

47th General Chapter
Renewing our Mission: Gratitude, Prophecy, Hope
Rome 19-20 October 2018

Election of Consultors

On the solemnity of our Father, Saint Paul of the Cross, [19 October] the capitulars had a recess from their work. They gathered in the Basilica of Saints John and Paul for the celebration of the Eucharist. His Eminence Francesco Cardinal Coccopalmerio [President Emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts] was the principal concelebrant.

After the morning Mass, there was a festive luncheon in a fraternal environment that included various Passionist Sisters.

In the late afternoon, again in the basilica, there was the premier viewing of the documentary-fiction film based on the life of St. Paul of the Cross. In addition to the capitulars and the local community of Sts. John and Paul, numerous guests, including religious from the neighboring area of the monastery and members of the Passionist Family were present. This video was prepared in collaboration with the American TV company, EWTN.

The following day, 20 October, again in the Aula, the work of the Chapter resumed. In the morning the topic of the [charismatic] Plan was studied further, reflecting on ways and means of revitalizing our Mission in our communities.

The First Consultor of the General Council was elected-- Fr. Ciro Benedettini. He accepted with humility and generosity.

Additionally, the redaction committee of the Chapter presented part of its work that was studied by all the Capitulars. A legal commission was also appointed to prepare the documents and proposals to be approved, which the capitulars have been preparing and studying.

During the second part of the day, the capitulars listened to the experiences of our missionaries in the new community in Myanmar and our presence in China.