



COSMO - CAPITULUM GENERALE 3

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II PHASE: LISTENING TO THE REALITY

The Chapter dedicated three days to listening with patience and attention to the reports. The Prior General, fra Angel M. Ruiz Garnica, began this process with the reading of his report, in which he highlighted various important points: Introduction; the Importance of the General Chapter; Approval of the Decrees of the Chapter of 2007; the work of the General Council; some questions for reflection; Conclusion. After the presentation of the Report the Chapter broke into the same small groups which were formed at the beginning of the Chapter, to discuss some of the items raised in the General's Report, especially the Canonical Visitations, Monte Senario, the communities under the jurisdiction of the Prior General, the Promoter of the Pontifical Faculty "Marianum", formation, and some priorities for the future, finances, etc.

The work continued on Monday afternoon with the presentation of the reports of the Priors, Vicars and Provincial and of the Provincial Delegates and Regional Coordinators.

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE (EUR): *Santissima Annunziata Province*, fra Sergio M. Ziliani; *Spanish Delegation*, fra Javier M. Badillo; *Province of the Isles*, fra Bernard M. Thorne; *Piedmonte-Romagna Province*, fra Gino M. Leonardi; *Tyrolese Province*, fra Gottfried M. Wolff; *Venetian Province*, fra Lino M. Pacchin; and the co-ordinator of EUR, fra Sergio. Zilliani.

NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE (NAC): *Canadian Province*, fra Yvon M. Chalifoux; *USA Province*, fra John M. Fontana; *Mexican Province*, fra Gerardo M. Torres Ornelas; and the Coordinator of the NAC, fra Yvon M. Chalifoux.

SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE (COCO SUR): *Province of Our Lady of the Andes*, fra Ricardo M. Silva Aranda; *Provincial, Saint Peregrine Brazilian Province*, fra Paolo Serghio M. Angeoni; the Coordinator of CONO SUR, fra Ricardo M. Silva Aranda.

CONFERENCE OF ASIA & OCEANIA (CASA): *Indian Province of Aikyia Annai*, fra Susaimani m. Arokiasamy; *The Vicariate of the Philippines*, fra Benito M. Isip, *The Australian Delegation*, fra John M. Fontana & fra Leo M. Spicer; and the coordinator of CASA fra Susaimani M. Arokiasamy. * The Foundation in Indonesia.....is part of Mexican Province

CONFERENCE OF AFRICA: *Delegation of East Africa*, fra Francis M. Kawuki (in the name of fra Giuseppe M. Xotta); *Delegation of Zululand*, fra John M. Fontana and fra Thulani M. Ntsele For our presence in Matola, Mozambic, fra Charlie M. Leitão deSouza (as from 3rd October this foundation comes under the jurisdiction of the Brazilian Province), and the Coordinator for Africa (formally known as ISAC), fra Mel M. Loftus.

The last part of the working day began with their presentations of reports from of other Secretariats and Officials, beginning with the Postulator General for the Causes of Beatification and Canonization, fra Tito M. Sartori and with the President of the Historical Institute, fra Dilermando M. Ramos Viera.

On 19th September, we continued with the other Reports of the Secretariats and Officials of the Order. The major part if this time was allotted to the report of the Economo Generale and to the Pontifical Faculty "Marianum". After these last two presentations, there were many questions and answers, which helped a great deal in our understanding of these important aspects of the Order.

After every presentation, in most cases presented by means of *power point*, there was a period of questions of clarification of each Report. With this information there followed a working in

the Groups, the results of which were given to the Secretary of the Chapter to be used in the next phase of the Chapter.

MATTERS OF INTEREST.

On 17th September we celebrated the Memorial of Blessed Cecilia Eusepi, Virgin, who was recently beatified. During the celebration of Vespers and the Eucharist her relics were venerated. The reliquary was brought from Nepi by fra Luciano M. De Carolis.

Each member of the Chapter was presented with a copy of the book, *I Sette Santi Fondatori dell'Ordine dei Servi di Maria*, the work of fra Franco M. Azzalli for "Editrice Cattolica" for circulation among the people. Note that this book is only available in Italian at present.

The General Council gave every friar present at the Chapter a gift as a memorial of this Chapter: a ceramic plate with the image of the face of the Virgin of the fresco of the *Sanctissima Annunziata* a Firenze.

