

Day 4 Communication
36th SSS General Chapter
Thu Duc, 09 November 2023

The fourth day opened with warm birthday greetings for Fr Joseph Tran Ngoc Tan, followed by the reading of the messages from different parts of the world.

Four geographical conferences (Fr Olivier Ndong for Africa, Fr. Peter Jayakanthan Dorairaj for Asia-Oceania, Fr Darren Maslen for Europe, Fr Marcelo Da Silva and Fr John Thomas Lane for the Americas) reported their collated responses to the questionnaire sent to all provinces, the questions being:

- What concrete signs witness to the "Gospel of the Eucharist" in the life and mission of the community?
- What are the limitations (personal & community) that impoverish the community witness of the Eucharistic Spirituality in the building of the Community of Fraternity, Prayer, and Service?
- What suggestions would you give to your community and to your Province/Region from your community experience, to enhance the incarnation of the expression of the charism according to the Rule of Life nos. 33 to 45?

In the afternoon, the five Provincial Superiors belonging to the Asia-Oceanian Conference (Fr Philip Watkins of Province of the Holy Spirit, Fr. Peter Jayakanthan Dorairaj of the Kristu Jyoti Province, Fr Roel Dela Cruz of the Province of Our Lady of the Assumption, Fr Justin Chawkan of the Province of Christ, the Bread of Life, and Fr Joseph Pham Dinh Ai of the Province of the Vietnamese Martyrs) and the two Provincial Superiors from African Conference (Fr Olivier Ndong of the Province of Blessed Isidore Bakanja and Fr Yves Maxim Sagna of the Province of Our Lady of Africa) gave their report on the state of their respective provinces, where concrete and creative expressions of fraternal life, prayer life and life of service in their communities are evident, despite the differing challenges they faced in the past years. Evident also is their commitment to internationality, formation, social action and lay collaboration.

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