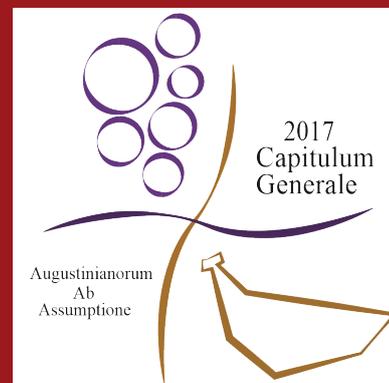


THE NUMBER

25 Interventions of the Capitulates were recorded during the debates concerning the renewed presentation of the Charism. These are a sign of nourished exchanges and a suggestive text.

WORD: Vicariate

The Congregation is preparing a new configuration to respond to its rapid development, particularly in Asia and Africa. The Provincial Chapters express the need for community-based facilitation through appropriate structures. There is the possibility of the formation of Vicariates. The powers delegated to the Vicars are defined during the Chapter.



Info

33rd General Chapter of the Assumptionists

April 28 - May 17, 2017

Day 14. Thursday, May 11

THE ESSENTIAL

Charism, community organization, the debate chapter



A new community organization is emerging. The formulation of the Charism is embodied strongly. Internationality and inter-culturality open up new perspectives.

The first part of the day was devoted to the vote on the vow 'Anastasio'. This was the very day that the author

celebrated his birthday. The Father General summed it up: 'Would you like to return to the status quo ante concerning the General Treasurer who makes him an assistant but without obligation. The "yes" prevailed, giving concrete expression to the return to the situation before 2011. In a second part of the day, the community organization was on the program. This was one of the expected debates of this Chapter.

The Coordination invited the Assembly to express itself through papers of different colours: pink for the expression of the fears and the hesitations that each one perceives at the moment of engaging such a process of decision of adapted structures, the yellow To express the questions, the green for expression

expectations and expectations. A synthesis of this survey will follow.

It was then to the commission charged with thinking the Charism to present the fruit of his work. Father Arnaud Alibert made himself the spokesman for it and presented a long and rich text. A theme emerges which is in keeping with Father d'Alzon's wishes about the Charism. For him, the Charism of the Assumption is unity. The calls of our time also remind us of the same. It is expressed in the unity of the brothers, the unity of the communities.

The Assembly then discussed the theme "Interculturality and internationality", based on a text prepared by the General Plenary Council (CGP) and presented on behalf of the latter by Br. Didier Remiot. - Father Benoît Grière intervened to remind us that the decisive question is that of the reason for internationality in our congregation: it is a matter of deep identity, based on our choice of Assumptionist life which assumes and sublimates the others Dimensions of the person; It is also our missionary dynamism, facing the risk of disappearance of whole sections of our tradition. We want to be "missionaries", living a true fraternity in host countries, and not just expatriates. There must certainly be a Congolese or Vietnamese Assumption, but above all, the Assumption must live in the Congo, Vietnam, etc.

Thursday ended with an indicative vote on the election of the assistants. This Friday morning, the vote of the Assembly specified that there will be 4 general assistants.

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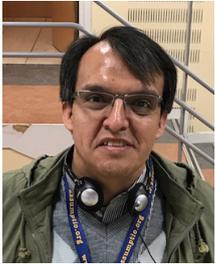
Team of lay people, engaged in the Assumption, invited to the General Chapter

Portraits des traducteurs



An international team of religious is at work each day to ensure the translation of the exchanges/ Conversations in English, Spanish and French.

A Chapter on Good Voices Echoes of the capitulates



P. Marco Eduardo Silva Serrano,
Équateur, province andine

Fr. Marco Eduardo Silva Serrano of Ecuador (Andean Province). “I appreciate the quality of prayer and fraternal exchanges, and above all communion in mission, facing all the challenges we encounter. On Monday, the trip to Ars allowed us to rest a little, but also to share among us before continuing the capitulate march: going to the place of the holy priest gave us strength and stimulated us, especially those of us Who are priests. Let us know how to inspire them to discern the will of God and make the right decisions for our Congregation! Education, evoked in debates, is a necessary place for evangelization. To be Assumptionist is to be an educator! Finally, in a family atmosphere, after having invoked the Holy Spirit, we experienced the important moment of the election of our Superior General for six years: that the strength of the Spirit be upon him, so that our congregation will continue His mission as men of faith, close to the poor!



The imposition of the hands made to Benoît Grière in the chapel

Received in the mail

Fr. John van der Kaa, a.a.,
New Zealand

Feel the breath of the Holy Spirit.

It is autumn here with temperatures between 10 and 20 degrees. As the leaves fall, some plants already bloom. This is almost symbolic for the Assumption. The old leaves fall in New Zealand and elsewhere and the new buds rise in Africa, the Philippines, Vietnam and Korea.

We follow the chapter at a distance and thank Father Benoit Griere for assuming leadership for another term.

This weekend we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima. Father Paul wrote short reflections focusing on the themes of Easter and especially on the opening prayer of each Easter Sunday.

The elderly priest, Father Desmond Moosman is now in Summerset at Aotea, the same retirement home where our father John Heijnen lives. We are preparing for the arrival of Filipino priests in July. I hope they will receive a warm welcome from our parishioners, young and old. I was invited to a liturgy in a school. They talked about the Holy Spirit. I asked the children: If we cannot see the Holy Spirit, how do we know? A 6-year-old girl raised her hand and said, “We can feel the breath of the Spirit!” May our AA family be given a new life through the Spirit blowing in the Chapter meetings. May God bless you all.

On the program of the days to come:

the commissions are continuing the presentation of their work, including those in charge of training, Justice and Peace, new foundations and parishes. Elections of General Assistants