocation
Promotion team; Brazil area
investment committee

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Participating in the Vocational Animation team revives God's gift in me, renews my vocational understanding of life and my own life as a vocation; it helps me to believe that our life and mission continue to be significant in our world and in the Church today, as a way of living the Christian faith and with the mediation of the Word of God.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

They have an impact because I feel small when faced with the practice of justice, mercy and love in the face of global situations. However, I feel challenged in my daily life to seek elements that encourage me to walk in the perspective of the biblical text:

simplicity in lifestyle, living evangelical values, trying not to remain on the surface of world events to look at the roots on which the values and priorities of humanity's life are founded and to see ways to act in my reality with hope, believing in God's Covenant with humanity.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

To deepen our capacity to commit to generating new members for the Institute. That is why I dream of our capacity to expand. To respond and act creatively to the Institute's new governance structures in order to continue the life-giving mission of Jesus Christ and rekindle the fire of Gailhac's vision for today.





Delegate:

**MARIA DA
CONCEIÇÃO
PINHEIRO PEREIRA**

Area: Portugal

Date of perpetual profession:

June 4, 2011

Current Ministry: Area Treasurer;
Communications Teams

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

To know that the service provided in the area of administrative economics has contributed so that the Area of Portugal can be at the service of ALL, especially the most needy.

Through communications, create and share communicative events and communicate the legacy left by our founders to our contemporaries.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

Micah's words inspire me to listen to God's will and to be just and fraternal with the people with whom I live and relate in mission and to walk humbly with others and with our God.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

May it be a time of listening, prayer, discernment, dialogue and decision-making in the search for the best for the Institute, maintaining the Unity. May we be able to risk new paths taking into account our history, our present and the future of the world and our new generations. To find the balance between the responsibility of caring for older and fragile sisters and the audacity and dream of younger sisters to respond to the emerging needs of today's society.





Delegate:

**MARIA FLORA
FRANCISCO
DUNGUZA**

Area: Moçambique

Date of perpetual profession:
January 27, 1970

Current Ministry: Pastoral work in
the parish of Manje and RSHM
activities

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Living and sharing life with parishioners and others; continuing Father Gailhac's dream that all may have life. Leading others in prayer to Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, through the rosary.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

This text from the Word of God impacts my life individually and as RSCM. It invites us to get up from our comfort zone and listen, love, pray, and allow ourselves to be moved by the need for justice and protection for those without a voice in humanity and among our fellow citizens. To walk humbly with God, to be other Christs; this is Father Gailhac's dream.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

To promote unity as an Institute by bringing together all the Areas and refreshing its presence.





Delegate:

MARIA HELENA MORRA

Area: Brazil

Date of perpetual profession:
September 13, 1987

Current Ministry: Area Leader; Member of the team of theologians at the Latin America Confederation of Religious (CLAR)

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Collaborating with other institutions, whether as an advisor or a member of the scientific committee, favors the exchange of knowledge between congregations, strengthening my hope in the search for new horizons. Being able to conduct research related to Human Rights brings my mission as a religious leader up to date, enabling me to be God's response to contemporary challenges.

How do the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspire or impact your commitment to the life and mission of the RSCM?

They challenge me to walk with justice and to be led by the Divine Ruah.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

Let us, together and united, envision the new for our individual Religious Life and as an Institute with vitality. May we have more hope and enthusiasm to fulfill the mission where God calls us to be and to act.





Delegate:

**MARIA TERESA
DIAS NOGUEIRA**

Area: Portugal

Date of perpetual profession:
May 25, 1997

Current Ministry: Area Leader

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

It gives me great hope and joy:
The deepening and spreading of our
Charism - a living and current gift, shared
by Sisters and lay people, committed to
the same mission.

Vocation promotion- the entry and
formation of new members.

The evolution of our presence in Timor,
the foundation in Angola and the new
mission projects in response to the
poorest, in collaboration with others.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

I associate Micah's words with our Mission
Statement and our commitment to work
with others in effective action for
evangelical justice, peace and the integrity
of creation.

They inspire me to review personal
choices, criteria and apostolic priorities; to
commit myself to revealing God's
tenderness and to collaborate in
responding to the most vulnerable,
especially the migrant population.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

I hope that, together, we help each other
to listen deeply to the Spirit and to
communal discernment; to cultivate the
freedom and courage to make the
decisions necessary for our renewal.
May we celebrate and strengthen our
unity and diversity - a sign of the Gospel
for the Church and the world today.





