

News from the First Two days of the 30th Chapter



The first day began with the Mass of the Holy Spirit with Fr. Manuel Cortez, SM (Superior General of the Society of Mary) presiding. The assigned readings for the day introduced the beginning of Chapter very well. “Truly the Lord is in this place and I did not know it,” we heard from Jacob in the first reading. Then from the Gospel: “The girl is not dead, she is sleeping.” We were thus invited to be the women of hope that we proclaimed ourselves to be at the end of the Chapter of 2002.

Sr. Marie Joelle officially opened the chapter. At the last Chapter, “..we centered ourselves on the Pascal Mystery so it was appropriate that the icon of Mary at the foot of the cross with John be our inspiration.” We now add another icon: “that of Mary with the disciples at the heart of the church.” These are the two images which were proposed by the Preparatory commission and which we journey with these days.

After some modifications, the general rules for the Chapter were voted on. Sr. Lawrence Cosnard was elected Secretary of the Chapter. The coordinating committee and the writing team were only elected in part. Those elections will continue on July 11. The official language of the chapter will be French.

Today’s journey (July 10) is one of retreat, led by Fr. Cortez. The focus is to aide our meditation on the two icons presented on the first day.



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