

**47th General Chapter**  
*Renewing our Mission-- Gratitude, Prophecy, Hope*  
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*Initial and On-going Formation*

Today the capitulars studied the topic of formation. During the first part of the day, Fr. Amedeo Cencini, FdCC, gave a Conference entitled— “On-going formation or on-going frustration?” Afterwards the Capitulars were further enlightened with different questions and answers. Fr. Amedeo Cencini began by saying that lifelong formation was not really the last moment of formation but should always be the first moment. The object of institutional formation is to raise awareness among the religious of permanently seeking lifelong formation. Formation in order “*to have the same mind of Christ Jesus*” (Phil 2:5). If it is about forming in us the mind of the suffering Son, the suffering Servant, the innocent Lamb, then it is clear that there is only one "Father master", who is the only who knows well the Son, i.e. God the Father! Only He can accomplish this action in us.

In the afternoon Fr. Martin Coffey (PATR), presented his report to the Capitulars. In his talk he said—The congregation is looking for a new path to follow. Pope Francis has called for a "revolution of tenderness" in the Church. He believes this is what the world needs from us right now. It is the only hope for a better future for all of us. We also need to ask what kind of revolution will help us fulfill our mission in the Church today.

In the last session of the day the Capitulars shared their responses to three questions:

- What elements in the presentation of Amedeo Cencini do you want the Chapter to address?
- How can the formation Secretariat contribute to a culture of formation in the configurations/provinces?
- Do you have any comments on the points described at the end of the report of the Secretary for Formation?