

The metaphor of the journey is always meaningful in talking about life and its paths; it is even more so for a Chapter that has as its theme “*leading to the springs of life*”, where *He who leads, the Spring and the Life*, have the same identity: Christ the Lord, who died and rose again.

It is His face that God has manifested to us in his visit, when his infinite richness rested on the limitedness of the world and embraced humanity.

The whole sense of human history is determined by this visit, a visit that concerns the past, the present and the future.

And it is from this mysterious encounter that every experience of Christian life takes its shape.

Here is a *flash* on the first stretch of the journey of our chapter dedicated to the days of spirituality following the opening celebration.

Fr. Pino Stancari, sj, in his *lectio* on the Acts of the Apostles, led us to the contemplation of the “today of God”, in which our every day finds meaning.

As pilgrims encamped in the desert of human misery, we are immersed in the water that regenerates and in the Spirit that seals a relationship of eternal love.

Luke, the author of Acts, paints for us in words the icon of Christian life through the faces of Peter and Paul.

Peter, to whom traditionally is attributed the institutional stability, is the one who continually opens doors, since salvation breaks through for everyone and cannot be stopped.

Paul, identified with prophecy, is the one behind whom doors are closed, so that in the experience of his being indebted and shipwrecked, he might learn to place his trust solely in God and in his work, and to open wide his heart to the horizons of divine logic.

We look to these apostles, without ever separating one from the other, because they teach us that the quality and the fecundity of Christian life are found in the patient witness of love that is the prophecy of the visit of God.

The second stretch of the journey began with the juridical constitution of the Chapter Assembly. After the introduction by sr. Giuseppina Alberghina – in her capacity as president - of sr Victoria Gonzalez, a Religious of the Sacred Heart who is the facilitator, the role call, the reading and approval of the calendar and Chapter

regulations, we proceeded to vote for the formation of the various organisms and services. The results were as follows:

- scrutinees: *sr. Rita Ruzzene and sr. Maria Rita Siochi*
- chapter secretary: *sr. Purisima Tañedo*
- representatives of the Assembly on the Central Coordination Commission (CCC): *sr. Soeli Branco and sr. Bertila Picelli.*
- information secretary: *sr. Angiolina Rossini*
- community prayer animators: *sr. Monica Reda and sr. Marisa Loser*
- recreation coordinators: *sr. Brenda Balingasa and sr. Raquel Mari*

The methodology chosen has led to a different set up of the Chapter Assembly to the one we were previously used to which had tables set in a rectangular form on the four sides of the hall. The present set up suggests a fraternal assembly gathered in small groups of different languages and nationality, called *discernment groups* – around round tables each named after a female biblical figure: Myriam, Sarah, Esther, Deborah and Ruth. This setting should encourage greater interaction and promote the sharing and exchange of ideas and sentiments.

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