



## 10TH GENERAL CHAPTER

*Delighted by the sapiential reading of the Charism, we become integrated, missionary and vocational communities.*

INFORMATION 2

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here we are with the second Informative on of the Chapter Assembly, in order to update you about the steps of the 'way' on which we are journeying.

**On Sunday, July 2**, the Chapter Hall was filled with colors, music and dances. Each circumscription, in fact, presented in a creative way some cultural aspect of its respective countries. With renewed wonder, we experienced the richness of diversity: we saw the joyful faces of sisters and young persons in formation in the videos presented, admired the beauty of Creation and thanked the Lord for the many expressions of our charism.

**On Monday, July 3**, the 'Illumination' phase began. With us, **Sr. Milena Stevani**, FMA, who proposed an articulated reflection on: *"Consecrated life: founding elements, perspectives, abandonment, concreteness and flexibility"*. Starting from the contemporary socio-cultural context, she guided us to revisit the value of fraternal life in community, highlighting how important it is to have two constant references in the process of growth: the human dimension and the vision of faith.

**On Tuesday, July 4**, we listened to **Dr. Fabio Bolzetta** on: *"Digital Culture. Incidence and implications at the anthropological-pastoral level. Challenges for the mission today"*. His competent and interesting intervention allowed us to immerse ourselves in the ocean of the web, discovering potentialities and risks, then leaving us with a question: *what kind of presence, as individuals and as a community, do we want to be through social media?* It is increasingly necessary to invest in formation, to inhabit the digital world in a responsible and meaningful way.

**On Wednesday, July 5**, we connected *online*, with three **Pauline Cooperators**: two in Brazil and one in Argentina. Their intense sharing of life and love for the Church according to the spirituality of the Pauline Family, manifested a witness of a clear lay identity, as *salt of the earth and light of the world*, in the various forms of evangelization and ministries.

**On Thursday, July 6**, Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ, **Undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops**, was with us and shared with passion and clarity the following theme: *"Synodality, culture of encounter and clericalism: How to live pastoral collaboration in an ecclesial context marked by traditionalism, self-referentiality and clericalism"*. There have been many references to the Magisterium of Pope Francis, from which is expressed that *synodality is the way of being Church today, according to the will of God in a dynamic of listening and discernment in the*

*Holy Spirit*. Therefore, synodality must shape the whole life and mission of the Church, in all its dimensions. It is a process that requires patience and a strong sense of history.

As is customary, after each meeting with the speakers, adequate time is dedicated to personal reflection, followed by a time of listening and sharing in the five '**discernment groups**'. Each group refers to a figure who reminds the common call to holiness in the gift of one's life: Blessed Pino Puglisi, Saint Oscar Romero, Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Sr. Josephine Bakhita, Saint Mary Mackillop.

We believe that what we are experiencing is a time of grace, enlivened by the Holy Spirit and sustained by your prayers. Let us invoke the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd, so that she may obtain for us the gift of listening to the Lord and continuing on the journey with joy. In communion of prayer

For the Chapter Sisters  
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