

## PRAYER FOR THE 16<sup>th</sup> GENERAL CHAPTER

*L*oving God,  
we give you thanks  
for our Founder Théophile Verbist,  
his first companions and all those  
who followed him during these 160 years  
of our CICM history.

Like our Founder, many laid down  
their lives for the sake of the Mission.  
Even today, you send us to proclaim  
and live this challenging Good News  
in a changing world.

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts  
as a seal on Jesus' Mission for us today.  
So that this time of preparation  
for the 16<sup>th</sup> General Chapter may be for us  
a time of joyful hope and daring creativity.

May we welcome this Chapter as a gift  
and a commitment to continue Jesus' Mission.  
Make us faithful to our charism  
of first evangelization and loving attention  
to the poor and those at the peripheries  
of society.

May the hospitality of the heart  
of the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
and Mother of the Mission,  
in whom Your boundless love became flesh,  
become the outstanding quality  
of all our confreres worldwide.

Thus, Jesus will dwell in us  
as in her Immaculate Heart. Amen.

