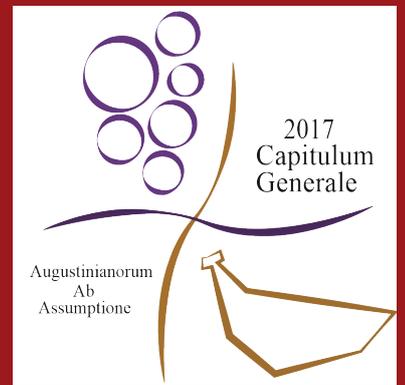


Word: MOTION.

A text, amendment or motion may be presented for discussion at the General Assembly either by a Commission or by a capitulate. If it is by capitulate, it must have the support of another capitulate. On Monday, a motion was first introduced in the House on community organization.

The quote: “A rainy Chapter, a happy Chapter”

Popular proverb reprinted and adapted by Anne Ponce (Journalist Bayard-Press) on Facebook about the General Chapter.



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THE ESSENTIAL

The time is approaching and it is now!



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New general curia in the park of Valpré. From left to right, the PP. José Miguel Díaz Ayllón, Marcelo Marciel, Benoît Grière, F. Didier Remiot and P. Thierry Kambale Kahongya

Since Saturday the Chapter has kept its head in the texts elaborated by the committees. It is putting in place the government of the next six years and refining an adapted community organization.

The observations, appeals, recommendations, convictions, proposals, the whole program of the Chapter are put under examination for final adoptions. This is Patient work, demanding, and sometimes trying. Such led the Superior General to invite everyone to cultivate the necessary courage to carry out the work begun since April 28: “You have to keep the distance, in the confidence, despite the cumbersome work and accumulated fatigue. The translation service is very much

sought after... and we thank our interpreters. Moreover, any decision can lead to tensions. Let us remember that we are brothers! At the heart of our reflection must always be this fraternity, therefore charity, therefore forgiveness. It is an invitation to courage, participation: a chapter is the fruit of all! A new call to maintain this momentum of the provisional, a perspective reminded on many occasions these

days. What makes a capitulate say: “In the provisional dynamic, let’s make sure we have a dynamic, not just a temporary one!”

Concretely on this sunny Monday, Father Wilfrid, promoter of the Chapter, had announced a busy day. The facts did not contradict him. The quasi-marathon of the committees began with the text on education, entitled “Educators in the service of truth, charity and unity”, presented by Fr. Jean-Paul Sagadou. The latter insists on the priority status of the dossier in the exchanges (see the text below). Then the Chapter examined the new text on the pastoral work of young people and vocations presented by Father Cezar Andrei. A sequence followed by the passage in the Grand Assembly of the new text on formation and the Ratio presented by Fr. Jean-François Petit. The update of the Ratio institutionis is then the first text voted and implemented by Chapter 2017. This is the first of a long series to come.

Finally, the morning ended with a restitution of the “world café” held Saturday morning. It is first of all the table on the theme “Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation” presented by Br. Milad Yacoub. This restitution continued with the table which dealt with the theme “Postulation” and whose fruit is presented by Fr. Richard Lamoureux.

Critical reading of the texts continued. It started with the theme of community organization presented by Father Bernard Holzer. The Chapter then studied the text commissioned by the Commission ‘Eastern Mission’ presented by Father Cezar Andrei at first reading. Then, after a well-deserved break, the

Chapter moved on to the presentation of the text entitled the Lay-Religious Alliance. This is a text with a special status. It was in his first version co-written with the laity present at the Chapter. Finally, an examination of the document entitled “Strengthening Training in Internationality and Inter-culturality”. The last moments of the afternoon were consecrated in a working time in committee.

In the evening the election of the Vicar General and the General Secretary and Prosecutor near the Holy See takes place. After the invocation of the Holy Spirit who probes the kidneys and hearts, the Assembly elected as Vicar General. Fr Marcelo Marciel who accepted his election.

