

Day 12 Communication
36th SSS General Chapter
Thu Duc, 17 November 2023

Together, we listen to the Holy Spirit...

The assembly gathered in the Provincial Chapel to adore the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Holy Spirit to guide the capitulars in making their important choice of candidates for the position of the General Superior.

At the Chapter Hall, the session open with a greeting for the 22nd ordination anniversary of Fr Yves Maxim Sagna, and the message of Fr William and the children of the Collegio Eymardiano de St Martin, Argentina, and that of Bp Ronnie Bancud. Fr Eugênio Barbosa Martins shared the news that Fr Andres Taborda was named by the Vatican, together with a layperson, as postulator for the cause of the beatification of Fr José Aristi, an Argentinian SSS priest and confessor to many priests, bishops and even popes. Pope Francis, in an informal interview on March 2014, told the story of how he took the rosary cross from the casket of this holy man, the same cross he carries always in his person for strength and inspiration.



Fr Abraham Faye read the first draft of the work of the Commission on Memory and Discernment, whose message is summarized by the words: Called to the Cenacle to Live Contemplation, Fraternity and Service. The assembly reflected in silence on this document, expressed their appreciation while encouraging the commission to explore more and go deeper into their reflection.

Fr Eugène van Heijst gave the report of the Capitular Commission of Study on the Juridical Questions, starting with their reflections and suggestions on the Vademecum changes, followed by their detailed work on juridical questions and proposals.

Fr Elibien Joseph followed with the report of the Capitular Commission of Study on CEFO (Works of the Founder) and the Eymardian Places, with proposals for the continuation and improvement of their work of making the Founder and his spirituality known and accessible to many.

Fr Olivier Ndong delivered the report of the Capitular Commission of Study on International Theological Commission, and on Internationality, and their impact on Formation and Mission.

The Capitular Commission on Formation has Fr Peter Jayakanthan Dorairaj and Br Vu Trong Thien as their reporters, highlighting formation of formators, professed brothers and the on-going formation.

In silence, the assembly casted their nomination of the candidates for the Superior General.



Fr Vergel Dalangin