

Chapter Day 5

The routine for the delegates begins with Morning Prayer at 7:15 followed by breakfast, then assemble as Chapter at 8:30. Today they were attempting to crystallize agenda items. People declared their 'passion' for a particular topic and then had 20 minutes at one of seven topic tables to see who else would work with them on that topic. The results were recorded on large pieces of paper and hung on the wall. After three rounds of this 21 topics were generated.



The 12:15 Eucharist was celebrated by Fr Larry Duffy who was celebrating 50 years of Profession. Fr David Kennerley preached. Larry renewed his vows before the Superior General and the Chapter group. The prayer, which is already spread across the three official languages of the Chapter got more multilingual with the men from the Pacific leading a hymn in Fijian and the New Zealanders leading a Marian Antiphon in Māori.

The afternoon process saw the delegates trying to synthesize what had been discussed in the morning into major themes. This proved to be a challenging process and eventually the Steering Committee decided to finish the day early and return to this work on Tuesday.

There will be no news of the Chapter tomorrow as there is a day's break and most are going on a bus trip to Assisi.