Delegate:

**MARIA
TIMONEY**

Area: Eastern American

Date of perpetual profession:

March 30, 1969

Current Ministry: Area Leader and
Volunteer Lawyer

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Helping to plan for the future of our
ministries and assisting those seeking
asylum in the U.S.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

I feel both called to support my sisters "as
we walk" and strengthened, supported
and inspired by their presence and by the
legacy of those who have gone before us.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream is for us to continue our
financial planning to provide for the
formation and education of our younger
sisters so that they will be in the best
position to respond to the needs of their
world.





Delegate:

MARIE FRANCE CORREAU

Area: France

Date of perpetual profession:
November 1, 1987

Current Ministry: Accompanying
refugees; Diocesan team for
discernment in the diaconate;
leading liturgical hymns; Board
Neuilly-Marymount

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

The growing involvement of the laity, and women in particular, in the church, and the growing reflection on diaconal ministry. The involvement of associations, which is helping our civil society and politicians to reflect on today's burning issues such as migration, climate change, interdependence, etc. The works of congregations and NGOs at the UN.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

Micah's relevance is our relevance today! Remembering God's actions in my life, in the Institute, in the world, to dig deeper, to strengthen our confidence in difficult and discouraging moments, to give thanks by recognizing the presence of God who walks beside us. Doing what's right and loving with Jesus, inspired by his Spirit, nourished by his Word and his Body...always with others.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

Keeping unity among ourselves to support the mission. Be very sensitive to cultural diversity: allow myself/ourselves to be transformed by meeting and listening to my sisters without prejudice. To approach the formation of our youngest sisters with lucidity, audacity and discernment. How does SOBRIETY (Laudato Si) challenge the living out of our vows, poverty in particular?





Delegate:

**MARY
GENINO**

Area: Western American

Date of perpetual profession:

May 18, 1975

Current Ministry: Provide support to Area Leadership in promoting RSHM life and mission

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Encounters, interaction and collaboration with diverse peoples, agencies, institutions who are passionate about sharing our mission to bring life with dignity to all. Seeing the courage and resilience of our immigrants and survivors walking the path of healing, finding their voice, a new purpose and skills that enable them to thrive.

The words of Micah grounded and challenged me, ignited my passion, consoled me at times, and served as a standard of measure in responding faithfully to what I was called to be and do then. They have continued to be that for me as my life and work have unfolded.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

That we will be bold and courageous in embracing and risking the new...

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

In response to the 1975 General Chapter Call to Justice, I was missioned to Ahoskie, N.C.





Delegate:

**MONICA
WALSH**

Área: Institute Secretary

Date of perpetual profession:
January 13, 1980

Current Ministry: Institute Secretary

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Corresponding with and meeting our Sisters from different parts of the Institute brings me great hope and joy. I am particularly pleased with the opportunity to witness the commitment and enthusiasm of our newer members, a source of tremendous hope for our future.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

These words are very connected to “Ut Vitam Habeant” and a constant reminder to me to try to act with justice and compassion, advocating fulness of life for all with whom I am involved.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream for the Chapter is that we will be renewed and energized as women of prophetic hope, able to respond to the needs of our time.





Delegate:

**ROSEMARY
MWAGAREZANO**

Area: Zambezi

Date of perpetual profession:
December 31, 2011

Current Ministry: Local Coordinator;
2nd year student of Psychology

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Evangelizing to the students and professors. Their enthusiasm to learn about Jesus Christ gives me hope that universities are places where I can make Christ known and loved.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

It is how I live everyday walking humbly with everyone and loving tenderly. It summarizes what I do from switching off the lights to saying good morning to my neighbours and fellow students.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream for the Chapter is that we literally hold each other's hands and journey together encouraging one another on the good we are doing. We need also to assure and calm each other's fears as we risk moving into the unknown. I hope we will be able to listen to each other-the young and old as we plan for the future of our Institute.





Delegate:

**SIPIWE
PHIRI**

Area: Institute Leadership

Date of perpetual profession:

April 21, 2012

Current Ministry: Institute
Councillor

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

What brings me hope and joy is visiting our Sisters across the Institute and witnessing their everyday acts of kindness, resilience, prayer, and community support. The wisdom of our elderly and the enthusiasm of our younger Sisters for the mission inspire hope. The diversity of ages within our Institute is a blessing. The Synod on Synodality offers new meaning for both our Church and the world today.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

This passage strongly reflects RSHM values - justice, compassion, and humility. It inspires my commitment to social justice and advocacy for the dignity and rights of the poor, women, and children. It also deepens my life of prayer, discernment, and trust in God.

