

Day 4: 11 July 2019

After this morning's prayer, the Superior General announced to the assembly that all delegates were to meet in their committees for the entire morning. Their task was to draft a preliminary document on their subject areas for presentation to the Chapter assembly. The Stage 1 process for the work of individual committees will most likely begin tomorrow.



Those serving on the Writing Committee for the proposed Plan for Congregational Restructuring continued their work on their document during the morning.

Prior to lunch, **Fr. Romuald Fresnais**, Superior of the Vicariate of France, celebrated the community Mass in French.

At the afternoon session, two representatives of the Writing Committee, **Fr. Roy Thalackan (NE)** and **Fr. Paul Kollman (US)**, introduced their committee's preliminary document on the proposed Plan for Congregational Restructuring.



In developing the document, they said that the committee gave particular attention to the original Plan of the Superior General, the seven guiding principles for restructuring, the

input of the Council of the Congregation, the statements of the various jurisdictional Chapters, and the observations and recommendations made by this Chapter assembly.

The afternoon's discussion was a continuation of Stage 1, which included an examination and conversation about the proposed *Introduction, Preamble, and proposed plan for all Holy Cross jurisdictions*. In general, there was agreement that the presented document accurately reflects the direction the delegates' desire for the Congregation; however, there were questions about the specificity of the plan, what form the legislation should take, and the consistency of its format.

Stage 1 discussion for the proposed Plan for Congregational Restructuring will continue tomorrow morning. The Writing Committee will return to work on the document's revisions taking into account the suggestions and observations made thus far on the Chapter floor. The delegates expressed their gratitude to the Committee for their exceptional work on a most difficult and challenging undertaking.

The General Chapter continues in an encouraging spirit of collegiality, respectful dialogue, and true brotherhood.

