

Chapter XXXIV Newsletter

#6

Rome, July 17, 2017

We continue to work on the three main parts of the Chapter document, which concentrate on Charism, Communion, and Mission. On Friday, July 14, Italy led the group in prayer. In the morning, we broke into groups and began the same process of making proposals in our work groups related to the theme of Communion, presenting them to the larger group and then narrowing them down to five main topics. In the afternoon, we began the work of summarizing the proposals. When that was completed, we came back to the Plenary Assembly to finish our work on the topic of Charism.

On Saturday, July 15, Mexico led the group in prayer. In the morning, we moved onto the theme of Mission. Dot. Frassineti presented a brief overview on the topic of Mission to the whole group, and then Sr. Serena Pinotti gave a presentation on mission, as seen through the eyes of Mother Elisabetta. Following the presentations, we divided into our work groups to share our individual proposals on Mission and then presented our work group proposals in the Plenary Assembly. In the afternoon, we completed the process of summarizing the proposals on Mission in our work groups and then returned to the Plenary Assembly, where we began to analyze the summaries on Communion.

On Sunday, July 16, we worked in the morning to complete our analysis of the summaries on Communion and began our analysis of the summaries on Mission. After lunch, we were given the afternoon off. Sunday evening, the group from the U.S. barbequed for the sisters staying at Viale Vaticano.

Today, Monday, July 17, Brazil led the group in prayer in Portuguese. In the morning session, we completed our analysis of the summaries on Mission and then approved the final draft of the Chapter document on Charism. In the afternoon, we approved the final drafts of the Chapter document on Communion and Mission.

The election of the Superior General and the General Council will be on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. As stated in the Directory #183, "...on the day set aside for the election of the Superior General, a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit will be celebrated in the community where the Chapter is held, and, if possible, in all the communities of the Congregation, if the liturgical calendar permits it." Please do so if possible. Thank you for your prayers as we undertake the important task of choosing our Congregational leaders for the next six years.

In Christ,

Communication Committee

Sr. Nina, Sr. Pia, Sr. Susana, Sr. Karla