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Commission on Legal Issues and Jubilee

After a day of rest in which many of the Capitulars were able to attend the canonization of St. Paulo VI, St. Oscar Arnulfo Romero, along with five other new saints, they returned to the plenary hall.

That morning the Capitulars celebrated the Eucharist by Configurations, and after that they prayed in the plenary hall invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit and entrusting their work to the love of God.

The day of work began with a small joke: the assembly was cautioned against Frs. Miroslaw Lesiecki, Radoslaw Mucha, and Lukasz Andrzejewski as the Polish football team was defeated by the Italian team the day before.

The proposals presented by the Commission on (Canon) Law were addressed in the two morning sessions, and then was followed by group dynamics which tried to deepen the issue and clarify some aspects.

In the afternoon sessions, the Commission on Jubilee in preparation of the Centenary/Centennial of the Congregation presented updates on their work as well as some proposals to the entire Congregation.

A new icon for the Jubilee celebration was presented to the Chapter: the icon depicts the Cross and the Crucified as centers of our Charism, and Our Lady of the Virgin of Sorrows, the Patroness of the Congregation, alongside St. Paul of the Cross. In addition, at other times, the icons of St. Gabriel, patrón of the Passionist youths; St. Gemma Galgani -- patroness of the Passionist laity and Passionist women who belong to the Congregation of Women Religious, and other Institutes of Apostolic Life affiliated with the Passionist Family; an icon of the Blessed Isidore de Loor, an icon of the Brothers in the consecrated life who worked in silence in the religious houses, an icon of Blessed Dominic Barberi, a missionary worker of ecumenism. Along with this simple explanation, it was mentioned that all these icons were done by a Greek painter who also provided a ten-page document about his works. A crystal reliquary which contains the relics of St. Paul of the Cross was also presented with a Passionist emblem inside.

The new icon and the reliquary are intended to travel throughout the Congregation in the intervening period until the conclusion of the Jubilee year.

At the end of the day, the Capitulars dispersed full of ideas and are excited about the different invitations of the Commission on Jubilee.