Micah 6:8 reminds me that my mission is not just about service but about embodying love, justice, and humility before God and others.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

My dream for the Chapter is that we humbly walk together, leaving no one behind especially during this time of restructuring. That we listen with the ear of the heart, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us. That we continue advocating for justice, heeding the cries of the Earth and the Poor - So That All May Have Life.





Delegate:

**URSULA
CANAVAN**

Area: Northern European

Date of perpetual profession:

April 11, 1971

Current Ministry: Elderly
community; Trustee of Rathmore
Grammar School

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

- The spontaneous help given by so many people to those in greater distress during recent storms such as Storm Eowyn;
- The openness of community and diocese as we seek to walk the synodal pathway;
- When out walking, being approached by former pupils or parents, grateful for their time spent in Rathmore.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

I continue to peruse Jessica's paper on Micah and find the exhortation

- "to do justice
 - and to love kindness
 - and to walk humbly with our God"
- a happy reminder of my commitment.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

My dream is that, mindful of our commitment to become one unit of governance for mission, we emerge from the Chapter

- with greater knowledge of our sisters world-wide,
- ready to support one another, and
- strengthened in our present life and mission, while being open to new challenges within our capacity.





Delegate:

**VALÉRIA
ERNEIO**

Area: Mozambique

Date of perpetual profession:

May 9, 1999

Current Ministry: Area Leader,
Cirimo Council Member and social
services - Caritas

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Be at the service of the poorest and neediest. Trying to listen to the challenges that each person in need presents.

Give advice and give courage to fight for life. Share basic food basics, to minimize hunger, when possible. Collaboration with, Cirimo. Be present when I can. Be at the service of the Area, life and Mission of the RSHM and the people of God.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

Be creative in life and mission by risking new things. Be humble with God and with people. Be a body for the mission working together with others, promoting social justice, solidarity and communion.

Being open to life, radiating love, joy and peace in view of a better world, so that everyone has life and has it in abundance. Jn 10:10.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

My dream for the 2025 Chapter is to: Walk together to consolidate our RSCM charism and identity.

Reach out to life, particularly approaching those excluded in Society, those who yearn for freedom of expression.

Being committed to the poor and the voiceless.

Be open in collaborating with others.





Delegate:

**VERONICA
BRAND**

Area: Eastern American

Date of perpetual profession:
September 10, 1976

Current Ministry: RSHM NGO
Representative at the UN

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Our RSHM values resonate with those of many people with whom we work at the UN. Despite the diversity of nationality and age, experience and perspective, our collaboration with others is enriching and encouraging. Our advocacy to change unjust structures can bear fruit in small ways as we strive to live our mission so that all may have life. I believe that change is possible, slow though it may be. This stirs joy and hope in me.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

I remember being inspired by a talk given by Sr. Rose Fernando FMM - the Sri Lankan JPIC Coordinator in Rome in 1995. She spoke powerfully of how the call of Micah 6: to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God... was a call to live out our three vows.

I have found this a helpful framework for understanding our work for justice and the living of our vows as one integrated response to God's call.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

I hope it will engage, inspire, empower and challenge us to live as pilgrims of hope, who dare to "stretch the poles of our tent" and live our RSHM mission in new and creative ways in difficult times, as we continue on the Institute journey to being one unit of Governance. I hope that the freshness of having many newer members present will be a source of creativity and hope in responding to the stirring of the Spirit today, while being faithful to our founders' vision and responding to the needs of our time.



Invited Guests

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Invited Guest:

**FIDELIA ESPIN
PALACIOS**

Area: Western American

Date of perpetual profession:
September 8, 2012

Current Ministry: volunteer in a
Migrant Shelter called CAFEMIN-
support in hospitality and cooking

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

The idea that ordinary life allows me to understand the mystery of a compassionate God who embraces the world the more desperate it is.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

In that it is our turn to be a light for so many people who, without faith, find no meaning to what they live and even less so in circumstances of pain where they have nowhere to turn.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

I dream of a chapter full of hope, strength and gifts that will project out into the world with international communities.





Invited Guest:

**FLORENCE
MUUKA**

Area: Zambezi

Date of perpetual profession:
April 23, 2005

Current Ministry: Formation
ministry in the novitiate

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Accompanying newer members who are committed and with great passion to serve and the exemplary life of the older RSHM members gives me great joy and hope. And also the collaboration with others who are inspired by our Charism.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

A call to love tenderly and paying attention to those most in need of love and justice. I have experienced God's unconditional love in so many ways and I joyfully continue to participate in the RSHM life and mission in small ways wherever I am.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

Inspired by this African Proverb: "If you want to walk fast, go alone, if you want to go FAR, walk TOGETHER".
My dream for the chapter is that it will be a time of walking together and deep Listening.

