

Burning bush



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Seventh day of the General Chapter

JANUARY 27

The prayer of the day was led by the East African Delegation. The Mass was presided over by Frs. Edouard Twizeyimana and Jules Nikuze.

In the morning we worked on updating of the Plan of Formation, which the General Animation team has been coordinating in order to respond to the mandate of the last General Chapter, a line that responded to the critical point on formation.

In this sense, Father Daniel Echeverría explained the process of work followed, accompanied by Sister Ana M^a Donato, looking for the way to bring together as many as possible religious and lay groups. One of the contributions and innovations was to give it a charismatic foundation by recovering the figure of the Founder as formator and student. The delegations were asked to develop the principles and criteria in the charismatic documents, a work that was the starting point for the reflection and work of the formators (summer 2019 in Lluç). The chapter assembly voted that the document be used ad-experimentum in the houses of formation.

The assembly also recommended that, within one year, the Superior General of the next six-year term harmonize the formation plan developed with the 2016 document "Ratio Fundamentalibus Institutionis Sacerdotalis" of the Congregation for the Clergy.

Progress must be made with regard to the itineraries and ongoing formation and formation of the Missionary Laity of the Sacred Hearts.



THEME OF THE *Economy*

In his report, the General administrator began by describing the changes that have taken place during this six-year period, especially at the financial level, and which have had a negative impact. He presented some charts that illustrate the goods of the Congregation, beginning with the personnel tables, since the most valuable thing we have are people. It can be seen that a large number of confreres are under the age of 50 (76 confreres). The information on the communion of goods and the evaluation of the lines of action of the six-year period followed. The self-financing capacity of the communities and Delegations was also evaluated.

Finally, the Father Administrator reviewed the minutes of the Finance Advisory Council, with some recommendations to the Congregation on finance as well as a line of action on the elaboration of an Operational Master Plan of the Congregation on mission and sustainability.

In the echoes to the economic report of this six-year period, much gratitude was expressed to the General Administrator for his service and for the information provided to the General Team. This report has focused on people and mission. The management of this six-year period has been a transparent management that has helped in the initiation and learning of future treasurers. It has also been appreciated that the report offers some criteria for restructuring.

We will continue to work in groups on the Sacrificial economy, drawing up lines of action from the working documents available, especially the "documentum laboris", the recommendations of the Advisory Council on Economy and the reports of the members of the Board of Trustees.

Edouard Twizeyimana, M.SS.CC.





KEYS TO A *reorganization* PROCESS

At the General Chapter, we, the members of the Congregation, faced the crucial and unavoidable question of the reorganization of the Congregation.

A commentary by Father Aquilino Bocos has been illustrative for our reflection since, in addition to making an excellent analysis of the reality of Religious Life, it offers clues to address one of the most delicate issues such as the reorganization of many institutes of Religious Life.

Cardinal Bocos begins by commenting that the reorganization is not an exclusive topic of the Consecrated Life. Also companies of all kinds are constantly reorganizing to meet the challenges of the market.

The reorganization, which, in his view, is not an end but a means, is intended to achieve higher goals for religious congregations. It places us before the future with vigilant eyes, a gospel wisdom and a Kairos moment that makes creativity and innovation possible.

The challenge of reorganization is not so much survival but renewal. This will require not only discernment, but also prayer. It will be necessary to invoke the same Spirit that motivated the founders to give an evangelical response to the needs of their time.

I feel that beyond the fears, uncertainties and dissatisfactions we are called to bet on a reorganization that:

- Encourages a better quality of life in the face of stress, fatigue and poor living conditions.
- It makes it possible to enter into a mystique of dwarfment in the face of the feeling of thinking that what is important is to grow in quantity, in prestige and in authority.
- Encourage us to live the freshness of the Gospel as opposed to the attachment of the past, the prestige of works and the efficiency of work.
- Make it possible to live unity in diversity, religious and linguistic diversity.
- Encourage us to live in a Church on the way out, in an exodus that promotes the creation of new horizons and going to new borders, to be with those who have been *transpierced*.
- Promote positive thinking that will lessen any temptation to dissatisfaction, desolation and allow for meaningful and prophetic communities.

Finally, may the Sacricordian charisma attract young people to feel the call of Jesus who continues to say today: Come and follow me.

P. Miquel Mascaró, M.SS.CC.

Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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THEY SPOKE MANY LANGUAGES

Our Congregation has become multilingual. The Ardent Bush is published in 3 languages and the Roman Sabrina Canofari is translating into Italian the chronicle of the Meeting of Collaborators of Concordia held in San Honorato the week before the Chapter. The two African delegations have asked that another community be opened in an English-speaking country (Uganda or Nigeria) because we already have several brothers (priests, students, novices) who speak this language, and several postulants who are applying for admission. We rejoice in this universality of mission that comes from Pentecost. At the same time, we ask the readers' understanding because these first attempts have not allowed for a greater control of the quality of the translations.



