



DAILY REPORT

12 May 2022

Day 12

Today there is an important shift in the movement of the Chapter. We shifted to the third theme: Strength in Decision. The question posed to the Chapter is “What do I want to be in the future?”

During morning prayers, we were led by the liturgy team (Julio, Louis, and Vince) to reflect on the mercifulness of our Creator, as we sang our opening hymn:

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru-out the universe displayed!*

As in the past days, we began the day in the Aula Magna where our Chapter Coordinator Br. Jorge Sierra explained our task for the day. The Chapter went through the process of approving amendments of the previous days work (Process - Results), facilitated by Br. Ambrose (PARC) and Br. Nicholas (RELAN), moderators for the day.

- It is worth noting that Spanish Group 2 mentioned that they proposed to have a conversion process that acknowledges and repairs the damage done to the Church by abuses of minors. There was also much discussion also on the proposal of English Group 2, on their hoped for result after a process of conversion: “Vibrant Lasallian communities where interiority is fostered.” Eventually, the work from yesterday was eventually passed and accepted by the Chapter.
- This allowed us to move to a third phase of the Chapter which the coordinator described as “decisive”. The theme is the “Strength of Decisions”
- The practical ideas/tasks that Br. Jorge asked us to keep in mind for this



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phase were: 1) The task of building new paths of transformation, similar to lines of action we are used to. 2) The election of a central government.

Sister Leslye, Chapter Facilitator, reminded us that lines of action/pathways of transformation should have continuity, innovation, and transition. Pathways are declarations that point out what we want and how we will get there. They are bridges between what is and what can be. In this process, we are required to broaden possibilities, challenge and go beyond the routine, refer to what has worked in the past, and transmit a positive/ideal image of ourselves.

After the morning plenary session, we proceeded to our smaller language groups where we attempted to come up with “titles” for the pathways of transformation. This was synthesized by the language group secretaries and presented to the plenary. We went back to plenary to go over some minutes and the message of the Chapter to AIMEL 3.

Lunch and a short break followed.

At 3.00pm, we returned to the Aula Magna wherein we finalized the wording of the pathways and we chose which pathways group could join via a google form. The scrutineers took some time to sort our choices. Eventually, we went into our new groups, the “Pathways of Transformation Group”. In the previous days we had gotten used to working with either our regional group or language group, so this was a new dynamic for us. The afternoon was spent working together in the “Pathways” group.



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The Pathways of *Transformation groups* are as follows:

1. Evangelization and education service of the poor (justice and peace)
2. Spiritual life: return to the Gospel, radical availability of the Brother
3. New structures of leadership and governance
4. Integral ecology [much discussion occurred whether to keep this as a separate pathway or connect it to spiritual life]
5. Association for a bold and prophetic Lasallian Family
6. Vocation and Accompaniment [there was a discussion also whether to include it in the association pathway]
7. Solidarity, Viability, and Sustainability

We ended the day with a celebration of the Eucharist at the Sanctuary. The Gospel aptly reminded the Capitulants: *Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.*

Some Young Brothers present at the Chapter went out for dinner at a nearby restaurant. We enjoyed the dinner: Good food and greater company. Despite our language differences, we were able to share our common fraternity.

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