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# SYNOD CHRONICLE

DAY 3  
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The 3rd day of the Synod began with the celebration of the Eucharist according Configuration groups. Today all the Synod members prayed and reflected on the theme of Formation that was to be studied in the Aula.

Rafael Vivanco, the coordinator of this day, invited us to pray serenely and trustingly. The antiphon *Nada te turbe* (Let nothing disturb you) as a repetitive canon guided the prayer.

Fr. Joachim gave us some information about the jubilee celebrations of some of the members of the Synod and reminded us that the General Curia usually sends a letter of congratulations to all the religious celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th anniversary of profession or ordination. He invited all communities to make these events a reason for joy, fraternity, and mutual prayer.

Fr. Rafael Vivanco asked Fr. Martin Coffey, Executive Secretary for Formation, to present the formation plan that the Secretariat for Formation has been developing. Fr. Martin indicated that his presentation is also intended to be a reflection on formation. This document is the fruit of various meetings of the members of the Secretariat and of dialogue and visits to the houses of formation or on-line meetings with formators and those in formation.

He explained that more than a complete plan of formation, its scope is the centrality of the Passionist charism as the focus and dynamism that configures the Passionist in all the dimensions of his life. Each

of the stages of formation from initial to ongoing formation is nothing more than a progressive process of being configured - letting oneself be configured - to Christ and by Christ in his self-sacrificing and self-offering love in response to the love of the Father for humanity. This integral formation touches upon all the dimensions of personal life and takes place in a world of relationships that constitutes us. For this reason, reference is made to the framework of the Passionist community in which Passionist evangelical life takes root. And it also presents formation for mission in various dimensions—the humble and caring incarnation of the love of Christ shown in his Passion. It also indicates the challenges of our world, which are situations that the Spirit makes fruitful for a new way of being and acting. The contexts of internationality and interculturality challenge us to communion, respect, welcome and integration according to the teaching of Jesus.

After his presentation, Fr. Rafael invited the participants to work in groups using the dynamics of the method of “spiritual conversation” proposed in the *Vademecum* for the Church Synod concerning Synodal process. It involves a sharing that involves listening, welcoming, and allows what is heard to resonate and be shared, opening oneself to the action of the Spirit in communal discernment.

The sharing in the Aula of what was experienced in the groups revealed the richness of this synodal way of welcoming the action of the Spirit in an attitude of discernment.





In the afternoon, Fr. Gwen Barde presented section B of the Instrumentum Laboris dedicated to “Strategies for Mission in Formation” proposing that the groups identify three urgent actions to be implemented in the Mission Renewal Plan proposed

to us at the 47th General Chapter. In the subsequent sharing highlighted those strategies referred to the community dimension of formation, the formation of formators and attention to all the stages of formation, especially those after perpetual



profession and ordination. Also in the Aula there was dialogue about the way to configure and focus the work of the Synod.

The Jesus Crucified Configuration (CJC) guided the evening prayer.





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