



DAILY REPORT
9 May 2022

Day 9

Today, we turned a corner for the work of our Chapter. As we conclude the audacity of truth phase, we begin to focus our vision.

The day began with continuing our discussion on association in the Lasallian Family. We continued to reflect with one another on identity, belonging, and shared mission. This was an opportunity to continue to look ahead and envision an Institute and Lasallian Family where the various vocation calls, Brothers and Lasallian Partners, affirm one another's unique call and continue to collectively take responsibility for the mission. The discussion highlighted the importance of accompaniment and formation to deepen our understanding of Lasallian association for mission.

We were then invited by our facilitator, Sr. Leslie Sandigo, to consider all that we had discovered over the first week. What is our Lasallian response to the challenges and calls of today? How can our charism be a sending forth to the realities that confront the mission today? We were reminded of Pope Francis' words, "I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security" (EG, 49). We are being called to go forth in a way that we are responding to the Holy Spirit's call, to recognize what the Church and world need from us. Again, referring to *Evangelii Gaudium*, we are reminded that "the Holy Spirit...enriches the entire evangelizing Church with different charisms... gifts...meant to renew and build up the Church.

- They are not an inheritance, safely secured and entrusted to a small group for safekeeping; rather they are gifts of the Spirit integrated into the body of the Church, drawn to the center which is Christ and then channeled into an evangelizing impulse" (EG, 130).



This then led us to the work of defining our challenge, the challenge which we see the Institute responding to today. We spent time reflecting individually and in our linguistic groups attentive to all that we have heard up until this point. In a fraternal environment and with reflective listening, each of the six groups identified a challenge with three conditions for responding to the challenge. While many of us wondered how possible it would be to identify one challenge, it was clear the Spirit was at work through each participant and group. When the challenge each group identified was presented in the later afternoon, it was good to see the common threads and convergence of thoughts and ideas.

Once the six challenges and corresponding conditions were presented, the Capitulants and those participating had a chance to offer their overall reactions and reflections. The various interventions affirmed the work and began to identify the common focus the challenges provided, i.e. service with the poor, community, and reimagining structures. As one Capitulant pointed out, the challenges identified key ideas: prophetic, consciousness-shift, gospel fraternity, and charismatic. These can guide the work of bringing together the six challenges into the one challenge that Chapter will take on. This work was left to the secretaries of each group who met in the evening to develop one overall challenge and its conditions. This will then be presented to the Chapter for its consideration as it turns towards to identifying what could be in the dreaming phase.

- Of course, our work continues to be guided by our time of common prayer in the morning and our evening liturgies. These are essential moments of reflection and provide us with the opportunity to allow Jesus to remain our focus as we seek to offer a Gospel response to those entrusted to our





care. The time spent in community during the breaks, at table, and our evening socials provides us with opportunity to enjoy the fraternity and share our various realities with one another.

Lord, the work is Yours!

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