

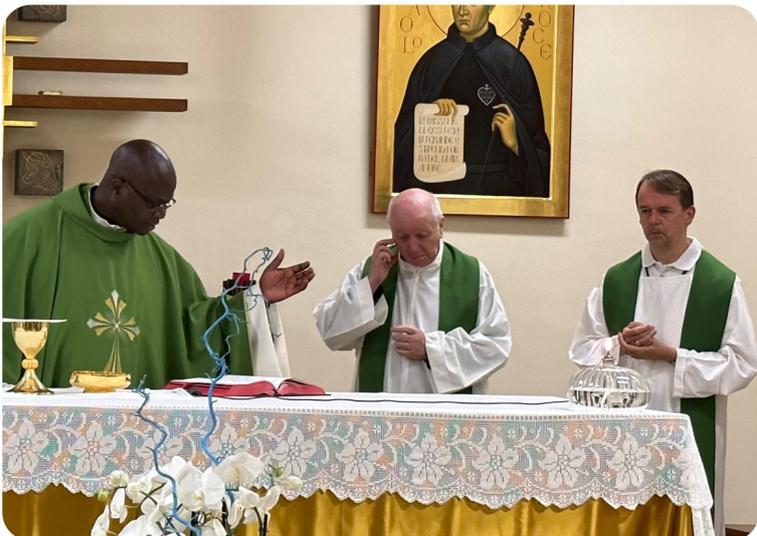
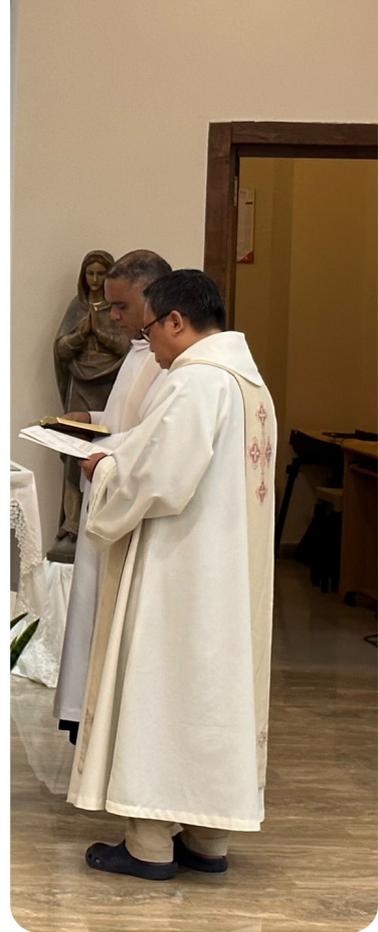


