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CHRONICLE DAY 12 CLOSING SESSION AND EUCCHARIST OF THE XVI SYNOD OF THE CONGREGATION

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The participants in the XVI Synod of the Congregation gathered in the Synod Hall at 9:00 AM for the Closing Session. Fr. Aloysius John Nguma presented the dynamics of the session: presentation of the statements on Ukraine and Haiti that had been requested by the Synod members, evaluation of the Synod in the Aula, together with the evaluation that could have been submitted using the digital platform and the opportunity to offer other evaluations taking

as a starting point the expectations - expressed and written - of the Synod. - at the opening Eucharist of the Synod. These remained available in the Aula throughout the day. Subsequently, Fr. General closed the Synod. They began by reading both statements that in the spirit of the Synod is to be an expression of fraternal concern and gratitude to the religious of the ASSUM Province that witnessing the Passionist charism in their care for the victims of war and



violence. In the same sense, it was an expression of concern for the people of Haiti and to those who care for them as Passionists, begging the Lord for the gift of the coming of his Kingdom of justice and peace, especially in these difficult times. The question arose of also sending a message to the laity of the Passionist Family pointing out how their reality was part of the Synod, and motivated in a more intense way by the time dedicated to “The Laity and Charismatic

Families” in the course of the Synod.

It was decided that the Synod secretariat, in coordination with the General Council, would prepare this statement. The members of the Synod were then asked to freely express their evaluation of the Synod, based on the expectations with which they had arrived at the Synod. The words “gratitude”, “hope”, “communion”, “synodality”, “trust”, “horizon”,

“belonging”, “call to the Mission”, “joyful living of the charism...” were repeated in almost all the interventions.

Fr. Joachim expressed his gratitude for the atmosphere of communion, trust, fraternity, and serenity that was communicated and lived during these days. And one by one he thanked those who, with their dedication and service, had made it possible.

Fr. Ciro Benedettini then presented the first three volumes of the Proceedings of the Congress “The Wisdom of the Cross in a Pluralistic World” held in Rome in September 2021, noting that they are now available for purchase.

The celebration of the Eucharist began at 11:30 AM in the Basilica of Saints John and Paul. The Superior General presided at the celebration. The Liturgy of the day was the Feast of St. Matthew. In his homily, Fr. Joachim, following the texts of the day, pointed out with the Apostle Paul in his recommendation to the Ephesians (4:1-7:11-13) that in truth the Synod has been a sharing of evangelical attitudes, caring for each other, recognizing in speaking and listening the presence of God who calls us in mercy and freedom to walk together.

Following the reading of the Gospel of Matthew (9:9-13), he invited us to sit at the table of the Lord, called and summoned by him, sharing and welcoming, offering and receiving.

Then inspired by his mercy to welcome others, especially those who have lost their sense of belonging. Finally, he told all the synod members to communicate with lifegiving gestures and concern

what they had lived, celebrated, and shared.

The Eucharist concluded with all the synodal members in the chapel of St. Paul of the Cross intoning: “Salve Sancte Pater...”







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