Eighth day

JANUARY 28th



The eighth day of our General Chapter began as usual with morning prayers followed by breakfast.

At 9:30AM we began the sessions in the chapter hall where, after the chapter prayer led by the moderator Fr. Andrés Muyambere, the secretary of the General Chapter Fr. Anaclet Mbuguje was invited to read the minutes of the previous sessions. All were approved.

Fr. Daniel then invited the team that was studying the economic state of the Congregation to present their report. Fr. Josep Amengual introduced the report. Dominique Tuyisenge thanked the administrator, Fr. Antonio Fernández, for his professionalism and humanity. He also highlighted the achievements of the general administrator: revision of the diets of our formation houses, clarity and transparency in the management of our economy, functional unification between Concordia and *procura de misiones*, closeness and advice with the local administrators, etc. The following difficulties were highlighted: the Congregation's patrimony has decreased; investments no longer produces much interests, deficit in the annual budget since 2014, etc. He mentions reduced expenses and increased income, self-financing as the way out. There were several reactions. Then Jules Nikuze spoke about self-financing: increasing income, thinking about self-financing in the medium and long term, etc. Last of the group to speak was Fr. J. Amengual who also said the report was very positive, transparent and shows a sense of synodality. He also encouraged formation of brothers in the delegations so as not to lose

paid pastoral work, etc. Sister Viviana Aróstegui reminded the team that they have until Saturday to present a most polished report.

After the break, Sr. Viviana Aróstegui asked for the topic of Llluc to be discussed in its entirety since it kept coming up in the interventions. The first to give his opinion was the Superior General, who read the letter he had written to the whole Congregation about the closure of Llluc: illness, age of the brothers, the exlaustration of some brothers destined to Llluc, the prior had to be from Mallorca, etc. There were many reactions.

Already in the afternoon, we proceeded to put in common the lines and actions on the sacramental economy. Once the lines and their actions were agreed upon, the adviser introduced us to the topic of the dialogue on animation and reorganization of the Congregation. She asked us to go to groups, read and meditate on a text by Aquilino Bocos Merino, Cmf.

After the team work, we returned to the chapter hall to share our opinions on the book. After presenting two groups, Sr. Viviana insisted that we must have an overall vision when we want to restructure. She also said, at the very moment when we started the process, it is the time of Kairos.

We ended the day with evening prayers led by the Delegation of Central Africa before going for dinner.

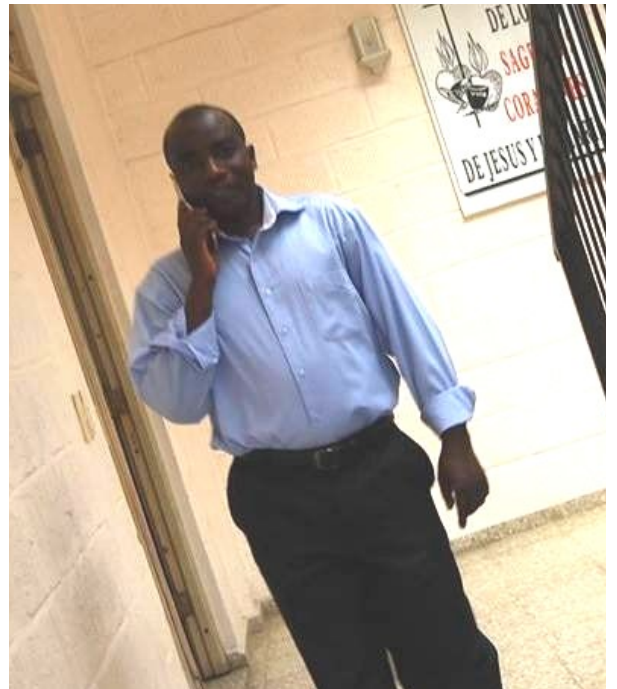
Sunday Tor, M.SS.CC.

FATHER THÉO PROTAGONIST OF THE MEDIA TO HIS REGRET

On Thursday 30th we heard the news: "Priest injured while claiming asphalt for Sierra Prieta (Fantino, Prov. Sánchez Ramírez, RD)". "In an unprecedented event in our municipality of Fantino, Father Theo was wounded, in what was a peaceful protest, the police acted aggressively. The promises that are not fulfilled have the people exploited" (Juan J. Cruz Benxan, 30-1-2020).

