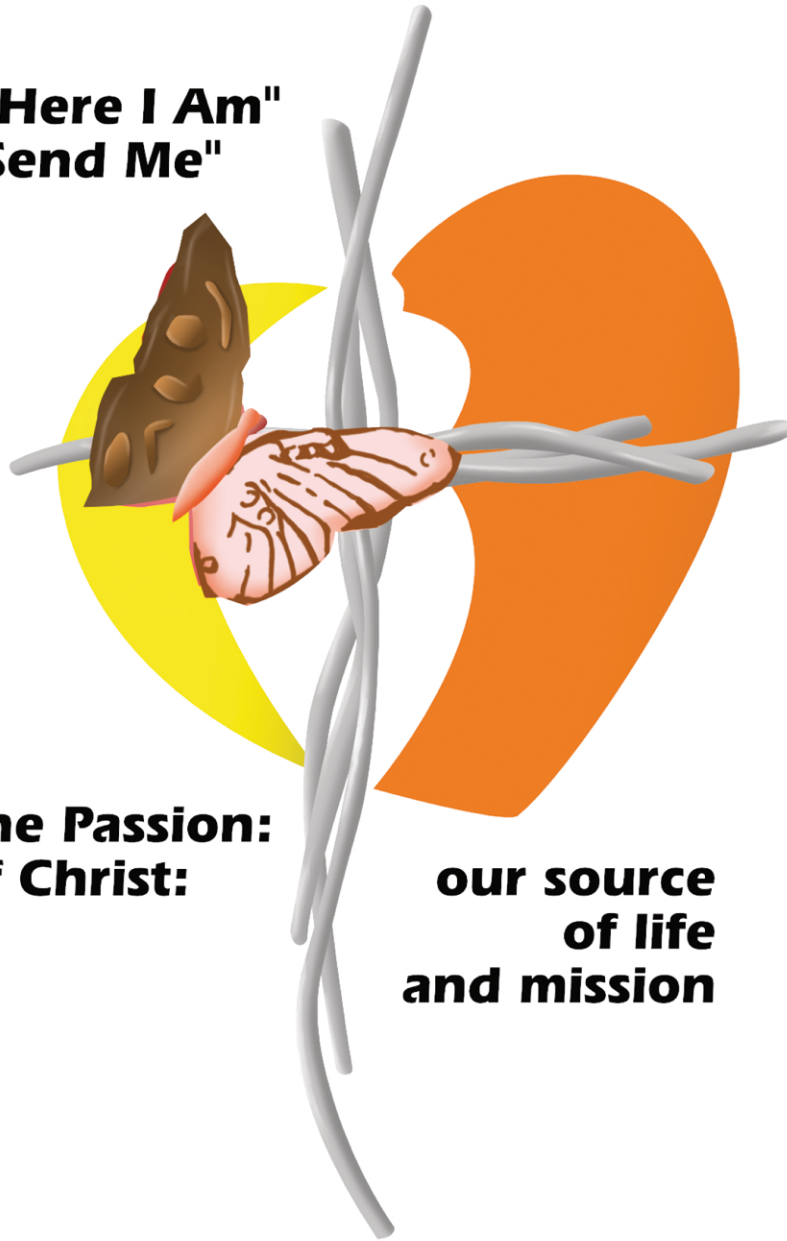


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**48th GENERAL
CHAPTER**

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On Oct. 8, the first day of Chapter, at 8:00 AM, the religious gathered in the Chapter Hall. Father Joachim Rego, Chapter President, led the prayer. The Gospel passage from Luke 10:38-42 and number 5 of our Constitutions were read. Each moment was interspersed with a song of invocation to the Holy Spirit. At the conclusion, prayer number 6 written for the Chapter was read and the song *Salve Sanctae Pater* was sung.

The President greeted the Chapter members and proceeded to the roll call.

The following approvals followed with an absolute majority:

1. The Procedure Manual;
2. The Secretary of the Chapter, Cristiano Massimo Parisi, CP;
3. The two scrutineers: Rolly Onyango Jackwood, CP and Luis Alirio Ramirez Riveros, CP
4. The facilitators: Father Yago Abeledo, Missionary of Africa and Mr. José Villoslada;
5. The Moderator, Father Yago Abeledo;
6. The Spiritual guide: Father Kenneth Thesing of the Maryknoll Missionaries;
7. The Agenda – main points;
8. The ordinary time table;
9. The digital platform *Synago* and the *Whatsapp* application for communications.

Afterwards, Father Joachim Rego presented a summary of his report:

- First, in the introduction, we read that "it has been a journey in response to the Spirit guiding and inspiring us to take the direction which would strengthen our fidelity in accordance with our charism and challenge our relevancy in accordance with the time of history in which we are living."
- There followed a list of the main commitments that took place during the six-year term: the Passionist mission, the formation plan, and the finance directory.
- Some events that merit special attention were recalled. First, the Jubilee, celebrated on the occasion of the third centenary of the founding of the Congregation. Among the events organized were a Jubilee icon con that traveled to all parts of the Congregation, a film about St. Paul of the Cross, an International Theological Congress at the Pontifical Lateran University, a meeting with Passionist bishops, and a Passionist youth meeting and pilgrimage.
- This was followed by a reflection on the state of the Congregation. At the end, he gave thanks for having had the honor and opportunity to serve the Congregation for the past 12 years as the 25th successor of St. Paul of the Cross, a "holy privilege" because the encounter with each religious was a graced event.

Fathers Leonello Leidi, Christopher Monaghan, Paul Francis Spencer and Alessandro Foppoli were elected members of the Central Coordinating Commission (CCC).

Father Antonio Siciliano, as General Bursar, presented a summary of his report.

The day ended after some brief communications by the moderator.