

On 7 July, the members of the General chapter, Capitulars, met at 0 to begin the XXXI General Chapter of the Franciscan Elizabethan Family. The gathering was marked by an atmosphere of joy, warmth and love just as warm is the weather at Villa San Carlo, in Costabissara (VI).

The following day was the time for the spiritual retreat, accompanied by the biblical scholar Rosanna Virgili who, with competence and simplicity, as a sister, elaborated the theme of the chapter, leaving us with an invitation full of life:

"Just as Jesus and the disciples shared the hunger of the people, sharpen your sensitivity to grasp the hunger around you and your charisms will become present-day ministries".

On Sunday 9 July, after the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Msgr. Giuliano Zatti, Vicar General of the Diocese of Padua, was followed by the solemn entrance into the Chapter hall and the calling of the names, the General Chapter had officially begun.

Then, on Monday 10, with the help of the facilitator Sister Tiziana Merletti, SFP, the assembly deepened on the theme of the "Elizabethan We" through relational dynamics, activities and dialogue that give flavour and colour to our being together and prepare the discernment process that will begin in the next few days.

We feel your closeness through your prayers, offerings and the messages that we continue to receive.

Much greetings from all of us.