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issues: the importance of the involvement of all the members of the Congregation in the preparation of the same, attitude and dynamics of synodality, presence of the laity, and continuity with the previous theme.

The second question on the Passionist Program “Laudato Si - Passion of the Earth, Wisdom of the Cross” launched on May 24, 2021 was presented in the synodal hall by Fr. Rafael Vivanco and Fr. Joachim Rego. It originated with the desire to incorporate the Congregation into the call of Pope Francis to recognize the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor-- to care for God’s creation, to embrace the justice of the Gospel, and to renew the Passionist charism. The program involves six sessions and three have already been sent out. A group of lay people from the USA were involved in its elaboration. The purpose of this presentation or reminder was to evaluate its reception in the Congregation and in the Passionist Family. Different interventions indicated that in some areas it had been received and worked well with a level of interest at the local or individual levels. Recognizing its value and urgency, it was noted that we should continue to grow in our awareness of this issue, integrating it as a dimension of the charismatic experience.

The entire afternoon was dedicated to a meeting with the Passionist bishops who responded to



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the invitation of Father General and his Council. Fr. Joachim welcomed them on behalf of all, indicating that this meeting had been scheduled during the Jubilee Year. He also reminded those Passionist bishops who were unable to attend.

Those present: Bishop EMERY KIBAL MANSONG'LOO Bishop of the Diocese of KOLE in the Democratic Republic of Congo; Bishop LUIZ FERNANDO LISBOA Bishop of the Diocese of CACHOEIRO DE ITAPEMIRIM, BRAZIL; Bishop AMILTON MANOEL DA SILVA Bishop of the Diocese of GUARAPUAVA, BRAZIL; Bishop GIULIO MENCUCCINI, Bishop emeritus of the Diocese of GUARAPUAVA, BRAZIL; Bishop AMILTON MANOEL DA SILVA Bishop of the Diocese of GUARAPUAVA, BRAZIL; Bishop GIULIO MENCUCCINI, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of SANGGAU, INDONESIA; Bishop JESUS MARIA ARISTIN SECO, Bishop-Vicar Apostolic of the VICARIATE OF YURIMAGUAS, PERU; Bishop PEDRO LUIS FUENTES VALENCIA AUXILIARY BISHOP of LA PAZ AND APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MILITARY ORDINARIATE FOR BOLIVIA.

Fr. Ciro Benedettini made the presentation and began with a moment of prayer in which Bishop Amilton played a guitar and invited us to sing one of his songs: PASSIONISTA ME CHAMAS A SER! MISSIONARY OF THE CROSS, OF PEACE! FOLLOWER OF THE LOVE REVEALED IN THE CRUCIFIED ONE, OUR BROTHER. Each of them made a presentation of their episcopal ministry, describing their diocese, the pastoral plan, the urgencies, challenges and riches. It was clearly seen that they are serving the people of God in the peripheries, carrying out the outgoing mission

that Pope Francis asks of the Church.

After their presentation, there was a wide-ranging dialogue about how they live their ministry and how they hope and desire the presence of religious life in their dioceses; how they have become accustomed to this new style of life, without community, their pastoral experience, and its difficulties. They were also deeply challenged to live the uniqueness and significance of religious and Passionist life in their itinerant life and availability, as well as to recreate and offer the experience of the Passion of Christ in his profound love for the Father and his brothers and sisters, as growing in fidelity and rediscovering God's call.

The session concluded with evening prayer, also celebrated together with them. As a simple sign of fraternity and remembrance of all the Passionist religious who throughout history have been called to the episcopal ministry, there was a procession to a corridor where there were portraits of all of the Passionist bishops beginning with Bishop Thomas Mary Struzzi, the first Passionist bishop.







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