

*47th General Chapter  
Renewing Our Mission: Gratitude, Prophecy, Hope  
Rome 16 October 2018*

*Proposals to the 47th General Chapter*

On the 11th day, the General Chapter transitioned to another phase of work. In the morning ten (10) proposals were presented by Capitulars from different geographic locations of the Congregation; two (2) of them, however, were sponsored by the General Economy.

The proposals were presented to the Capitulars in the assembly hall before they went into working groups according to their designated/respective languages.

Halfway through their group work, the Capitulars returned to the hall to watch videos prepared by groups of lay people. These videos aroused in them or enkindled some hopes and joys.

Silence and openness to the Holy Spirit were the central theme/mood of the day. The Capitulars stayed in silence to allow the love of God to speak to them.

But, silence did not make the task at hand easier, it rather enriched it. The search for answers went beyond the task per se, it penetrated even the Capitulars' interiority and their personal convictions so that their conversation evolved into the topic of Consecrated Life and the Church. The Charism is the wealth of the Congregation: a theological wealth that introduces us to the love of God, a psychological wealth that makes us conscious of the value and dignity of every person, a sociological wealth that commits us to serving the poorest among us.

We are in search for a greater appreciation of the value of the witness of our Community life. Our life will become attractive to many young people if we have living Communities, if they find us happy, a united family. By our community life, everyone shall know that we have a "Mission." This new vision can transform the old one, the centuries-old style of carrying out the Passionist Mission. The witnessing of Community life is the most important consideration vis-a-vis the Passionist Mission; the Community life ought to manifest the "Memoria Passionis."

The most exciting moments during the days of these General Chapter include sharing of dreams, the desire for prayer, the sense of Mission, the challenge of fraternal relationship within communities, and the dream of formation. Otherwise, the love of God resounded in the assembly hall while Capitulars cherished in their hearts the greatest treasure of the day: that they all share in the same singular vocation, in the same call.