



DAILY REPORT
5 May 2022

Day 5

We continue the second phase of the Chapter, entitled: “Boldness in truth”. Today we continue to *discover*, to try to identify what provides life and to better appreciate what we are. For this, today we become aware of how necessary it is to go courageously through the “time of the interim”...

We are thus entering an interim time, something that has not yet fully arrived, but which will not wait for us to be ready... Father Bryan Massingale, speaker for the morning of the fifth day, paraphrasing John O’Donohue, invites us to reflect on the following reality that often tends to block us: while “the old is not old enough to have died, the new is still too young to be born”.

In this journey, we are all in the same boat (cf. Pope Francis) and, no doubt, as we navigate this “interim time”, many of us may feel seasick and long for dry land.

Father Massingale has invited us to recognise some of the signs of the times that are rocking our boat today. Signs that we need to be aware of in order to face with determination: climatic upheavals, nationalist populisms, the complexity of human sexuality, the scourge of wars and global pandemics.

But how do you move forward along this route? How do you move forward if “the path you took to get here has washed out; The way forward is still concealed from you “ (John O’Donohue)?

We live in a world that requires us “to be signs of courageous hope”, and the speaker highlights several resources for this new path: courage, hope,



creativity and trust in YHWH. He who led the people out of Egypt and guided them through the desert, he who brings the future into being... He is capable of sustaining us in the “interim”. Trust.

Before we let ourselves be carried away by nostalgia (and miss the land we left behind) or driven by despair (why bother if nothing changes, if it seems lost?) we must have courage and sing beautiful and prophetic songs. It is not enough to act like Ulysses and resist, tied to the mast, the songs of the sirens that distract us from the search. Today we must take the example of Orpheus and sing a more beautiful song, a new melody (cf. *Christus Vivit* 223).

And as if it were a symphony, this is how we received the great work and the courageous proposals that the first phase of the III AIMEL brought us from its co-coordinators: Alisa Macksey and Brother Néstor Anaya. The Assembly valued their work very positively and expressed its communion with the proposals and the spirit launched by the first phase of the III AIMEL with a very large majority.

The afternoon was dedicated to start with an activity that will continue for the next two days: the “Marketplace”. A dynamic proposed by our facilitator, Sr. Leslie Sándigo, which begins to fill us with information and joy.

We discovered in the “Marketplace” a lively Institute which is preparing, with enthusiasm and dynamism, exhibitions for small groups in which to ensure interaction. The Secretariat for Formation; the Secretariat for Association and Mission and CIAMEL; the International Strategic Committee; the International Symposium of Young Lasallians and the



International Assembly of Young Brothers; the Secretariat for Solidarity and Development; and the Chapter Preparatory Commission, which prepared a synthesis of the notes and questionnaires submitted by communities, Brothers and Lasallians to the Chapter.

To end the day, the Capitulants' most artistic talents have been dusted off to produce a synthesis by linguistic groups in the form of a poster. Posters that begin to adorn, with a wealth of information, expectations and dreams, the corridor leading to the sanctuary. That is precisely where we are heading at the end of the day to meet Jesus. A Jesus who has made himself very present throughout the day and, especially, in the memory of the most impoverished children and young people and in our hearts, wanting to kindle in them the flame of his love.

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