



DAILY REPORT  
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# Strength in decision: designing “Paths of Transformation”

It is Saturday and that makes fourteen days of the Chapter. To alleviate some of the intensity of the days, today the Capitulants, invited members and Consultants have the possibility of starting the day in a more relaxing way, for which they are grateful. When it was time to get up, the echoes of the previous evening’s concert in honour of the feast of St John Baptist de La Salle, organised by the “La Salle - Pius IX Aventine” Institute, were still fresh and vibrant.

In this third and final phase, the Chapter continues with the task of defining the “Paths of Transformation”, with the aim of determining achievable objectives for the next inter-capitular period. The expected outcome of this Chapter phase is the design of new paths for the future of the Institute up to 2029, including the specification of the necessary structures of leadership and governance.

The first part of the morning is devoted to the work of the seven inter-linguistic groups that design the different paths, around a shared scheme: title of the path - we recognise that... - we are called to... - we commit ourselves to... (commitment - times - responsible); each group works on one of the themes previously determined by the Assembly itself at the proposal of the different linguistic groups.

After a time of rest, which was used for relaxed chat, exchange and renewal of energies, in the second part of the morning, the presentation of the first five “Paths of transformation” took place in the Plenary Assembly. A small figure of De La Salle with two children (a gift from the District



of Arlep to the participants) received us in our respective places, giving us a message of “encouragement” for the day, a message reinforced by the echoes coming from the Lasallian festive celebration of the nearby “Scuola Paritaria La Salle”.

The Coordinator opens the presentation of the work of each of the groups, in accordance with the general process indicated in the Chapter’s Manual of Rules and Procedures (Rules of Procedure) approved at the beginning of the Chapter. Each presentation is followed by a participative and interesting round of clarifications and proposals for improvement, which enrich the paths designed.

The first group presents its work, with the title “*Building a fraternal world through education, evangelisation and the promotion of justice*” and linked to the biblical icon of Mt 11, 2-6 (“tell what you are seeing and hearing...”), incorporating various proposals in this regard (related to the educational world, presences among the vulnerable, the creation of new works and communities, missionary experiences in peripheries before perpetual profession, promoting pastoral implications and formation programmes in this area...).

The work of the second group, with the title “*The path of radical availability to God*”, from the call to deepen our interior life and share our experience of God with others, incorporates some proposals in this regard, especially from the perspective of Lasallian spirituality (a Year to deepen and share it, a General Councillor directly responsible for these issues, creating an international centre of Lasallian spirituality, prioritising it in the personal and community project, programmes of accompaniment and experiences from the peripheries for the Brothers...).



The third group presented its work, entitled “*New structures of leadership and governance*”, starting from the premise that the structures of the Institute should generate co-responsibility, sustainability, transparency and solidarity in order to ensure the Lasallian Educational Mission and communion with the Lasallian Family throughout the world. They incorporate proposals in this regard (composition of the General Council, creation of a new Secretariat for the accompaniment of the life of the communities and Brothers, District strategic plans in relation to CMEL and AMEL, better representation at the General Chapter, creation of “mobile” work teams to accompany the Districts...).

The work of the fourth group comes under the heading of “*Integral Ecological Conversion*”, committed to a new way of being in the world that generates an ecological citizenship for a more fraternal world. Its proposals concern initial and ongoing formation, the lifestyle and location of communities, the creation of a new Service in the Institute for this transversal dimension, support for the proposals of the III AIMEL in this area, support for the Global Solidarity Fund....

The fifth group presented its work, entitled “*Association for Mission promotes the audacity and prophecy of the Lasallian family*”, in response to the call to journey in a spirit of creative fidelity and synodality in order to respond to the needs of the world. Its proposals refer to strengthening the structures of AIMEL and CIAMEL, proposals of the III AIMEL related to the theme, regional strategies for all this, presence of the theme in the formation of the Brothers, collaboration with other Charismatic Families...

After the necessary lunch and rest period, in the afternoon we met again in the Chapter Hall continue with the presentations of the two pending





paths of transformation, previously evaluating a proposal from the Communications and Technology Service, regarding the timing of the election of the Superior General.

The reflection of the sixth group, entitled *“Lasallian Vocations: Walking Together”*, seeks with its six proposals to respond to the call to live our vocation with passion and to enable others to discern their own: implementation of Circular 475 on Culture of Vocations, accompaniment of young Brothers, sharing of best practices, international initiatives especially to promote the Brother vocation, formation to assume responsibilities, formation and policies for all Districts on the protection of children and adults at risk...

Finally, the seventh group presents its work, entitled *“Leveraging the human and financial resources of our international Institute to ensure the sustainability of the Lasallian mission”*, with proposals for the creation of a Mission Endowment Fund to support the creation and consolidation of new works, a Solidarity Fund to support the long-term vitality of the Lasallian mission, and a Welfare Endowment Fund to support the care of sick and elderly Brothers in fragile sectors. It is also proposed that Districts which in the immediate future will no longer have Brothers active in the mission or will be unable to exercise leadership roles should have a plan in place within two years.

On Monday 16 there will be time for each group to incorporate into their work the suggestions received at the Plenary Assembly or to share their reflection with another group; on the same day the latest versions of the Transformation Pathways will be presented to the Assembly for approval.





This is followed by a period leading up to the Election Phase of the Institute's New Government, with a sondage of people who can lead the Institute in building these new ways of transforming lives and the qualities required. After a time of personal reflection, in an atmosphere of prayer and discernment, the different Linguistic Groups meet to share these qualities and offer a first list of names. The "Veni Sancte Spiritus" resounds in some groups... The qualities collected in each group are shared in the Assembly. The same task is then done in Regional Groups, including the point of view of the Region. New lists of qualities (which are shared in the Assembly) and names are also drawn up. Finally, once the Brothers whose names have been mentioned in a list have been consulted as to whether or not they agree to be considered for election, the Brother Capitulants take an indicative vote on the resulting list.

Once the session was over, the participants had a few moments of gratifying rest before sharing dinner (at the Generalate or at other places in Rome, depending on the groups) and the many sensations of the day... It was an intense day in which we were able to look forward to new horizons for our association in the service of the mission. The celebratory and restful tone of Sunday the 15th was, without a doubt, well deserved.

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