



DAILY REPORT  
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# Daily report of an *almost over day*

If you think about it slowly, it seems incredible: the 46th General Chapter has been a great journey, with moments when - I am sure - many of us thought we would not be able to reach the finish line *on time*, but which instead went smoothly thanks to the efforts of all.

The final day arrives, the closing day, but the atmosphere among the Capitulants is not one of “closure”, but of the need to put the final bow on an intense work of searching, dreaming, discerning and living together. Of building fraternity with many small details and of seeking, *together and by association*, new paths to continue doing what we have been doing for centuries: transforming lives through education.

The day begins with prayer. All the moments of prayer were carefully planned and centred on the Word. As in a good tapestry, what you see is much less than what is behind: hundreds of details and small commitments, which Brothers Julio Herrera, Louis Mijali and Vicent Fernandez have been weaving behind the scenes to help us remember the presence of God among us. The appreciation of all the Capitulants go also to them.

After breakfast... photos! Hundreds of them, of all kinds. As Br. Robert Schieler sums it up well... there is always one more photo! By groups, by Districts, by ages... even a great 360° photo led by the creative baton of the colleagues of the Communications Service. Their effort and dedication - sometimes until very late in the evening - was impressive so that this Chapter dynamic could reach the whole Lasallian Family. For others to



see, they have done a lot of invisible work, which will remain for the future. Thank you, Ilaria, Giulia, Fabio, Daniel, Mijail and Br. Alex, and congratulations on your work!

Of course, after the photo session, it was time to return to the Aula Magna to welcome the words of Brother Armin. There he encouraged us to say “Ephrata!” open your eyes! We have received a great legacy and a call to build fraternity and hope, even in dark times and hostile environments, or perhaps precisely in them. A round of applause precedes a moment of free intervention by the Capitulants to express their support and commitment to Br Armin and his new Council and to, of course, thank the outgoing Council for their leadership and inspiration. Bob, Jorge, Paulo, Ricky, Gustavo, Rafa, Aidan, Pierre, Tim: thank you very much!

There were only a few minutes left before the final agreements were reflected in the closing minutes and signed. Another of the hidden threads that make everything work is precisely the work of the secretariat: Brother Antxon, as usual with him, has given all his best to ensure that everything necessary was in time and form, from the smallest to the greatest: eskerrik asko! A big thank you also to Carla, secretary of the Council, Brothers Sergio, Guillaume and Rey, secretaries of the minutes, the translators: Brothers Antoine, Agustín, Josean, John, Michael, Francis and Étienne. What would our dialogue have been without you!

At 12:04 Bro. Armin officially declared the Chapter and called us to the final Eucharistic celebration, where we would receive the sending forth and take up again the cross that we left in the presence of God on the first day.





The free time, lively as always, allows us to feel an atmosphere of satisfaction, both for the work done and for the way in which we have managed to do it: based on what is good, on what is part of our identity as a gift and on what we need to continue building together. We have now defined a challenge, a dream and seven paths of transformation to move towards the horizon that lies ahead. We will all continue to walk, step by step, co-responsible for each other, along these paths.

As the song says, “it’s up to us now to do the work”. The Chapter is only one part of a much longer process, in which the real protagonists remain the children and young people whom, as the Pope reminded us yesterday, we want to evangelise by educating and educate by evangelising. It is in our hands!

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