

DAILY REPORT 10 May 2022

Day 10

Today was the penultimate day of the second phase of our General Chapter, *Boldness in truth.* There is an atmosphere of discernment and consensus, encouraged by the audacious desire to discover where we need to move forward in order to provide life in our various environments.

We began the day praying to the God of life for our Brothers and partners around the responsibility and audacity to continue to build our dreams for the future as an Institute, committed to the needs of those entrusted to our care. It has become customary to receive the small but big tokens that reflect not only the touches of fraternity, but also the richness of our extended family.

The first session of the morning was devoted to listen to the presentation by the secretaries, who had undertaken the task of compiling the different challenges and their conditions into one. It was an interesting exercise to listen to each other regarding our central challenge, to which we want to devote our time and effort as a possible reality emerging from our 46th General Chapter.

It has not been an easy task to draft a common document that allows us to gather the richness of our different contexts and realities, but above all to express it in the different languages with the same strength, impetus, depth and courage so that it can energise and vitalise our commitments at local, regional and global level in favour of the poorest. But when there is a good spirit, and with the energetic boost of our Facilitator, the paths are cleared more easily, and so we give shape to our dreams for the future.

At the end of the morning we met around the well-known dynamic of World Coffee, where over a cup of coffee and some snacks, we began to draw up by

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linguistic groups the dream which will lead us to take up the challenge and the conditions previously agreed and voted on in plenary. In this dream we recognise ourselves as a Lasallian Family, which is invigorated every day by different forms of vocation, as leaven for a more fraternal world which seeks to find God in the life and conditions of the poorest. The small and simple leaven transforms and makes big the small, in an invisible but powerful way. How much leaven is contributing to create not only big ideas, but a great fraternal atmosphere in our Chapter!

Finally, in the afternoon, gathered in the five regional groups, we reflected on some values that should accompany our dream, our challenge and the conditions to make them a reality in the short and long term. The methodology adopted in our Chapter is leading us to focus on the essential, specific points, in order to be able to bear more abundant and transforming fruits.

We ended our day's work together and before the relics of the Founder, in thanksgiving for the progress made, and entrusting God our journey as Capitulants with our eyes fixed on the reality of the poorest. And so we arrived at the midway of our Chapter adventure, already on the threshold of the phase that will lead us to experience the strength in decision.

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