

# Camillian Prophecy Today

Looking at the past,  
living in the present..

**Walking with Hope towards the Future**

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***A Framework for Strategic Direction***

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# Strategy Development Framework

- **Discover** – Who are we today?
- **Dream** – Who do we want to be in the future?
- **Define** – Identify the gaps between where we are and where we want to be.
- **Design** – Create the plan.
- **Deliver** – Carry out the plan and evaluate its success.

**“Charisms are not entrusted to an institution or group for safe-keeping; rather they are gifts of the Spirit to people integrated into the body of the Church, drawn to the center which is Christ.”**

**Pope Francis**

# WHO WE ARE

## Our Origins

Our Founder St. Camillus

First Companions of Camillus

The Charism of the Order  
(A Cherished gift to the Church and the world)

# Historical Context of our Charism

Ecclesial and Theological

Socio-Political (Environmental)

Health care situation of the time

# Evolution of the Charism

How it was received, Evolved and Matured

Formal Recognition of the Charism as that of the Church

Development of the Charism through the Centuries

Role of the General Chapters in redefining the Charism

(esp. 52<sup>nd</sup> General Chapter approving the revised Constitution in 1983, with the theme “Our Charism in the context of the charism of religious life, its origins and today”)

**“You are called to continue your service *in a prophetic manner*. It is a question of looking to the future, open to the new forms of apostolate that the Spirit inspires in you and that the signs of the times and the needs of the world and the Church require. The great gift that you have received is still relevant and necessary even for our times, because it is founded on the charity that will never end” (1 Cor 13:8).**

*Pope Francis to the Greater Camillian Family, May 18, 2019*

# WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- **Critical Review and Evaluation of our Charism and Mission today**
- **Expressions of our Charism**
  - Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care
  - Hospitals
  - Elder Care Services
  - Socio-Health Centres (HIV/AIDS, Special Needs, Hospice and Palliative Care, Substance Abuse, Mental Health, etc.)
  - Pastoral Health Formation Centers
  - Disaster Response (CADIS)
  - Parish and community-based ministries



# Factors affecting the expression of Charism today

- Geographical (Europe and North America, South America, Africa, Asia)
- Social
- Political
- Economic (Financial)
- Cultural
- Ecclesial
- Ethical
- Legal (Regulations and Restrictions )
- Technological
- Environmental
- Human Resource and formation of our Religious
- Modern Health Care and the needs of people
- Gaps in healthcare affecting most poor and vulnerable

# Becoming the Prophets

- Being prophets requires **creativity** and **audacity**,
- to open up and travel together along **new roads** that our fathers did not travel;
- to **revise the structures** that might have worked in the past, but which today no longer correspond to the new dynamism of the mission;
- to **renew the style and models** in which the charism of our Institutes was incarnated in the past.
- It is the "prophecy of evangelical choices" (Letter of the CIVCSVA, *Scrutate*, p. 85) to express also in new forms the potentialities of the charism, the "energies" enclosed in it and not yet fully deployed.

• **Pope Francis**

# WHERE WE WANT TO BE ?

- **Our Future – Four Core Areas**

- Charism and Ministry : *Mission*
- Life of the Religious: *Formation and Community Life.*
- Governance and Finance: *Administration*
- Collaboration : *Greater Camillian Family*

# HOW? Strategic Directions

- Starting with an **Internal Analysis** using modern tools and resources to identify Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges of our existing ministries.
- Creating **Technical Support Groups** (Core Areas) to prepare a working document on Strategic Plan for the Order.
- Using the **synodal approach**, engage all religious for feedback and practical suggestions at all levels, especially the young religious.

# Strategic Directions...

- Using the Major Superiors Forum meeting with Consulta to **discuss and prepare strategic document**
- Finalizing the Road Map (**Strategic Development Plan**) for the short term and long term goals for the Order at regional and international levels
- **Operationalizing** the Plan at the Provincial and Delegation levels with guidance and support of the General Consulta.
- Establishing **Evaluation and Review** mechanisms integrating Monitoring and Evaluation Framework into the strategic plan.

# Some specific areas for consideration

- Camillian Project and greater collaboration with Provinces and Delegations of the Order
- Collaboration with Greater Camillian Family  
(Eight Expressions of the Camillian Charism)
- “Mini” Camillianums regionally to promote pastoral formation in healthcare
- Formation for Mission and our Formation of the young religious

# Embracing the Future with Hope

“All of us are building the Camillian charism in the world. The little plant of Camillus will be present throughout the world...Our Charism is a wonderful gift that we have received from God through Camillus, in the Church. We are called to share it with the people of God. “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of dreams”(Franklin Roosevelt).We must therefore, direct our dreams towards the future and continue to be dreamers”.

Fr. Leo Pessini

Rome, 10 March, 2019

# THANK YOU

