

Communication No. 2

The Marianist Family is now complete until July 14th. Joining the Chapter from the Society of Mary are Frs. Manuel Cortes and Jose Maria Alvira, (Assistant for education), for the Marianist World Council, Anthony Garascia (International Coordinator) and Ana Blazquez (Europe) and finally for the Alliance Mariale, Agathe Senou from the Ivory Coast.

We began the day with Eucharist for the feast of St. Benedict, one of the patrons of the Marianist Family. Fr. Cortes presided at the celebration and recalled for us a question of St. Benedict: “For what and for whom are you searching?” This same question is ours today.

We then returned to the large assembly to elect the last two members of the writing team. The committee will be composed of Srs. Annick Robez Masson, Dominique Saunier, Marie Luisa Zubiri and Carmen Belda. The facilitator, Sr. Suzanna Ramos then introduced the day, to be begun in language groups. In the light of yesterday’s day of recollection, what can we share of how we feel called as provinces and as a congregation? After sharing, we reported back to the assembly for a rich exchange. Sr. Ramos concluded with some summary comments.

In the afternoon we began the sharing of the reports of the life of the Provinces and Regions. The reports were centered around the four questions, sent out previously: What is the province/region reality? What does it mean to be educators in the faith? What does it mean for us to say we will go “to the ends of the earth?” How are we sharing life and mission with the larger Marianist family? After each two presentations, we returned to the language groups to reflect and share on three questions: What do we find unsettling from these reports? What gives us hope, energy and joy? And, what is of most significance from these reports? This sharing was also summarized for the assembly. Today, we have listened to the reports of France, Spain, Italy and Japan and the process continues into tomorrow.



↑
↑
Le Père Cortes - Sr Suzanna Ramos

