



COSMO - CAPITULUM GENERALE 7

ENG PIETRALBA / WEIßENSTEIN

MOMENT OF DECISION

On the afternoon of Sunday 29th September and on the morning of Monday 30th September, each of the Commissions met to revise their texts in the light of the *modi* and the suggestions that had emerged after discussion in the *aula*. Therefore, the Capitulars came together once again to examine the proposals for a second presentation of the texts, with explanations being given for any changes now contained in the texts.

COMMISSION A: *The Constitutions and the General Directory*. This text was approved unanimously by the Chapter, as well as a Decree fixing the date of entering into force the two new legislative texts.

COMMISSION B: *Common Life*. Received an almost unanimous vote with 49 *placet* votes out of a possible 50. (49 people out of 50 voted). There was a separate vote on a three word phrase (40 *placet* out of 50 votes).

COMMISSION C: *The Servite Family*. The vote was almost unanimous, receiving 49 *placet* votes out of a possible 50.

COMMISSION D: *Formation and Studies*: received 47 *placet* out of a possible 50.

COMMISSION E: *Communities under the Jurisdiction of the Prior General*: Expressed the need for more time to consider the arguments under discussion.

Monte Senario: Came to the decision to keep the community under the jurisdiction of the Prior General with the hope that agreement may be reached regarding the ordinary and extra ordinary expenses need to maintain it. This question needs to be resolved before the end of 2014, or Monte Senario will come under the jurisdiction of the Santissima Annunziata Province as the owner of the property. *Vote: 42 placet; 7 non placet; 1 abstention.*

Marianum: Was reaffirmed as a priority of the Order along with the Community of Formation, *Saint Alexis International College*, as an International Centre open to the whole Servite family. *Vote: 46 placet, 4 non placet*).

The Holy Land: Many doubts were raised by the Capitulars during this discussion. It is not in reality a "community" but a "presence" and, according to the relator, has encountered many difficulties raising doubts as to its future. The final decision, which received 30 votes, was that the General Council by 31st December 2014, will seek to find a jurisdiction of the Order to accept responsibility for this foundation in respect of Article 230bis of the General Directory, otherwise this foundation will be closed.

COMMISSION F: *Structure of the Order*. which received 31 votes *placet; 19 non placet*.

COMING TO THE END OF THE CCXIII GENERAL CHAPTER.

The afternoon session of 30th September was dedicated to various themes. One of the most important being the decision as to when changes to the Constitutions and the General Directory come into force. It was decided unanimously that these legislative texts will into use six months after approval have been by the Holy See, the precise date of which is to be decided by the General Council.

Presentation of the Marian Document. With a vote of 47 *placet*, 2 *non placet* and 1 *juxta modum*, the Marian Document, which was prepared by a commission of professors at the Pontifical Theological Faculty "Marianum". Will be presented to the Servite Family as a reflection on the

Mission of Mary, reflecting particularly on the “theme” of the General Chapter of 2013: “*Be it done unto me according to your Word*”.

Presentation on the common purpose of the Servite Family. The General Chapter wishes to propose to the whole Order once again the document tabled at the Assembly of UNIFAS in 2009.

Message to the Servite Family. Some friars at the Chapter had prepared a reflection on the Most Holy Trinity for the Servite Family. The Chapter thanks these friars and voted 49 votes and 1 abstention to send this message to the Servite Family.

THE CLOSURE OF THE CCXIII GENERAL CHAPTER OF PIETRALBA/WEIßENSTEIN

On the morning of 1st October there was an evaluation of the experience of this General Chapter, examining it from various perspectives, *positive elements, elements that need to be improved, what will we take away with us?* The overall response was very positive, with some very good observations and suggestions for the future. The session came to an end with the Prior General, fra Gottfried Wolff thanking the General Council and all who participated in the General Chapter.

At 12.00 midday the Bishop of Bressanone-Bolzano, Mons. Ivo Muser visited us and shared with us some reflections, after which he joined the friars for lunch.

At 6.00pm in the Aula the CCXIII General Chapter of 2013 formally came to an end, with the celebration of the Vespers of the day, remembering Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. In this celebration there was also a power point presentation of the official transfer of the community of ***São Gabriel di Mastola (Maputo, Mozambico)*** from the Spanish delegation to the Saint Peregrine Province of Brazil, who have accepted this foundation into their Province.

The official conclusion of the CCXIII General Chapter of the Order of the Servants of Mary of Pietralba/Maria Weißenstein when the Prior General formally announced its closure. This was followed by the exchange of greetings and a fraternal celebration, preparation of luggage for our return to our respective jurisdictions.

AMEN.

