

Day 8: 15 July 2019

Yesterday was an off day for the delegates who welcomed the opportunity to get off the LaSalle campus and to explore Rome and its environs. The comfortable weather and the break in the normal schedule brought them refreshed and rested to the eighth day of the Extraordinary General Chapter.

The delegates spent the entire morning in general session in an attempt to complete Stage 2 of the proposed Plan for Congregational Restructuring. Because there was more time needed, Stage 2 for this topic continued in the afternoon session.

Also in the afternoon session, the Chapter began Stage 2 for the reports of the six subsidiary committees. The following committees concluded this stage of the Chapter process: *Parity and Proportionality*, *General Assistants and Vicar General*, and *Active and Passive Voice*.

It was a joy for the delegates to witness at today's Mass the renewal of vows of our three competent Chapter secretaries: **Joseph Pedersen (US)**, **Geoffrey Mooney (US)**, and **Zachary Rathke (US)**. **Fr. James Shyamol (SHJ)** celebrated the Mass with Father General receiving the vows. We not only congratulate Joe, Geoffrey, and Zach on their vow renewal, but we also express our gratitude to them for the task of meticulously transcribing the Chapter minutes throughout these days.



We also remembered in today's prayer the 199th anniversary of the founding of the Brothers of St. Joseph by Father Jacques-François Dujarié by praying for all Brothers of Holy Cross around the world and for more men to follow their footsteps in the future.

Tomorrow is the last day of the Chapter. Please continue to remember the delegates in the charity of your prayers.

