

Day 2: 9 July 2019

Immediately after Morning Prayer, the first general session of the day began with the Superior General entertaining questions from the chapter assembly on his opening address of yesterday. The questions posed to him dealt with mission, the structure of the general administration, the various cultures in the Congregation, vocations, the goals of congregational restructuring, and its financial implications.

The delegates then returned to Stage 1 discussions regarding the proposed Plan for Congregation Restructuring with a focused discussion on the Province of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Haiti, and Holy Cross in the Americas and Africa. Issues raised included efforts at due diligence, Province membership of those religious living and ministering outside of their home jurisdictions, and models of incremental stages of restructuring.



It was an honor for the chapter delegates to have **His Eminence, Peter Kodwo Appiah Cardinal Turkson**, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, as guest presider and homilist at today's Mass. Cardinal Turkson, former Archbishop of Cape Coast, Ghana, has been a friend of the Holy Cross Brothers in Ghana for many years; therefore, **Br. John Badu Affum**, Superior of the District of West Africa, happily introduce the Cardinal to the delegates prior to the Mass.

Cardinal Turkson's thoughtful homily and his warm, down to earth demeanor were greatly appreciated by the chapter delegates. It was also a pleasure to have him join us for lunch.



The afternoon continued with Stage 1 and an extended discussion on the proposal regarding the Asian jurisdictions. Later, there was an open discussion on how to proceed with developing legislation for Congregational Restructuring and a process of implementation with clear direction, reasonable timelines, jurisdictional flexibility, and financial prudence.

After Evening Prayer, there was a social, supper, and for many, a walk to the neighboring *gelateria* for some Italian *gelato*.

Please know that the delegates hold all members of the Congregation in their prayer.