



XVI GENERAL SYNOD

September 16, 2022



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The celebration of the Eucharistic marked the beginning and the key moment of the day as in our daily community life. From that source flows life and Mission.

Two items of study were on the agenda for this day: the Presentation of the Economic Directory and the request for the consent of the Superior and his Council to the Synod on the future reality of the Province of St. Joseph (IOS).

The moderator of the day, Fr. Mirek Lisiecki, presented the schedule and the dynamics of the day. Fr. Joachim recalled, among other anniversaries of the day, the 50th anniversary of ordination of the General Consultor, Fr. Ciro Benedettini.

Fr. Alessandro Foppoli presented the Financial Directory indicating that it was a recommendation of the 47th General Chapter. He explained the process of its elaboration and that it included inspirational elements, the use of goods in the context of



consecrated life from the perspective of the vow of poverty, and the specification of actions and protocols in the financial reality of our life and mission. It is not intended to offer innovations, but rather to bring together in an orderly fashion the protocols for action at the local, provincial, and congregational levels, noting that these norms or indications should then be applied in each country or zone, according to the particular legislation. He repeated that the fundamental framework of this request made by the Congregation of Institutes of Consecrated Life in response to the directives of Pope Francis is to underline the purpose of material goods, to sustain the life and mission of the Congregations, with evangelical criteria and to avoid their inappropriate use.

After this general presentation, the text was studied in the language groups, which analyzed its content and form. Their work was subsequently presented in the Aula. All the groups valued positively both the contents and the clarity of the presentation. Clarifications were requested on various issues, including the concept of “stable patrimony”.

In the afternoon, another issue was discussed. Father General presented to the Synod the request for the suppression of the Province of St. Joseph (IOS). He reviewed the process carried out since the celebration of the last Provincial Chapter of this province at which time it requested made the request for suppression to the Provincial Superior and his Council. Along with this request, the religious asked to be incorporated into the Province of St. Patrick (PATR). Fr. Martin Newell, the last provincial, also pointed out other aspects of this process and the reason for the request.

Additionally, Fr. James Sweeney, PATR Provincial, pointed out how at their subsequent provincial chapter they had unanimously expressed their desire to receive the religious of the Province of St. Joseph. The General reported that after these discussions they had proceeded with the suspension of the Province, waiting until this time to request the Synod’s consent for its suppression.

A dialogue was opened in the Assembly in which feelings, uncertainties and questions were expressed. They ranged from the desire of St. Paul of the Cross for the Passionist presence in England to the awareness that although the structures sustain the charism, it remains, manifests itself or takes on new faces and presences beyond them. As they were expressed, the conviction that this gesture opened a new horizon of hope and trust in the action of the Lord who opens the way emerged more and more strongly. A vote was called for and unanimously the Synod expressed its favorable consent to the suppression of the Province of St. Joseph.

Fr. Martin Newell, the last IOS provincial, presented the life and charismatic and apostolic richness of the Passionist presence in England, beginning with the arrival of Blessed Dominic Barberi, the numerous foundations, the expansion in other places, the apostolates and pastoral choices of the past and the present, conscious and hopeful of the new face that the Passionist charism will take on now with this new reality.

Still in the Aula, we concluded the day with Evening Prayer prepared by the PASPAC Configuration.





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