

47th General Chapter

Renewing our Mission-- Gratitude, Prophecy, Hope

Rome 23 October 2018

On October 20 the Capitulars elected the First General Consultor-- Fr. Ciro Benedettini. Therefore the new General Curia consists of-- Fr. Joachim Rego, Superior General; First Consultor, Fr. Ciro Benedettini and Frs. Juan Ignacio Villar, Rafael Vivanco, Mario Gwen Barde, Miroslaw Lesiecki and Aloysius Nguma.

Today, 23 October, the capitulars addressed the topic of mission. The goal was to identify specific elements and make some decisions. The capitulars reiterated their desire to renew the mission. They spent the remainder of the day in personal and group reflection.

The Chapter was compared to a construction project—during the previous days the Capitulars laid the foundation, mounted the overall framework, and in this last phase it needs to install the roof.

The work program had two moments-- first personal and discerning work, and then group work in mixed language groups.

The capitulars were asked to approach this phase by listening to their heart and to some prophetic words that resonated during the Chapter:

- **Human sensitivity** -- that our life and mission are characterized by attentive sensitivity.
- **Docility**-- being willing to learn from other people.
- **Internationality**-- grow beyond local situations.
- **Vulnerable love**-- a love that risks and allows itself to be touched by the pain of those who are close to us in ministry.
- **Heal the wounds of the world**-- let a new concern for our common house transform what we do.
- **Passion**, in an active and passive sense-- is the way in which challenges are addressed, but also receptivity so that the challenges affect our lives.