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" 'Tis the set of the Soul, that determines the goal "

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings of Peace and Joy from Rome!

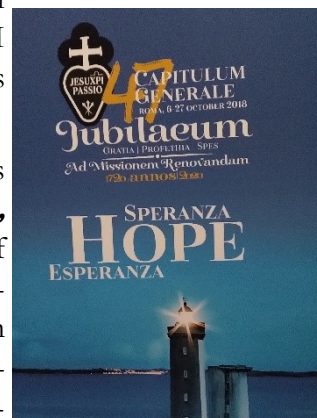
As I write this short note, the 47th General Chapter of the Congregation has just been concluded with a closing Mass in the Basilica of Sts. John and Paul's presided over by Our Superior General, Most Rev. Fr. Joachim Rego. The Chapter is over, but the journey continues!

As I look back to the last three weeks of the Chapter, I am glad to say that it was truly an experience of brotherhood and sharing, and charting out the journey of the Congregation for the next six years. I know very well that it is too early and the space too small for me to put the whole of the Chapter experience into this short article. I hope to share with our communities an in-depth presentation of the fruits of the Chapter in the coming weeks.

In the previous PIANO articles, I reflected on the various aspects of the theme of the Chapter: ***"Renewing our Mission – Gratitude, Prophecy and Hope."*** What remained to be shared was the aspect of **HOPE**. In his homily for the closing Mass, Fr. Joachim reminded everyone to be *hopeful* as we departed from the Chapter in order to carry on our ministries. He said that it is not a false hope or something that is passive but a real TRUST in the Lord in whose mission we continue to commit ourselves as Passionists. It demands patience, courage, audacity and openness.

The above point was brought home in the keynote address to the Chapter by Fr. Christopher Monaghan, C.P. Using the parable of the **leaven in the gospel of Mathew 13:33**, he said that the parable was an invitation to hope, courage and evangelization. *"It is the nature of the leaven that it must be worked into the dough and it must be given time to do its work, in hidden ways, having an impact in ways we do not always understand and expect."* I earnestly believe and am very hopeful that the Chapter will have its impact on our life and mission if we continue to trust in the Lord and allow ourselves to be renewed from within, a true conversion of mind and heart!

The Chapter had 84 capitulars from the six Configurations coming from all the continents and more than 50% of the them were attending the Chapter for the first time. It was truly a 'synodal' experience where the young and the old, the more experienced and the beginners, the talkative ones and the quieter ones journeyed together, discussed, debated and disagreed only to arrive at a shared goal for the Congregation for the next six years.



One ship that sails East,
And another West,
By the self-same winds that blow,
'Tis the set of sails
And not the gales,
That tells the way we go.

Like the winds of the sea
Are the waves of time,
As we journey along through
life,
'Tis the set of the soul,
That determines the goal,
And not the calm or the strife.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

(Quoted by Fr.Christopher
Monaghan)

The shared goal that we arrived at in the Chapter were three areas of crucial importance for the life of the Congregation and its mission in the Church and the world. They are: ***Community Life, Initial and On-going Formation*** and ***Re-vitalisation of the Configurations in the three areas of solidarity***. I hope to share in depth on these aspects as I plan to visit our communities in the weeks to come.



Now, we begin this journey of the renewal of our mission in the context of the preparation for the celebration of the 3rd Centenary of the foundation of our Congregation. So, as we embark on this journey, let us hope and pray that the fire of the charism will continue to burn bright in and through us and bring hope to the hopeless, the excluded, the marginalized, the migrants and refugees. May the Vulnerable Love envelope them in the sanctuary of His compassionate heart! May Our Lady of sorrows and St. Paul of the Cross continue intercede for us!



Blessings!

Paul Cherukoduth, C.P.

Vice Provincial

UPDATES**NOVEMBER****Birthdays**

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| TOMY | 03 |
| MONCY | 14 |
| XAVIER VT | 29 |

PROFESSION

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| JACKSON | 10 |
| JITHIN | 10 |

ORDINATION

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| JENISH | 20 |
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Feast days

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| Pius Campidelli | 03 |
| Eugene Bossilkov | 13 |
| Grimoaldo | 18 |
| Presentation BVM | 21 |

47th General Chapter**Indian delegates Fr. Sebastian & Vice Provincial Fr. Paul****Private Audience with Pope Francis****PASPAC Contingent**

Congratulations & Prayers to the New General Council (1. Fr. Juan Ignacio Villar (SCOR), 2. Fr. Aloysius Nguma (CPA), 3. Fr. Rafael Vivanco (CJC) 4. Fr. Mirek Lesiecki (CCH), 5. Fr. Ciro Benedettini (MAPRAES), 6. Fr. Gwen Barde (PASPAC) and Most. Rev. Fr. Joachim Rego, the re-elected Superior General.)



Blessing of the new Grotto at our parish in Randham, Tamil Nadu by Most Rev. Dr. Soundar Raj, the Bishop of Vellore.



Installation of a new group of Passionist Laity at Ashram JXP, Cochin

Feast Celebrations in PNG with Fr. Francis from THOM



Feast day celebrations with the lay Passionist group at our parish, Palliport.

Feast celebrations of our Founder St. Paul of the Cross



Theologate, Bangalore



Philosophicum, Bhopal



(Passionist Premier League) sports competitions as part of feast day celebrations in the community



Conferring of ministries of Acolyte and Lector by Very Rev. Fr. Xavier Valiapparambil, C.P., the First Consultor.



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