I believe that the Spirit of God is at work in every person.

That ALL may have Life!!!



Alternates

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Alternate

FIDELIA ESPIN PALACIOS

Area: Western American

Date of perpetual profession:
September 8, 2012

Current Ministry: volunteer in a
Migrant Shelter called CAFEMIN-
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Alternate:

KATHLEEN MURPHY

Area: Zambezi

Date of perpetual profession:
June 29th, 1968

Current Ministry: Assist in the training of candidates for the RSHM; English teacher and training of SMB seminarians

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

The strong faith of the people of Zimbabwe and the wider region gives me hope that it will invigorate other parts of the world where faith is lacking. The many vocations to religious life and the priesthood and the great effort being made in vocation promotion and initial formation by members of the region are a source of hope and joy for me.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

I strive to be fair to those with whom I live and work especially here in Zimbabwe where justice is scarce. I think that Pere Gailhac's directive to us was another way of quoting Micah.....Great simplicity, profound humility and detachment from the world. Living this way is still life's challenge.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

My dream for the Chapter is that the delegates are truly inspired to find creative and hope-filled ways to "pour the old wine of the institute into the new wineskins" in such a way that new visions arise and all find new hope to follow them.





Alternate:

**LOLA
JANUÁRIO**

Area: Mozambique

Date of perpetual profession:
October 31, 2010

Current Ministry: University
Assistant

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

- To take part in the scientific education and integral human development of young people who carry many challenges with them.
- To share, contribute, and collaborate with my knowledge for the development and growth of the academic community.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

- The words of Micah echoed within me with a certain recommendation to always listen to the voice of the Lord and to practice justice.
- To practice justice with transparency and without leaning to either side, so as not to risk harming the most vulnerable.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

- With the General Chapter, the Institute will have the opportunity to share together the joys and solutions for the challenges the world faces today.
- To seek new paths and strategies so that the Institute may continue to grow.





Alternate:

LUISA MARINHO

Area: Portugal

Date of perpetual profession:

July 4, 1993

Current Ministry: Adolescent study support and member of the Pastoral team at OSSCM Guimarães; member of the Heritage and Spirituality group in the Portugal Area

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

The availability, serenity, seriousness and the human relationship between people - closeness in gratitude and trust; it's the thirst (of most people) for interiority, the search for God in the deepening of Faith and Identification with our Charism and Mission, so that there is more Life and Peace; the commitment of Collaborators in the mission of educators, provoking happiness in children and adolescents.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

They are a call to become aware of the gods in my life and to listen to God's will: to live in honesty and truth and evangelical justice; to have a compassionate heart; to walk in humility with God and humanity, thus bearing witness to God's goodness. Cf. Constitutions § 34.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

May it be a time of Pilgrimage of prophetic Hope based on FAITH and Zeal. May the Light of Wisdom and Discernment of the Holy Spirit, through deep, prayerful, and open-hearted listening, reveal God's Will for the IRSHM. May trust in God and boldness strengthen us to embrace the Newness of God that is already emerging.





Alternate:

MADELEINE FITZPATRICK

Area: Northern European
Date of perpetual profession:
22 August, 1967
Current Ministry: Pastoral;
Accompaniment; Lifelong
Formation; Retirement

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

The relief and joy that comes with listening to people in their struggles, being close to them as they move from distress to contentment. Being present with some Sisters in their final journey to New Life

The response that comes when 'I cast out the net' and some Sisters respond positively.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

Those words are my life long road map in choices I make, how I live and relate to those around me every day. To act justly is before my eyes especially in regard to people who are, or kept oppressed because of unjust systems. A priority for me too is care for our common home, awareness of climate change, wars and my response to these issues.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

My dream for the chapter is 'That 'Hope be the Song of a bird in our heart always'. That the Chapter be a Synodal Process / Spiritual Conversation addressing among other issues:

1. The growth of the Institute in some Areas and Formation
2. The slow gradual Journey of Completion in other Areas
3. That a Theological Reflection Process be initiated to help us respond positively to both of the Above





Alternate:

**MARGARET
HOYNE**

Area: Eastern American

Date of perpetual profession:

June 29, 1970

Current Ministry: Eastern American
Area Councilor

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

I find great hope and joy in how Religious Institutes in the United States are working together to solve the many challenges caused by declining numbers. Hope for a more just world is strengthened by those who advocate for the marginalized and care of the earth.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

I have tried to live Micah's reminder, "Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God", in my relationships in ministry and in community. I recognize that my vocation is a gift from God and am deeply grateful as well as humbled by God's choice.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream for the 2025 Chapter is that the delegates be filled with the spirit of wisdom and all RSHM strengthened in hope for the future. May we walk together with confidence, facing challenges and embracing the "new" so that, All May Have Life.





