

*47th General Chapter
Renewing Our Mission: Gratitude, Prophecy, Hope
Rome 18 October 2018*

Election of the Consultors

Today the Capitulars celebrated the Eucharist according to their designated languages. Afterwards, they assembled in the plenary hall for the prayers and for their preparation for discernment.

The Rev, Fr. Joachim Rego, Superior General, began the moment of discernment by talking about some qualities that were needed in a Consultor.

He started talking about his re-election with an anecdote: “when he was elected Superior General for the first time. The following morning, Fr. Jose Agustin Orbeago asked him if he was able to get a good sleep. “With whom did you sleep, with yourself or with the Superior General?” Then, Fr. Joachim replied that he was able to sleep peacefully with himself.

A Consultor General aids or assist the Superior General and the whole Congregation. He does not have to be a wise person, as it may have been thought and said before, or a perfect man because such a person does not exist. What is being sought, rather, is an administration team of brothers, of genuine people who understands the humanity and fragility of others. Someone who understands the weaknesses and humanity of his brothers and sisters, because if we cannot find these brothers in the Curia or Administration team, then it will be difficult to help or assist people who you do not understand. What is asked of a Consultor is that he can work as a team, he can support and encourage the other members of the small community of the Council.

The newly formed General Curia is

Joachim Rego, CP - Superior General
Juan Ignacio Villar, CP - SCOR
Ciro Benedettini, CP – MAPRAES
Rafael Vivanco, CP - CJC
Mario Gwen Bargamento, CP – PASPAC
Miroslaw Lesiecki, CP – CCH
Aloysius Nguma, CP - CPA.

After the election, the Capitulars went to the Chapel of St. Paul of the Cross in the Basilica to celebrate the “Transito” or the “Passing” of our holy founder. At this momento of prayer the new Centenary commemorative icon, which will travel throughout the Congregation during the Jubilee Year, was blessed.