

Day 3: 10 July 2019

This morning **Fr. Robert Epping**, Superior General, opened Day 3 of the General Chapter saying that the Chapter Steering Committee (*composed of the Chapter President and committee chairs*) has invited six delegates to serve on a Writing Committee to formulate preliminary legislation for the Plan of Congregational Restructuring. This was a result of yesterday's beginning of the Stage 1 process.

The members of the writing committee are as follows:

- **Fr. Shiju Joseph Edassery (SI)**
- **Br. Chester Freel (MW)**
- **Br. Stephen Binoy Gomes (SJ)**
- **Fr. Paul Kollman (US)**
- **Fr. Roy Thalackan (NE)**
- **Br. Patrick Tumwine (EA)**

The Writing Committee spent the entire day preparing a document for presentation to the general assembly tomorrow. This working document will integrate the recommendations and modifications proposed by the delegates yesterday. Tomorrow afternoon, we will continue Stage 1 of the Chapter process regarding the issue of restructuring.

The other delegates spent the day meeting in small groups for a preliminary discussion of each of the committee topics:

- *Parity and Proportionality;*
- *Active and Passive Voice;*
- *General Council and Vicar General;*
- *Constitutional Definition and Statutory Criteria for a Province and District;*
- *Membership of the Council of the Congregation; and*
- *Historical Patrimony of the Congregation.*



There were eight small groups for each topic. Each small group submitted a summary report of their discussions to each of the committee chairs, which will inform the committees as they begin their work tomorrow morning.

Today's Mass presider and homilist was **Fr. James Lies (US)**, Director for Catholic Initiatives & Outreach for the University of Notre Dame's London Global Gateway.



Since the beginning of the Chapter, the weather in Rome has been extremely hot, so all of the delegates are grateful for today's first break in the heat. They also continue to enjoy the socials and pasta as well.

Please continue your prayers for the inspiration and wisdom of the Holy Spirit during these Chapter days.