MARGARET MASARAKUFA

Area: Zambezi

Date of perpetual profession:
August 20, 2022

Current Ministry: Project
Coordinator, Counselor

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Seeing growth and progress and witnessing the transformation of young individuals with different disabilities as they acquire new skills and gain confidence is incredibly fulfilling.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

These three values: Act justly, Love mercy and to walk humbly with God has been a powerful inspiration guiding me to renew my passion. It encourages self examination and nourish my spiritual growth as well as motivates me to serve with dedication and zeal.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

My dream is to have a vibrant, inclusive and spiritually nourished community, sustainable projects for future generations and empowering members to embody love, compassion and justice.





Alternate:

**MARIA
EMILIA PEREZ**

Area: Portugal

Date of perpetual profession:
June 24, 1978

Current Ministry: Novitiate
Formation Team

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

My ministry in the Novitiate gives me joy to see the Novices enthusiastic about our charism and willing to give their lives "so that all may have life".

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

..."What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" This phrase from Mic.9, reminds me of the commitment to justice that is an integral part of our life and mission as an Institute and so urgent in today's world.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

There is a dream that has accompanied me throughout my life: "MAY ALL BE ONE". I have had the grace to live in a diversity of cultures that has broadened my horizons and allowed me to welcome each person, without distinction. I hope that this dream of mine will come true at the next General Chapter.





Alternate:

MARIA JULIETA MENDES DIAS

Area: Portugal

Date of perpetual profession:
November 18, 1973

Current Ministry:
Director of a University Residence

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Living with young university students
and feeling the intergenerational impact
on daily life, with all the challenges that
entails

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

They take me back to the beginnings of
the RSHM – welcoming the most
vulnerable and to the implementation of
the Mission Statement 1990, today.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

May we know how to take risks, without
fear of the unpredictable, as long as it
launches us on the mission of giving life
so that everyone may have life.





Alternate:

**MARION
SHANAHAN**

Area: Eastern American

Date of perpetual profession: 1966

Current Ministry: Retiring from
Marymount International School
Paris- May 2025

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Marymount school has a huge diversity of religions, languages and cultures among both faculty and students. My great hope and joy come from working and interacting with both children and adults and in helping them to know and love God and to develop a personal relationship with Him. Their response brings me great hope for the future.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

From a very young age the words of Micah have been both an inspiration and a guiding light in my commitment to RSHM life and mission. For me, Micah's words resonate closely with those of P Gailhac - Love, Justice and Humility.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

I have great hopes and expectations for Chapter 25. I feel that we are at an important threshold in our Institute and in the world. We have prayed, reflected, and shared hopes and dreams. In light of what we have discerned and guided by the Spirit we need to act, to make our voices heard, to risk something new.





Alternate:

**MARY JO
MCELROY**

Area: Northern European

Date of perpetual profession:
June 4, 1977

Current Ministry: Retreat House

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

The people I meet who are searching and engaging in groups to build a better world and those who are fighting for justice and working with others to create peace in troubled areas.
The beautiful countryside and creatures around me which inspire me to care for the earth.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

They inspired me after the 75 General Chapter and the 77 EGC to want to go to Brazil to work in poor communities who were showing us new ways of being Church - an experience which changed my life.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream for this chapter is that our motto, "That all may have Life" will continue to inspire us to go to those in need and care for all creation.





Alternate:

**MARY LELIA
O'SHEA**

Area: Zambezi

Date of perpetual profession:
August 22, 1968

Current Ministry: Prenovitate
Formator

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

It brings me great hope and joy to be able to help our young people in formation to grow in knowing and loving God and to guide them towards making God known and loved, especially to those on the margins, the disadvantaged youths, the old people in their homes etc.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

I have long aspired to making Micah's words come true in my life, though I have sometimes struggled with acting justly and walking humbly. An overemphasis on justice leads me to judge others, thereby placing myself above them.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream is that the 2025 Chapter will make wise decisions to help us to move forward as an Institute in collaboration with the whole Church, nurturing our hope through a life of prayer and risking to name the evils of injustice around us, while understanding that in some form or other, we are part of what we are naming.





