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Finance at the Service of the Charism

Today, the financial report was addressed and discussed. The document from the Holy See reminded us that Finance has to be at the service of the Charism. We are also reminded by the parable of the Good Samaritan, who brought with him some necessary provisions for the journey in solidarity with a needy whom he might find along the way, to be able to guarantee his care and his unwavering attention for him/her.

The General Econome and the Chair of the Finance Commission presented their reports and addressed the questions of the Capitulars. The discussion was about financial solidarity, ethical banking, solidarity in formation, transparency, the need to propose budgets and meet some necessary standards.

The presentation on the maintenance and upkeep of our House, Sts. John and Paul, while this property is so loved by all, aroused much concern because of the magnitude of the work.

Some proposals which have something to do with financial issues were not discussed at this time. The discussion on the financial concerns can be perceived as a topic of solidarity. The word solidarity resonated in many of the interventions of the Capitulars.

Possession of properties and assets was appreciated, especially useful for the Mission. At the same time, these assets are owned by a materially poor Congregation whose genuine wealth are the people. This and other ideas helped the Capitulars deepen the discussion on many of the financial reports.

At the end, after so much financial information the Capitulars left the assembly hall to take a day off. Many of them participated in the canonization of Pope Paul VI and of Bishop Romero, and five others.