



DAILY REPORT  
16 May 2022

# Day 16

After weeks of discernment and visioning today was a day of decision-making. Well rested from Sunday's celebration of our Founder, each of the pathway groups began the morning by revising their commitments to prepare to present to a plenary session later that morning. We worked to incorporate comments, questions, and revisions that were given in plenary discussions, in later conversations, and by email.

In my group concerning spirituality and availability to God, we had a meaningful discussion that helped us to clarify our thoughts on our proposed commitments. I am sure that the other six groups had a similarly enriching experience.

After our first coffee break, we gathered in the Aula Magna and were able to engage with the work of the first pathway group "Building a Fraternal World through Education, Evangelization and Promotion of Justice." We discussed and approved most of these commitments related to the educational mission of the Lasallian family, but it was decided that one of the commitments would be revised and brought back to the group on Wednesday.

We moved on to my own group "The Pathway of Radical Availability to God" and approved most of the proposed commitments related to building up the spiritual life of the Brothers and the Spiritual tradition of our charism. We got half way through, and stopped for the "sondage"—a straw poll of potential Brothers to be considered for Superior General, Vicar General, and General Councilors. All voting members were given paper ballots with the names of nominees and they voted on 3. The scrutineers scrutinized the count, and those with more than 4 votes will be on the official ballot.



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In the afternoon, the group working on leadership structures presented, but they had many revisions and new ideas so it was decided that we would all take more time to review them and return to these ideas on Wednesday. Most of the afternoon was filled with more lively discussion on the commitments of the groups concerning “Integral Ecological Conversion” and “Association for Mission guarantees a bold and prophetic Lasallian Family.” It is very encouraging that the last group was the first group to pass all of the commitments, but not without a good bit of discussion and adjustment.

It is challenging to work in three languages and across many cultures. This can make our work a little slower, but it is good to slow down and take the long view in work such as this. This unity in diversity is a remarkable gift of the Lasallian family that is clearly present at this Chapter!

After much hard work and decision-making, we ended the day with a very festive social gathering on the rooftop of Casa Generalizia, organized by the Brothers from Latin America. There were traditional refreshments from many Latin American countries and several brothers entertained us with their guitar playing skills and led us in song. Many of us also enjoyed the rooftop view of the “blood moon” as it illuminated Rome.

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