Alternate:

MYRIAM BECOURT

Area: France

Date of perpetual profession:

May 25, 1985

Current ministry: Literacy courses for refugees; Bible group with people on the margins of the Church and liturgical team; Daily accompaniment of 3 people

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Experiencing fraternity in proximity and respect for differences, discovering and appreciating the reading and sharing of the Word of God, which transforms life and helps us to grow in faith. A greater awareness of and commitment to protecting our “common home”, through various discreet initiatives in the fields of solidarity, ecology and well-being, creating more bonds between people, people in difficulty who get back on their feet.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

The guiding line of my human life and my faith as an RSHM has been the encounter with those excluded from society (psychiatric hospitals, refugees, prisoners) being and walking with them,

loving and encouraging them, proclaiming the unconditional love of our God.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

May this chapter help us, in our reflections and in the decisions we make, to continue moving forward with audacity, realism and trust in the unexpected action of the Holy Spirit; anchoring ourselves more firmly in the Gospel, in the simplicity of relationships, cultivating and respecting our diversity, supporting each other and projecting ourselves towards building peace, for the dignity of those on the margins of the world and of the Church.



In addition to the profiles presented, we have the following sisters as alternates: Aelita Otavio, Anatercia Nhantumbo, Arcenia Escamilla, Cláudia Pacheco, Delva Piedade de Oliveira, Feliciano Suli, Ines Gizzarelli, Joana Luis and Lúcia Araújo.



Staff

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STAFF (Facilitator):

**BRID
LONG, SLL**

Area: United States

Date of perpetual profession:
October 8, 1968

Current Ministry: Facilitator

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Seeing groups listen to one another
respectfully and work toward consensus.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

Focus on love, compassion and work for
justice.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

That the experience will be joyful and
inclusive of all voices and that the
Outcomes will give hope to all RSHM
and many others.





STAFF (Communications):

**CAMILLA
KRUKE MORTEAU**

Area: International
Lay collaborator
Current Ministry:
Communications

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

I am happy to see the growth of the culture of communication within the Institute, to receive news about the mission in different countries, to contemplate the diversity of faces and cultures that enrich us. I rejoice in the possibility of communicating the mission and, through inspiring testimonies, awakening in more people the desire to act so that All May Have Life.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

The words of Micah inspire me to strengthen my walking alongside the RSHM every day, guided by God's love. With humility, trust and, above all, attentiveness to injustice and to those who need it most.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

I hope that we can be open to the challenges of the mission and ready to risk the new, in Communication and in each of our ministries, with the commitment to respond to the needs of the world today. I hope that, through communication, we can keep the RSHM, collaborators and friends from all over the world close to the Sisters who are participating in the Chapter in person.





STAFF (Minutes):

CATHERINE MINHOTO

Area: Western American

Date of perpetual profession:
September 8, 1974

Current Ministry: WAA Co-Leader,
JPIC/UN NGO Animator

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

I do music in a Hispanic parish and I am weekly sustained by the faith of this community. Now with the threat of deportation, these people continue to trust that God will be with them.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

I have always been inspired by this phrase from Micah since the 1975 General Chapter. My commitment to justice has been nourished by this phrase – that begins: this is what God asks of you...to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly. It sounds simple, but this is a very challenging commandment.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

My dream is that we can name concrete ways of acting on local, national, and global levels in prophetic hope in our broken world today.





STAFF (Liturgy):

DANIELA DE JESUS SANTOS

Area: Brazil

Date of perpetual profession:

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Current Ministry: Communication of the Brazil Area; Member of the Vocation Animation Team and 4th year student in Psychology

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

What gives me hope is meeting young people and being able to walk with them, awakening their interest in vocation and commitment to religious life. Communication, through different channels, has been an essential tool for transmitting the love and mission of the RSHM, especially in Brazil. The joy comes from the feeling of being part of something bigger and of contributing to building a more human and fraternal society.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

The words of Micah 6:1-8 remind me of the importance of living justice, mercy and humility as pillars of our vocation. They challenge us not to seek empty offerings, but to do good in a concrete way, always in search of a more just world.

The RSHM mission finds strength in this call, being driven by simplicity and authenticity, which are central to our experience.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

My dream for the 2025 General Chapter is that we, as a Congregation, can deepen our listening and mutual acceptance, seeking a renewal of our mission and identity, especially in the current context. May the experience of the Chapter be a moment of strengthening our commitment to young people and the reality of the world, keeping us faithful to our vocation, but also open to the signs of the times, to be more prophetic and present in society.





