

**47th General Chapter**  
*Renewing our Mission-- Gratitude, Prophecy, Hope*  
Rome 25 October 2018

*Proposals and  
Safeguarding*

Today the Capitulars celebrated the Eucharist according to their Configuration. In the Aula they welcomed the new General Consultor, Fr. Rafael Vivanco (REG) who, following his election last week during the Chapter, arrived from his community in Mexico.

The Chapter also celebrated the 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday of Fr. Giovanni Cipriani (EXALT). They also received messages from the Secular Institute of the Passion and from Bishop Amilton da Silva, CP, Auxiliary bishop of Curitiba (Brazil).

During the two morning sessions, the Capitulars continued to clarify doubts about various issues and to discuss the proposals received and studied. They also voted on each of the proposals.

In the afternoon sessions, Fr. Joachim, Superior General, and Fr. Martín Coffey, presented Fr. Hans Zollner, SJ, who gave a conference on the topic of sexual abuse in the Church and its prevention. The session began its reflection on this serious topic with a minute of silence to remember victims of abuses everywhere.

The responsibility of safeguarding young people and children pertains to all of us, because it directly affects us and touches all aspects of our lives. This issue is not just a matter of the media or some priests who have committed abuses in the Church. As an issue that has created so much interest in the media, it needs to be treated with utmost urgency. The capitulars began by sharing how they felt when they heard about abuses in the Church.