

ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT STRUCTURES

The first organisational unit is the local community composed of three or more Sisters. A group of local communities within a certain area or country form an organism or religious Province. All the Provinces together form the Congregation that is presided over by the Congregational Leadership Team to which belongs the Congregational Leader as the legitimate authority over the whole Institute. Leadership Teams and Leaders, namely, Provincial Leaders (for each province) and Local Leaders (for each community) are also present at other levels of authority. While the structure is hierarchical, it operates in a collegial manner. In fact, every six years the General Chapter is convened assuring the representative participation of the entire Institute for the election of the Congregational Leadership Team and for the charting of future directions for the Institute. Together with the internal form of government, the Institute has established structures for dialogue and support between the various parts of the Institute. The European Province, the Province of Italy, Regional Conferences of CCTAO (Canossian Conference Team Asia and Oceania), CCPA (Conference of Provincial Councils Africa), PCCI (Conference of Provincial Councils India) and EN.CA (Enlace Canossiano America), ensure an exchange in formation, apostolic choices, and missionary initiatives and for closer communion within geographical and cultural parameters. At the centre of our organization are the two sustaining pillars of charity and communion.