STAFF (Minutes):

JOANNE SAFIAN

Area: Eastern American

Date of perpetual profession:

January 22, 1977

Current Ministry: Volunteering at RSHM LIFE Center Immigration Legal Services; writing and editing books and texts for Institute publications; service on RSHM school and university Boards.

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

In the United States as I write this, fear and discouragement are more prevalent than hope and joy, But my work on behalf of immigrants and refugees affords purpose and meaning. Serving on Boards of our schools gives me confidence that our ministries will continue. Beyond my own ministry, seeing the growth of our Institute in Africa is exciting and inspiring.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

I find this passage to be both challenging and affirming. "To do justice, love goodness and walk humbly" is deceptively simple and not so easy! But it is also affirming of our RSHM mission in service to all God's people so that "all may have life."

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

I hope the Chapter will inspire and energize us as we consider our call to be women of prophetic hope amid changes in our Institute and challenges in our troubled world.





STAFF (Assistente Externo):

**JUSCÉLIO ZANINI
DA SILVA**

Area: Brazil

Lay collaborator

Current Ministry: Area of Brazil
administrative support

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Love practiced through charity, humility,
patience, care, respect for others and
above all faith in Jesus Christ.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

Walking with our hearts turned towards
God and ready to serve Him is also our
mission as collaborators of the Institute of
the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary,
and as children of God, all of us, regardless
of anything.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

May this be an enlightening moment for
everyone, a spiritual milestone of great
wisdom inspired by the charism of our
founder, Father Gailhac, and all the
sisters who contributed in some way to
making the Institute what it is today.
May new ideas, inspirations and love fuel
the future.





STAFF (Facilitator):

**KELLY
CONNORS**

Area: Sisters of the Presentation of Mary

Date of perpetual profession:
August 15, 2003

Current Ministry: Canonist

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Supporting the fruitfulness of religious
life in the world gives me life and brings
me hope and joy.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

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**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

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STAFF (Oral Translation):

**LORY INÊS
ROCKENBACH**

Area: Holy Cross Province, Passo Fundo, Brazil

Date of perpetual profession:
February 2, 1988

Current Ministry: Translator and Interpreter – Sisters of Notre Dame (SND)

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

The fulfillment of bridging linguistic and cultural gaps, enabling meaningful communication between individuals and communities.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

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What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

I pray that this sacred time of the General Chapter 2025 may be a powerful opportunity for each RSHM to deepen unity and strengthen the mission so that all may have life.





STAFF (Liturgy):

**MARGARET
MASARAKUFA**

Area: Zambezi

Date of perpetual profession:
August 20, 2022

Current Ministry: Project
Coordinator; Counselor

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Seeing growth and progress and
witnessing the transformation of young
individuals with different disabilities as
they acquire new skills and gain
confidence is incredibly fulfilling.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

These three values Act justly, Love mercy
and to walk humbly with God has been a
powerful inspiration guiding me to renew
my passion, encourages self examination
and nourish my spiritual growth,
motivates me to serve with dedication and
zeal.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

Is to have a vibrant, inclusive and
spiritually nourished community,
sustainable projects for future
generations and empowering members
to embody love, compassion and justice.





STAFF (Written Translation):

**MARIA
EMÍLIA PELIZ**

Area: Portugal

Date of perpetual profession:
June 24, 1978

Current Ministry: Novitiate
Formation Team

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

In my ministry – Novitiate – it gives me joy to see the Novices enthusiastic about our charism and willing to give their lives “so that all may have life”.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

...”What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” This phrase from Mic.9, reminds me of the commitment to justice that is an integral part of our life and mission as an Institute and so urgent in today's world.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

There is a dream that has accompanied me throughout my life: “MAY ALL BE ONE”. I have had the grace to live in a diversity of cultures that has broadened my horizons and allowed me to welcome each person, without distinction. I hope that the dream of mine will come true at the next General Chapter.





STAFF (Oral Translation):

**MARLENA
ROEGER, ISJ**

Area: -

Date of perpetual profession:
1962

Current Ministry: Evangelization in
the Rural Farm areas involved in
agrarian reform

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

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**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

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**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

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STAFF (Oral Translation):

**MARY JO
MCELROY**

Area: Northern European

Date of perpetual profession:
June 4, 1977

Current Ministry: Retreat House

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

The people I meet who are searching and engaging in groups to build a better world and those who are fighting for justice and working with others to create peace in troubled areas.

