

Day 6: 13 July 2019

The sixth day of the Extraordinary General Chapter began with prayer and a continuation in general session of Stage 1 of the work of the *Committee on the Constitutional Definition and Statutory Criteria for a Province and a District*. Representing the Committee were **Br. George Schmitz (M)**, Chair, and **Br. P.J. Santosh (VI)**, Secretary. This was followed by the presentation of the work of the *Congregational Patrimony Committee*, which was headed by **Fr. Jose Ahumada (C-P)**, Chair, and **Fr. John Herman (US)**, Secretary. This morning's Moderator, **Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal (NE)**, said that all six committees have now completed Stage 1.



His Eminence, João Cardinal Braz de Aviz, Prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL), was scheduled to address the Chapter Assembly this morning and to preside at today's Mass. Unfortunately, due to the death of his sister, he returned to his native Brazil and was unable to be with us.

In his place, the Chapter welcomed **Fr. Hank Lemoncelli, O.M.I.**, the English-language representative of CICLSAL. Fr. Lemoncelli explained the work of the dicastery and treated some of the challenges that face consecrated life throughout the world. He also graciously engaged in an extended question and answer period with the Chapter delegates. Father General thanked Fr. Lemoncelli for his presence and for his ongoing friendship with Holy Cross and his wise counsel and advice over the years.

After presiding at today's Mass, which also happened to be his patronal feast of St. Henry, Fr. Lemoncelli joined the Assembly for lunch.

In the early afternoon, Committees met to revise their documents for presentation to the general assembly for the Stage 2 process.

The later afternoon session began the Stage 2 process for the *Committee on the Plan for Congregational Restructuring*. Because the Chapter did not finish this stage of the document, the Moderator said that the delegates will resume with the remainder of the document when the Chapter reconvenes.



Today was the first time the Chapter used the electronic voting system developed by **Fr. Brogan Ryan (US)**. The Chapter is indebted to Fr. Ryan for his technological skills and his generous assistance throughout these days.



As tomorrow, Sunday, 14 July, will be an unscheduled day for the delegates **the next communication from the Extraordinary General Chapter will be on Monday, 15 July.** In light of this schedule change, many delegates chose to enjoy supper out at some of the local restaurants.