

**CHICAGO PROVINCE CHAPTER 2015**  
**MEMO 1 - Convocation of Provincial Chapter and Timetable**  
September 26, 2014



Dear Confreres,

The first year of this new triennium will be a busy one! We will have a Chicago Province Assembly and Chapter as a conclusion to a General Visitation. **With the consent of the Provincial Council, I am hereby officially convoking the 2015 Chicago Province Chapter to be held at Techny Towers, March 9-12, (Monday thru Thursday) 2015.**

Each Chicago Province member will receive further information about the assembly / chapter process and topics to be considered in the coming weeks.

Here is the timetable:

**1. Local Assemblies: October 2014**

The Local Assembly will provide an opportunity to:

- Raise issues of concern for the Chicago Province;
- Follow-up to the Congregational Directions set by the General Chapter 2012;
- Concerns related to the Focus of the General Visitation (to be set by the General Council in the coming days).

**2. Regional Assemblies: November 2014**

We will hold two regional assemblies to give a forum for wider discussion of the issues raised by the local assemblies.

- **Midwest Region:** November 11-13, 2014 at Techny Towers.
- **Eastern Region:** November 18-20, 2014 at Bordentown;

**3. Local Chapters:** To be scheduled by each local community during January 2015.

**4. Chicago Provincial Assembly and Chapter: March 9-12, 2015, Techny Towers**

A Provincial Assembly will be held during the first days of the week, the Provincial Chapter will follow immediately.

**5. Provincial Assembly Participation:** I encourage everyone to participate actively in this entire process. I remind you, however, that according to our usual practice, participation in the Provincial Assembly is reserved to those who have participated in the local and regional assemblies. Requests for exceptions to this policy should be directed to the Provincial.

May the Spirit open our minds and hearts to the wisdom we share with one another. We pray that our efforts will benefit our province and the whole Society, and will advance our mission to give witness to the dawning of God's Reign.

In the Divine Word,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Ascheman SVD".

Thomas J. Ascheman SVD  
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