

**Day 3 Communication**  
**36<sup>th</sup> SSS General Chapter**  
**Thu Duc, 08 November 2023**

Fr General gave a report on the State of the Congregation, painting an unhesitatingly honest and realistic portrait of our Congregation, with a message that aimed to both challenge and inspire the assembly in building themselves as communities of prayer, service and fraternity. In the small group sharing, lively exchanges resulted to compelling ideas shared to the assembly, to name a few: ongoing formation, interprovincial collaboration, sharing of resources, animation of the laity, response to abuses...

The Archbishop of Saigon and the President of Episcopal Conference of Vietnam, Most Reverend Joseph Nguyen Nang DD, addressed the assembly, beginning with a provocative question of a teenager in his diocese: Why do we need to carry our crosses? Here, he emphasized on the urgency of evangelizing our youth and our parishes on the richness of the Eucharist, something that the Church expects from us, given our congregational charism.

Fr Joseph Vu Quoc Binh reported on the General Curia Secretariat Service, thanking those who played active roles in the Secretariat, and listing its many administrative activities and means of communications. He concluded with proposals for better communication and improved collaborations in the future. He also reported, on behalf of the General Procurator, regarding the requests to the Dicasteries, the updates on the canonical questions regarding dismissals and excommunication, and issues on visa applications. These reports were well-received by the assembly, with a few recommendations for improvement.

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