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Those who go mountain climbing know that the most difficult rocks are not necessarily the highest rocks.

And that's how it is with our work. It happens that what slows us down at times are the things that apparently don't count much but are in fact obligatory steps and demand the respect of the pace of each person in order to proceed together.

Following the election of the general government, we resumed our Chapter – journey discussing some of the articles of our Rule of Life and the Directory that need modification. These articles concern the modality of participation of members at Chapters and consultations.

We then had an exchange of opinions and experiences on issues (topics) sent by the different circumscriptions and already included in the *Strumento di Lavoro: pastoral vocation ministry, study-charism community, youth ministry, formation to internationality and the website of our Congregation*.

The two Sisters in charge of editing presented the first draft of the document that will be at the basis of the Planning for the next sexennial, and on which we will work on in the coming days.

A first pronouncement was made regarding the translation of the phrase “care of souls” that would be relevant in our days. The expression “**ministry of pastoral care**” found unanimous agreement, a ministry lived out as consecrated women, in complementarity and ecclesial co-responsibility.

We persevere on the path that follows the stream so as not to lose our way, and to enjoy moments of coolness in times of tiredness.

The spring waiting for us, comes to meet us in the water that flows and sustains this last stretch that no doubt will offer its own impulse.

May Mary the mother of the Good Shepherd accompany us!

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