"The people of Fantino in general totally repudiate the violent, ruthless and bloody aggression of the national police against Father Theogene Nyirimanzi, a missionary of the Sacred Hearts We are totally outraged by such an aggression against a man of God so loved by our people" (Jesús M. Rodríguez Rosario).

According to Dr. Cristóbal Mata Castillo, he will not need surgery, but rather immobilization of the leg and treatment of the soft parts. We send our solidarity to Fr. Theogène and the community of Fantino.



Saludos queridos capitulares, desde Camerún os saludamos cordialmente.

Estamos muy unidos con vosotros orando para que el Señor siga guiando por su Espíritu vuestro trabajo de cada día. Agradecemos muchos la iniciativa de publicar el Boletín informativo del XX Capítulo General en tres idiomas. Esta iniciativa hace que todos estemos conectados con la misma sintonía a la ZARZA ARDIENTE. Con los teólogos de Zamengoe en Camerún, a pesar de los exámenes que están haciendo, los ecos del presente Capítulo no cesan de ser la discusión y debate constructivo entre los hermanos.

"Soñamos y soñaremos, los jóvenes tenemos utopía y esperanza de una Congregación siempre movida por el Espíritu de Dios a extender su Reino" dicen entre ellos. El XX Capítulo General en el año 2020 tiene mucho significado para nosotros, viene en el momento que se abrió un teologado en África (Teologado Simon Reynés de Zamengoe en Camerún), lo que significa que se han lanzado ya las nuevas perspectivas de acrecentar la Congregación. De acuerdo con la realidad actual, África queda como vivero de las vocaciones a la vida religiosa y a la iglesia en general, lo que significa que somos privilegiados tener nuestra presencia en esta tierra fértil. Las cosechas de lo que se ha sembrado hace 53 años reclaman una nueva mentalidad que no se cierre sobre sí misma pero que abra las puertas a los nuevos horizontes. Como yo lo decía arriba, la publicación de este Boletín informativo en tres idiomas muestra que el paso se ha dado y jamás debe terminar con el presente capítulo General.

Insisto sobre el uso de tres idiomas de la congregación; la mayoría de nuestros documentos carismáticos están en español, lo que limita la autoformación sobre nuestra Congregación para los que no entienden este idioma. Mi sugerencia es de crear un comité permanente de traducción no solamente de los mensajes o boletines de comunicaciones sino también de los documentos carismáticos de nuestra Congregación, el contrario arriesgamos de perder el fundamento y quedarse superficiales en lo nuevo. En este sentido, agradezco el Padre Olivier Lotele que está traduciendo en francés esta obra del P. Jaume Reynés "Joaquim en el vientre de la Ballena". "Juntos como hermanos miembros de una iglesia vamos caminando al encuentro del Señor".

Un saludo cordial desde Zamengoe, Camerún. Casa del teologado Simon Reynés.

P. Nzigiyimana Sylvestre, M.SS.CC.



Resonancias

Buenos días hermanos, hemos tenido octavario de oración por la unidad de la Iglesia. Ha participado mucha gente. Cada día expusimos el Smo. en una casa distinta. Todo el día de adoración...La gente busca la eucaristía fundamental en la vida cristiana.

Saludos a todos. Oramos por el Capitulo.

Bendiciones desde Dominicana. Jesús Jordán, M.SS.CC.

Queridos hermanos, una acción de gracias por sus 25 años de presencia en nuestra Diócesis comprometidos con aquellos que más lo necesitan.

Rezo para que el Espíritu Santo, en este momento de Capítulo General, los asista y se pose sobre ustedes. Un abrazo muy grande y que Dios los bendiga. Estoy partiendo para Roma así que rezaré, muy especialmente en la tumba de Pedro por ustedes.

Eduardo García, Obispo de San Justo, Argentina.

Buenas tardes Hermanos...

Para ustedes ya debe estarse arribando la primera noche de esta segunda semana de Capitulo.

Unas cuantas letritas por parte del Equipo animador de la Pastoral Juvenil Congregacional Dominicana (Equipito PJMSSCC), para animar y acompañar en la oración desde este otro espacio geográfico. Con el corazón dispuesto apostamos a que sea la voluntad del creador la que podamos acoger. Que los caminos a los que este Capítulo nos pueda conducir sean de refrescante aliento para quienes a gritos enmudecidos reclaman competente socorro; nuestros jóvenes tantas veces abandonados por el vacío que ofrece todo el ruido que hace afuera. Jesús y María van siempre entre ustedes y con nosotros.

Un abrazo, Ana Frías.



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