

47th General Chapter
Renewing our Mission. Gratitude, Prophecy, Hope
Rome 22 October 2018

"On the morning of October 22, 2018, at 11:45 AM in the Consistory room of the Apostolic Palace, Pope Francis received in audience the participants in the 47th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ (Passionists), in progress in Rome during October 6th-27th, 2018."

After the Holy Father entered the Consistory Hall, Fr. Joachim greeted him and thanked him for receiving us in audience. Then Pope Francis directed the following words to those present and at the end he greeted each one of the capitulars.

"At the center of your life and your mission is the Passion of Jesus, which your Founder described as "the greatest and most stupendous work of God's Love" (Letters II, 499). The vow that distinguishes you, by which you promised to keep alive the memory of the Passion, situates you at the foot of the Cross, from where the love of God flows that heals and reconciles. I encourage you to be ministers of spiritual healing and reconciliation, so necessary in today's world, marked by old and new wounds. Your Constitutions call you to devote yourselves entirely to the "evangelization and re-evangelization of peoples, preferring the poorest in the most abandoned places" (Const. 70).

In the afternoon the Capitulars studied the topic of the laity in our Charism with the following question: How can we continue to develop our mission together with the laity?