

Day 19 Communication
36th SSS General Chapter
Thu Duc, 24 November 2023

Together, we are called to the Cenacle...

Today, the final message of the 36th General Chapter is approved by the assembly as it was presented yesterday. The “Memory and Discernment” Commission now moves back as the document is now placed on the hands of the Superior General and his Council for its editing, improvement and completion, before sharing it to the whole Eymardian Family.

The morning is a moment of sharing and listening to the capitulars’ reflections at the end of this Chapter. It is fascinating how the barriers of language, the occasional clashes of ideas, the struggle of “getting our work done” didn’t get in the way of us experiencing the blessedness of this gathering. All agreed, that in a few weeks being together, we became a real community of prayer, fellowship and service; a family of authentic witnesses to the Eucharistic Mystery. In this beautiful country of Vietnam, we became an image of the first Cenacle in Jerusalem, the fulfilment of the aspiration of the whole Church: to be live together in faith, hope and love, and to happily find in its midst, the Risen Lord.



After the approval of the minutes and the request for the General Council to approve the minutes of today’s meeting, the capitulars signed their names, while the Chapter hymn is being played. Fr General presented the expenses of the General Chapter, a sum surprisingly low, considering how we were treated like kings in Vietnam. The names of the people who sent their best wishes to the General Chapter, through posted mail, electronic mail, messaging applications and the social media were recognized.

After the unanimous approval of the closure of the Chapter, the assembly listened to the final message of Fr Benzy Philip Romician, the Superior General. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone for his/her contribution to this Cenacle experience which is the Chapter, and particularly the former General Superior, whom he thanked with a traditional Indian shawl. After he named Fr Anaclet Bambala as his General Vicar, Fr General officially closed the 36th SSS General Chapter, and as a response, the whole assembly sang “Together, Together”, more passionately now, for the last time.



Fr Vergel Dalangin