

CHRONICLE OF THE GENERAL CHAPTER SESSION 2, SEPTEMBER 2022

Since this session of the General Chapter is long and considering the work it involves for the editor and for translators, the members of the Commission of Coordination decided that this chronicle would be published on a weekly basis.

First week, from September 2nd to 8th

The votive mass dedicated to the Holy Spirit celebrated at the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli by the Abbot General took place at 9am on September 2nd. This Eucharist was followed by Dom Bernardus' Opening Conference.

For the duration of the chapter, the Lauds office followed by the Eucharist are to be celebrated at 06:30 hrs. Each region will in turn be responsible for leading the Eucharist and the Liturgy of The Hours of the day.

During the week, some monks and nuns are invited to address the assembly. To begin with, Father Justin from the Community of Mokoto, following the Central Commission's request, discussed "on what they find the most invigorating in the Order today". This conference was very much appreciated. Mother Geneviève-Marie Fravallo, of Campénéac, and Secretary of the Commission of Aid, reports on the work done by this commission since the 2017 General Chapter. Mother Gabriella Masturzo, Postulant for the Causes of Saints, will inform us on the evolution of the current issues.

A good part of the work in the Aula is to be devoted to listening and debating on the different Regional Reports and the situation of communities under the responsibility of an Apostolic Administrator or a Monastic Commissioner.

The assembly debated and approved the definitive version of the new Statute on the Accompaniment of Fragile Communities.

Work in commission is mainly dedicated to the study of House reports. However, each of the 14 commissions is also required to debate on the situation of Fathers immediate, on the basis of the Ad Hoc commission implemented in the first session of the General Chapter.

Lastly, it should be noted that capitulants have assigned to Mother Mariela de Quilvo and Dom Clément of Kokoubou the task of writing the synthesis of the General Chapter.