The election of the Secretary General and Prosecutor was then held near the Holy See. Father Michel KUBLER was elected and accepted his election.

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*P. Marcelo Marciel,
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*P. Michel Kubler,
Secretary General and
Procurator to the Holy See*

The Chapter on Good Voices

The Chapter proceeded by sampling the choice of apostolic priorities from a non-exhaustive list. The counting, in which weighting is given to the themes best placed by each, leads to the following classification (indicative title)

- Education and Higher Education
- Youth and vocation ministry
- Social work and solidarity
- Press and Media
- Ecumenism and interreligious dialogue
- Parishes
- Community - fraternity
- Training
- Digital Continent
- Migrants, refugees and displaced persons
- Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation
- Hospitality



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Tuesday's program:

It will be on Charism, Economy, Lay-Religious Alliance, Internationality, Community Organization, Mission of the Orient, Youth-vocation, education) and approvals (New foundations, parishes, Justice and Peace, postulation). In the morning we shall have a new session of world cofé groups.

Echoes of the capitulates



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An extract from
the vote of thanks of
Father Benoît Grière to
the team of the previous
General Curia

“I would like to express my gratitude to the members of my regular council. For six years we have worked together to foster the growth of our religious family in its fidelity to Emmanuel d’Alzon and the Gospel. We are different by age, nationality, language, formation, but we all have the same passion for Christ. I can say that we lived a real fraternity.

Thanks to John, our oldest member, for his concern for training and education, for his ability to take an interest in all the countries where we are present. Thanks also for his energy and energy. Special thanks for his ability to translate texts into English.

Thank you to Emmanuel, my vicar general. Emmanuel spent 12 years in Rome. He will have been a good initiator of the new team to convey the experience of government and the tradition of animation. I hope that there will always be a pivotal man who makes the junction between the new team and the previous one

Thanks to Bernard (Leanne), our secretary general and prosecutor. The task is not easy. For 8 years, he has been working with Loredana, our lay secretary, for the production of the newsletter and for many tasks related to his dual function. “

Received in the mail



Michèle Petit
(Lay-Religious
Alliance - Europe)

For us Lay of the Alliance, what a joy to receive daily news from the 33rd General Chapter that we discover and enjoy with interest and happiness in order to be as much in communion with you as possible.

Together we try in our extreme weakness to be men and women of faith, of communion, of solidarity with the poor working for the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is a matter of letting the new wineskins emerge in the course of this chapter for new wines. At the beginning of this third week is it possible for us to imagine their form, their texture, their colours, their solidity and their flexibility at the same time? I try to guess through the lines, too eager to know...

1 Men of Faith

This faith I find abundantly, in all pages feeling it through the pores of my skin, spirit and in my heart how much the Spirit blows on your assembly. Each page, every day, tells us of the strength of your faith and the vitality of your spiritual life. In the messages sent to the chapter too.

2 Men of communion

One dimension of the Universality of this Communion is clear.

3 Solidarity with the poor

This is my favourite way of entering and I remain on my hunger, finding few traces so far of this dimension of the so important Assumptionist life. Is it more hidden, more mystical, and more filled with humility? I hope in this week to know a little more



**P. Benoît
Bigard,**
novitiate
Sokodé (Togo).

“At the novitiate we united ourselves to the general chapter praying each day for the congregation. We have divided the 32 countries where we are present over the duration of the chapter, and we have associated with it one aspect of our mission to present them to the Lord at each office. Moreover, during the community meeting, since we do not all have access to the Internet easily, we have browsed together the chapter info received regularly by illustrating them shared photo albums on the general website ... But we have gotten so ticked that we were a little frustrated when the news was late. It's been two days, for example, that the novices ask me about the new general council and I have to calm their impatience! In any case thank you for the work of all: capitulates, coordination team, communication team and so on. Special thanks to Father Benoît Grière who has agreed to give back six years of his life to the service of the animation of our little congregation. Union of prayer! “



The current Assumptionist community of Valpré in Écully near Lyon, during a community outing