The beautiful countryside and creatures around me which inspire me to care for the earth.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

They inspired me after the 75 General Chapter and the 77 EGC to want to go to Brazil to work in poor communities who were showing us new ways of being Church - an experience which changed my life.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream for this chapter is that our motto, "That all may have Life" will continue to inspire us to go to those in need and care for all creation.





STAFF (Secretary Coordinator):

**MONICA
WALSH**

Área: Eastern American

Date of perpetual profession:

January 13, 1980

Current Ministry: Institute Secretary

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Corresponding with and meeting our Sisters from different parts of the Institute brings me great hope and joy. I am particularly pleased with the opportunity to witness the commitment and enthusiasm of our newer members, a source of tremendous hope for our future.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

These words are very connected to “Ut Vitam Habeant” and a constant reminder to me to try to act with justice and compassion, advocating fulness of life for all with whom I am involved.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream for the Chapter is that we will be renewed and energized as women of prophetic hope, able to respond to the needs of our time.





STAFF (Secretary Assistant):

**MÍRIAM
CARMÉLIA LOPES**

Area: Brazil

Lay collaborator

Current Ministry: Secretary- Area of
Brazil

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

Collaborating with the RSHM in the mission of promoting life among the excluded.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

Practice justice and collaborate in promoting the life and dignity of my brothers and sisters, even through small, everyday actions. For larger initiatives, join militant groups—whether through petitions or street protests—that aim to draw the “attention” of governments to important social and environmental causes they ignore.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

May the Institute of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary continue to be a source of hope and a promoter of integral ecology wherever life is threatened.





STAFF (Communications Assistant):

**PREVILADZE
GUNYERE**

Area: Zambezi

Date of perpetual profession:

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Current Ministry: Communications

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

Inspired by Fr. Gailhac who began a culture of communication in the Institute, I feel communication is vital in giving life. When we utilize technology to give life and bring people together from across the globe.

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

Micah 6:1-8 offers profound insights that resonate with our core values of life and mission. The call to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God" serves as a guiding principle for me in my ministry of communication. It challenges me to actively engage in social justice, advocating for the marginalized and working towards the common good.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

I dream that we can be true women of prophetic hope. I dream of unity and life-giving decisions that will promote justice and hope.





STAFF (Written Translation):

ROSA DE LIMA PEREIRA

Area: Brazil

Date of perpetual profession:

January 2, 1972

Current Ministry: Collaborate in the SCM Educational Community in Ubá; Pastoral work in the São Januário Parish Community; member of the Institute's Heritage and Spirituality Team

In your ministry in today's world, what brings you hope and joy?

The certainty that, in whatever ministry I am, I am collaborating for the UNIQUE MISSION that has been entrusted to us: THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST – SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE LIFE! (Const.#7)

How have the words of Micah 6:1-8 inspired or impacted your commitment to RSHM life and mission?

“He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God” - These words make me understand that, through my life and actions, the Lord must be the “treasure” destined for the people to whom He Himself sends me. Without this transformation, it is impossible for the Life-Generating Mission of Jesus Christ to happen through me.

What is your dream for the General Chapter 2025?

May our Chapter itself be a rewarding experience for all of us, RSCM, present there! It does not matter what “function” takes us there. “Called to Be a Community” - may this be the Word that motivates us, in our different functions and skills.





STAFF (Communications Assistant):

**ROSITA
EUGENIO**

Area: Mozambique

Date of perpetual profession:

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Current Ministry: Student

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

It is knowing that, even with so many difficulties that the world brings us today, I continue to be active towards the people of God; this encourages me and gives me hope to take further steps in my ministry of evangelization, in catechesis and in working with children. My joy comes from the certainty that God is present in history, leading everything towards the fullness of his love.

**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

The words inspire me to live my vocation with authenticity and service to others, seeking justice, fighting inequality, promoting human dignity, especially with the most vulnerable (children, the elderly, those without a voice in society, etc.), and listening to God's will in my life and daily mission.

**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

My dream is that Chapter 2025 will be a time of spiritual renewal and that our mission as RSHM will be guided by the Holy Spirit. That we aim to strengthen fidelity to the Charism and promote unity in diversity, allowing us to walk together and deepen our commitment to the social and ecclesial challenges of today's world.





STAFF (Oral Translation):

**ZONIA
DUEÑAS**

Area: Western American

Date of perpetual profession:

Lay collaborator

Current Ministry: Area Leadership

Assistant; Translator

**In your ministry in today's world,
what brings you hope and joy?**

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**How have the words of Micah 6:1-8
inspired or impacted your commitment
to RSHM life and mission?**

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**What is your dream for the General
Chapter 2025?**

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