



DAILY REPORT
2 May 2022

Day 2

Mornings at the General Chapter begin at 7:00 a.m. with prayer in the Sanctuary of St. John Baptist de La Salle. Several cultures start their day at 9:00 a.m. Some Brothers' faces reflect this change in their daily routine! This also happens with meal times. This is the interesting thing about fraternal sharing in interculturality.

The prayers are organised by a commission of three Brothers, who make a great effort to help the Capitulants to invoke the Holy Spirit in the three languages of the Institute. Fortunately we know that He has no problem with this. At each prayer time, songs in Spanish, petitions in French and thanksgivings in English or Our Fathers in dozens of languages can be heard at the same time.

Monday 2 May was a day of organisation for the administration of the Chapter: the working methodology was explained, the Manual of rules and procedures was presented, the voting system, the members of the Central Commission were elected, and the language groups were organised. It was a day marked by legality, by understanding the rules of the game and the ways of participating and deciding.

Sister Leslie, who guides us in the methodology, explained the “Appreciative Inquiry”. After her words, several Brothers expressed their support and their doubts about the way in which this path was going to lead us to achieve the objectives. There was no shortage of concerns because there is always the fear that the methodology will stifle the concrete steps to arrive at decisions. However, the atmosphere has been reassured that on 22 May the Chapter will be able to deliver bold, concrete and necessary results for our current reality. Hope is present, the call to be courageous too, and that is why fraternity is the framework in which we must also



find the time to bring to the fore the great challenges and even those difficult and painful situations that the Chapter has to take into its hands and make them the object of discussion and decision.

During the day the Chapter participants met in groups according to the five Regions of the Institute and by language groups in order to broaden the exchange of ideas. These groups responded to administrative tasks such as electing a group coordinator and a secretary, which, as is always the case, are jobs that few people want to do. However, some daring person proposes a name and automatically, to the sadness of the chosen one, everyone supports his proposal, to which the “victim” accepts with a slight smile on his face. The Regions also had to propose a name to serve as General Coordinator of the Chapter, all the Regions agreed to propose the name of Jorge Sierra, since the Brother was the leader of the Preparatory Commission of the Chapter and so his election was given by “acclamation”.

The language groups had time to exchange general ideas or to get to know each other a little better. There, some spoke about their countries or works, others exchanged views on the methodology of the Chapter and also their concerns about the central themes to be addressed in these three weeks.

Like all assemblies, this one has official dialogue spaces, but others take place in the corridors, during coffee breaks or at the lunch tables. And it is at these times that we see dialogue full of laughter and anecdotes, while at others, the topics are serious and there is intense debate on issues of the past, present and future of the Institute. It’s Chapter! Disagreement must also be present. Truth, boldness and decisions await us and the Capitulants know that they must rise to the occasion.



The day ended with a Eucharist at the Shrine of St. John Baptist de La Salle and there close to the relics of our holy Founder, day two of the 46th General Chapter of the Brothers of the Christian Schools began to draw to a close.

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