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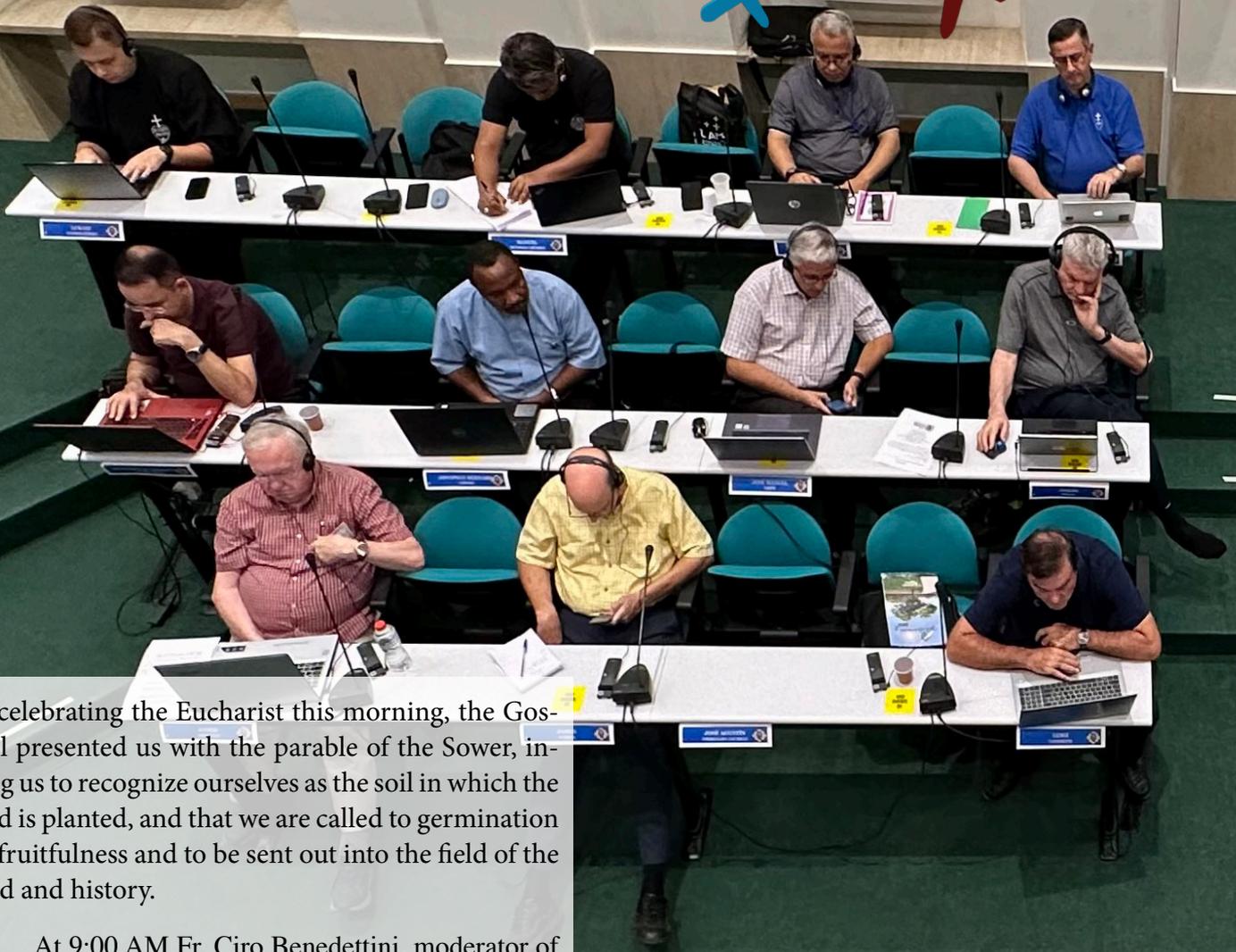
CHRONICLE OF THE GENERAL SYNOD DAY 7

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In celebrating the Eucharist this morning, the Gospel presented us with the parable of the Sower, inviting us to recognize ourselves as the soil in which the Word is planted, and that we are called to germination and fruitfulness and to be sent out into the field of the world and history.

At 9:00 AM Fr. Ciro Benedettini, moderator of the day, outlined the day's agenda, showing that this was a concrete and practical continuation of the work on the Financial Directory of the previous day.

Fr. Antonio Siciliano, General Econome, presented the financial report of the General Curia, detailing the ordinary and extraordinary activity of the fiscal year, focusing on the contributions of the provinces and the management of the funds that provide security for the life and mission of the General Government and its future collaboration with all parts of the Congregation. After his presentation and the answers to the questions that the assembly asked him to clarify, he posed three questions to the synodal assembly





inviting reflection and dialogue in order to offer light or perspectives on these issues. The first question was related to the economic dependence of the General Curia and the system of annual quotas coming from the provinces. Secondly, the sharing of solidarity among the provinces and configurations and the possibilities and difficulties that exist today in moving capital for the sake of solidarity beyond the borders of the countries where the Congregation is present. And, thirdly, the reality of the physical structure of the Generalate of Saints John and Paul, and the need to undertake some renovations or consolidate certain areas of the building in order to enable it to provide services to the members of the Congregation and ensure its self-sufficiency. The importance of the annual contribution of each of the provinces was recalled.

Different groups offered some ideas so that the General Council and the Curia will continue thinking about how finances and cooperation can truly enable stable solidarity based on evangelical criteria in order to be able to support life and mission

Fr. Antonio Siciliano continued the afternoon's work with a presentation of the Solidarity Fund, created some years ago with a double dimension of formation and the missions. After pointing out the capital, the mode of investment and the projects supported, he indicated the protocols for donations and the exercise of solidarity. It was pointed out that the fund does not have the purpose of accumulation but of response to needs and requests. A revision of the rules was requested in order to respond to requests with solvency and transparency, with equity and fairness, and also to

request information and verification regarding the use of the funds received. Several interventions indicated that perhaps now is the time to highlight the priority and capacity of offering support for formation from this fund.

Fr. Paolo Aureli, Secretary General for Solidarity and the Missions, who recently passed away, was remembered. Due to his death it was not possible at this time to present a detailed report from this Secretariat. Paolo's faithfulness and the promptness and dedication with which he responded to each of the projects that came to this Secretariat were highlighted.

Fr. Antonio Siciliano thanked all those who collaborate with him and have helped him in his service as General Econome.

The day's work concluded with evening prayer prepared by the SCOR Province-Configuration.





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