



DAILY REPORT
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As the chronicler of this day, I begin by acknowledging that these words will not be sufficient to describe the depth of what was experienced today at the 46th General Chapter of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

The Report of Brother Robert Schieler, Superior General, was the focus of attention. At 9:00 a.m. the Brother was ready on the main stage of the Chapter Hall to start his presentation.

His address began by quoting the Letter to the Ephesians that reads: “Your inmost being must be renewed, and you must put on the new man” (Eph. 4: 23-24) and then the following question came out of his mouth:

What does it mean to seek God’s glory?

I do not want to summarise the words of the Superior General since we can read them in full. So, I invite you, dear reader, to go to the page of the General Chapter (fsc46gc.lasalle.org) and there find with your own eyes the words of our Superior General.

After Brother Robert’s presentation, there was time for questions. The Brothers and Lasallians who spoke did not miss the opportunity to support, in a direct and fraternal way, what they had just heard and also to express their doubts and even their disagreement with some of the ideas heard. There are topics which generate quite a few ideas which need to be discussed in depth by the General Chapter and even developed over the next few years.

- Promotion of vocations, association, governance of the Institute, Lay Lasallians, works to be closed, projects that generate hope, the life of the



Brothers, risk, new ways, changes, change, let's change!... were some of the words that were repeated most often in the Chapter Hall on this sunny Tuesday morning in Rome.

In the second part of the work, the Service of Lasallian Resources and Studies, led by Brother George van Grieken, gave a presentation on the work of his team and all that they do to preserve the history and tradition of the Institute and to promote research on Lasallian themes. He pointed out how the richness of our documents is recognised by cultural institutions and how it is necessary to promote the work that can be done with them. In addition, how some Lasallian archives around the world are working together to make the most of our documentary wealth.

The other 15 minutes of the report were for the Service of Communication and Technology, where Brother Alexánder González, together with Ilaria, Giulia and Fabio, presented their work in which they shared how they take care of the editorial processes (official documents of the Institute), digital communication and social networks, the aesthetic care of the Generalate, special projects in communication and their work in collaboration with the government and the Secretariats of the Institute and in communion with the communication directors in the Regions and Districts. He also presented some of the work they had done with the Identity Manual and the need to promote its implementation throughout the Lasallian world.

At the end of the morning, Brother Robert Schieler gave the floor to Brother Ernesto Sánchez, FSM, Superior General of the Marist Brothers, who expressed the union of the Marist Family, the joint work between the governments of both Institutes and the recognition of so many things we have in common and how this has led us to work together, for example in Lebanon and in a work that will serve refugees that will be inaugurated



this week on the border between Colombia and Venezuela, as well as other initiatives in favour of the children and youth of the world.

The afternoon was devoted to commenting, in small groups and then in assembly, on the Superior General's Report, on his words and on what these documents mean for the present and future of the Institute. The phase of the Chapter which began today is called "Boldness in truth" and these reports generate in the Brothers and Lasallians present at the Chapter interesting ideas which give rise to very relevant discussions and reflections.

And at the end of Tuesday afternoon, once again the beautiful stained-glass windows of the Sanctuary of Saint John Baptist de La Salle illuminated the atmosphere and were the setting in which the Capitulants, gathered to celebrate the Eucharist, ended their day's work on this fourth day of May.

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