



COSMO - CAPITULUM GENERALE 6

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WORK IN THE COMMISSIONS.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 25th September and of 26th September all of the commissions (6 in all) worked to prepare their presentations for the Assembly on the theme assigned to it by the Presidential Board of the Chapter. After the presentation by each of the Commissions, there was time for questions of clarification on the text presented by the spokesman of each of the commissions. After each presentation there was also the opportunity for written observations and interventions on the text from the Capitulars, who had to follow the rules laid down for this procedure. The Capitulars could vote *placet*, *placet juxta modum*, and *non placet* or abstain. With the use of modern technology, the result of the vote was immediately known, as the results were shown on a large screen immediately after the vote. After the six texts of the commissions had been presented and voted upon, Friday 27th September was given over to the revision of texts, with every Commission considering the amendments and suggestions that emerged from the reflections of the groups, as indicated in the *modi* and interventions that emerged from the assembly.

“SERVITE FAMILY” DAY AND THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCURATOR GENERAL AND THE GENERAL COUNCILLORS.

Saturday 28th September was dedicated to sharing with the “Servite Family” and the confirmation in office of the Procurator General and the General Councilors. This was the programme for the day:

Fraternal Gathering: At 11.00am the Capitulars along with all the visiting members of the Servite Family gathered in the large room provided and were welcomed by the Capitulars. There was a brief presentation by the various groups present in which they spoke of who they were, where they were from and their activities as part of this Servite Family.

Confirmation in Office of the Procurator General and the General Council: At 12.00 midday in the Sanctuary Church of Pietralba/Weißenstein the friars and all the members of the Servite Family present gathered for this important ritual. The ceremony began with the chanting of the *Ave Maria*, followed by two brief readings, one from the *Rule of Saint Augustine* and the other from the *Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans*, after which the Prior General gave his homily, in which he encouraged us to live our lives according to our Servite charisma as Servants of Mary. Following the homily, the Procurator General was confirmed in office, as were the three General Councilors present, all of whom placed their hand on the Book of the Scriptures while pronouncing their acceptance of the office. After a prayer for the newly elected all exchanged a sign of peace with those around them.

FRATERNAL GATHERING.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of Confirmation in Office of the Procurator General and General Councilors all went to a large refectory for lunch, after which there was a guided tour of the Sanctuary of Pietralba. At 3.00pm the group from Vicenza celebrated Mass in the Sanctuary before departing.

At 4.00pm there was a celebration in the Sanctuary in honour of Our Lady, the theme of which was the motto for this Chapter: **“Be it done unto me according to your Word”**. At the conclusion of this brief ceremony, there was an organ recital given by one of the visitors from

the Czech Republic, and finally photographs were taken of the whole group on the steps leading up to the Church entrance.

We hope that everyone who participated in this event went away with a determination to continue to live their vocation as a Servant of Mary.

GROUPS REPRESENTED:

Servite Friars from the Communities of: Venezia, Bologna, Arco, Monte Berico, Innsbruck and Forlì; various groups associated with the friars: Innsbruck, Vicenza, Venezia, Bologna; Sisters from various Congregations: Mantellate, Servants of Mary of Chioggia, Servants of Mary of Galeazza; members of Regnum Mariae; Members of the Secular Order from Montecchino, Emilia, Follina, Bologna, Vicenza; and there was also a group of friends from the Czech Republic. With the friars of the Chapter there were 196 people present!-

