



XVI Synodus Generalis

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XVI GENERAL SYNOD

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“Call to Action-
Renewing our
Mission”



CHRONICLE

DAY 2

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

The day began with the celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00 a.m. in the chapels designated for the language groups.

At 9:00 AM in the Aula of the Synod, the Holy Spirit was invoked using some texts of St. Paul of the Cross.

Fr. Alessandro Foppoli presented the program for the day focusing on the study of the Instrumentum Laboris in particular its introduction and first part. Fr. Joachim Rego situated the document in context of the priorities of the 47th General Chapter and the document Call to Action-Renewing our Mission. Based on this document he addressed the entire Congregation, local communities, Provincial and Configuration Councils and asked them to offer their contributions.

Based on their responses the General Council appointed a commission that gathered and harmonized them, elaborating this Instrumentum Laboris in order to draft the Charismatic Plan requested by the General Chapter.

The first task will be presentation of the document by the General Council to the Synod to be evaluated, enriched, or reformulated with the objective that it be presented at the next General Chapter.

Fr. Gwen Barde, a member of the General Council and President of the Commission for its elaboration presented the Introduction of the document pointing out the rationale behind its composition insisting that it is a call to ongoing renewal in order to Revitalize the Mission. The document points out how this attitude of renewal in creative fidelity has constituted a fundamental element in the dynamic of the life of the Congregation; secondly, it includes the challenges of our world, the signs of the times and the fundamental element that we are rooted in the Memoria Passionis.





After this presentation, there was a time for personal reading in a prayerful and receptive attitude with the desire to identify those elements in which the call of the Spirit is recognized. Then, working in groups, we reflected and shared, offering a first evaluation. At the end of the morning, we proceeded to common sharing. The document was positively evaluated, especially in reference to the ongoing call to conversion and the need to recognize that we are always in need of renewal and of a new impetus in our Mission based on the reality of community reality that is revitalized by the Memoria Passionis.

In the afternoon, Fr. Gwen presented the first part of the document entitled “Strategies for renewing our mission in communion” and asked the groups to identify the three most urgent actions to be implemented.

In the sharing, each group pointed out three priority action steps with their respective motivations. There was a great deal of agreement, especially regarding those action steps that favor the growth of the community dimension of our life and in the Passionist character of our mission. The session concluded with a positive assessment of the work dynamic proposed for the day.

The day’s work concluded with a prayer prepared by the Charles Houben Configuration (CCH) in the chapel of the retreat house.





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