

47th General Chapter
Renewing Our Mission: Gratitude, Prophecy, Hope
Rome 17 October 2018

Day of discernment and election

Today the capitulars gathered in the chapel of St. Paul of the Cross, in the Basilica of Saints John and Paul, to celebrate the Eucharist, and to begin the day of discernment and election of the Superior General of the Congregation. Fr. Floriano De Fabiis (MAPRAES) was the principal concelebrant. In his homily he encouraged all the capitulars to be open to the Spirit, to be responsible in their decision-making, to discern the will of God, and to elect those religious who will encourage and energize the Congregation.

Then in the Aula, they began their discernment by speaking about leadership. At the end of the morning an indicative vote was taken to better discern the group's desire.

The afternoon was spent in prayer, silence and discernment. In the last session of the day the Capitulars were ready to choose a new Superior General who would continue the work of Saint Paul of the Cross for the entire Congregation.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was invoked, and the voting proceeded.

"Today, October 17, 2018, the 47th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ re-elected Father Joachim Rego, as Superior General, for a second six-year mandate. Father Joachim was born in Yangon, Myanmar on August 16, 1954, professed vows on January 17, 1976 and was ordained a priest on November 28, 1981. We ask for prayers for him what he may be enlightened by the Holy Spirit in this task entrusted to him. We also pray that, with the same docility, the whole Passionist family throughout the world will experience through his ministry, confidence to remain united in the love of Christ revealed on the Cross."

Then all the capitulars fraternally greeted Fr. Joachim Rego, Superior General. Afterwards, all the capitulars and the local community of the Generalate proceeded to the Chapel of St. Paul of the Cross, in the Basilica of Saints John and Paul where, as is the custom of our Congregation, they sang the *Te Deum* in thanksgiving.