



Day 11

06/12/2021

We could change the world, by first changing our heart.

In introducing today's process, Mathieu connected the above lines of the song used in the prayer, which conveys a message appropriate for the journey ahead.

The process for the day included listening to the work done by the Capitulants over the weekend; maintaining an attitude of prayer and discernment; envisioning the Institute in 2027, and a plenary sharing to sense where the group is with regard to this vision. The next step was to speak about the role of the new GLT members, and to consider the list of persons considered to have the potential to carry this vision.

After 45 minutes of generative listening in small groups, the entire session was spent in plenary. Numerous elements emerged, which will be further refined and prioritized in the coming days.

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- Given the many visions of 2027 that have emerged, what type of leadership should the GC embody: subsidiarity, implication on the ground, or something else?
- **Compte tenu des nombreuses visions de 2027 qui ont émergé, quel type de leadership le CG doit-il incarner : subsidiarité, implication sur le terrain, ou autre chose ?**
- **Dadas las muchas visiones de 2027 que han surgido, ¿qué tipo de liderazgo debe encarnar el CG: la subsidiariedad, la implicación sobre el terreno o algo más?**
- What should be the place of the General Bursar in that GC, and why?
- **Quelle devrait être la place de l'économe générale dans ce CG, et pourquoi ?**
- **¿Cuál debería ser el lugar del Ecónomo General en esa CG, y por qué?**
- And therefore how many councillors do we need to elect, and why?
- **Et donc, combien de conseillères devons-nous élire, et pourquoi ?**
- **Y, por tanto, ¿cuántas concejalías hay que elegir, y por qué?**



The Capitulants shared how they want to see the Institute in 2027, clarified and raised questions about forming the new General Leadership Team, and made some proposals and suggestions regarding how the Team can fulfill its role and mandate to realize the vision.

Based on the questions asked, they shared some important, unifying points.

Here are some of the insights:

- Subsidiarity, delegating at different levels, as the type of leadership to be lived
- Importance of 'discerning for the whole'
- Leadership committed for the vision of the Body and of the Church, capable of taking risks and taking decisions with creativity, involving the whole Body
- The General Bursar to be a member of the General Council, with competent help of an assistant and professional help.
- What should be the number of Apostolic General Councilors, 4 or 5?

A vote was held to find out where the body stands in terms of the position of the General Bursar in the GLT, and the number of Apostolic Councillors.

It had been hoped that the vote-count for the Election of the Superior General could take place today, but a very small number of postal votes had not yet arrived. The Facilitator therefore asked the Capitulants if they would agree to wait one more day to count the votes.

They unanimously agreed.



Final days (8 Dec-10 Dec)

“When a congregation comes from its heart-space, there is a power that is shaped by the charism and its contemplative imagination meets the needs of the times.” (Religious Life for our World) This was the thrust of 14th day prayer.

At the Crossroads...

These three days (13-15) were very precious, leading the Chapter forward to allow the future to emerge. This unique Chapter journey required the willingness to drop everything that is not essential. The process of letting-go and letting-come established a deeper connection to the Delegates' commitment for the life of the whole.

Working in small groups centered on different themes, the Capitulants committed to a shared purpose by listening and speaking generatively; this created the energy necessary to make them agents of change. A great deal of hard work was needed to ensure that the proposals adopted would be truly transformative for the institute and the whole Body.

At times a certain resistance could also be felt ... in ways of thinking, mixed emotions, and unwillingness to risk a leap into the unknown and unfamiliar.

The Facilitator's challenging interventions surprised and shook the Delegates at times. They were made aware of the tendency to continue using the same repetitive patterns, while still expecting something new to emerge. As a result of this positive shock, they were able to face their reality as a group.



Celebrate the light:

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

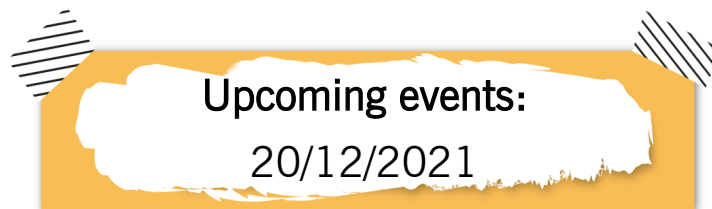
Jeremiah 29:11 (from the Last day’s prayer)

This particular Chapter journey required a lot of commitment; different time zones necessarily limited the number of meeting-hours and imposed time-limits; constant screen-use could also be quite tiring. However, these 56 Holy Family women faced the challenges, remaining faithful to their roles and commitments, and were eventually able to see the light shining through a shadowy path, giving them strength and courage to move forward.

There was a strong sense that although the Chapter-Sessions have all but ended, the work of the Chapter is not finished – the proposals with the strongest potential to bring about change, to help us continue to live our purpose, have been chosen – but the path forward can only be made by walking together towards a common goal – God’s mission. In each Unit then, as well in the Whole, there is much to shape and grow, to welcome the new, and to find ways to take new initiatives.

As the final day came to a close, trusting God's ways to guide them the Capitulants once more expressed gratitude, joy and hope for the Holy Family in its 3rd Century.

“We plant the seeds that one day will grow; we water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.” (Bishop Oscar Romero)



Vote count | Closure of the 20th Chapter | The Final Prayer

- Election of the Vicar and four Apostolic General Councillors - Vote Count
- The closure of the 20th Chapter
- The Final Prayer as Family (4 pm - Rome Time)

The zoom link to the Prayer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731015155?pwd=eGJNSmJjUGVxNVJQTHpwVnYza1dBQT09>

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