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PARA SER TODAS DEL PRÓJIMO!"

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5th RELEASE OF THE XIIth GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE LITTLE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF CHARITY (PSMC) – PRESENCE OF THE GUESTS

From **May 12th to 16th**, the General Chapter was enriched by the presence of some guests: the friends, collaborators and representatives of the various members of the Charismatic Family. Among them: Fr. Tarcisio Vieira, Superior General of the Sons of Divine Providence (FDP), who attended the Chapter with the General Vicar Fr. Oreste Ferrari and the Counselors Fr. Fernando Fornerod and Fr. Pierre Assamouan Kouassi; Maria Rita Orrù, Responsible of the Orionine Secular Institute (OSI); Javier Rodríguez Sánchez, General Coordinator of the Orionine Lay Movement (OLM), and also Antonella Simonetta, Vicky Quondamatteo, Armanda Sano, Marta Cassano, Luisa Pietronave, and Teresa Wosinska.

The days spent with the guests were illuminated by the statements of some Speakers who had been entrusted to deepen and facilitate the reflections of the works in groups dedicated especially to the elaboration of the Document "Limit Decision" and of the final decisions of the XIIth General Chapter. The speakers were: Cardinal **João Braz de Aviz**, Prefect of the Congregation for Consecrated Life Institutes and Apostolic Life Societies (CIVCSVA); Prof. **Marco Guzzi**, poet, philosopher and creator of the Groups "Darsi Pace" ("Stay in peace") and **Sr. Tiziana Longhitano sfp**, Headmaster of the Pontifical Urbanian University.

On **May 12**, Mgr. **Braz de Aviz** started the various statements with the theme: *"The present moment of Consecrated Life seen by CIVCSVA; what priorities, in the face of the decisions of a General Chapter, looking at the future"*. He started from the consideration of the stimulus to innovation created by Vatican II and constantly being proposed by Pope Francis. At the same time, he also offered a reflection on the following remark: "Every stabilized system tends to resist changes and strives to maintain its position". Bishop Braz identified therefore four areas where the current challenges of the Consecrated Life are particularly open: **Formation, man-woman reciprocity, the service of authority** and, finally, **the management of the ecclesiastical goods of the institutes**. This is the main theme of the last document of CIVCSVA: "For new wine, new wineskins", some orientations to test honestly (parresia) the suitable wineskins to keep the new wines that the Spirit continues to donate to the Church, urging her to initiate changes with concrete actions at short and long term.

After a brief debate, everyone went to the Mass presided by the Cardinal, and then at lunch. His close and paternal presence has brought such joy and fraternity to the General Chapter, and, at the same time, witness and concretization of what the Church asks to consecrated life.

On **Saturday May 13**, the working day opened with Prof. **Marco Guzzi** with the statement: *"The consecrated Life facing the current turning point of a world/humanity in transformation, the fragility of people today and the future"*.

The speaker helped to understand the current anthropological turning point and its consequences for consecrated life. In the confusion of epochal changes, a new humanity is raising... The most urgent problem that emerges throughout this trans-formative dynamics seems to be the formative one: how can we favour –in ourselves and then in the world- the raising of this new figure of humanity? The speaker highlighted that we are experiencing a favourable time for a new season of experimentation of faith, for which new Christian initiation processes are needed, in order to advance the new evangelization.

After a brief pause, the participants had a dialogue with the speaker, and later Sr. Maria Pacifico (of St. Jane Antida) and Sr. M. Alicja Kedziora, gave their testimony on the fruits of their participation in the process of interior liberation in the Groups "Darsi pace", created by Prof. Guzzi.

On Monday May 15, **Sr. Tiziana Longhitano, sfp** addressed the theme: *"Consecrated Life, called to be 'disciple-missionary' in the Church of Pope Francis: challenges, opportunities, and risks"*.

The speaker gave a brief reflection on three themes: "Being disciple-missionaries"; "Come out today" and "Prophecy of charity", proposing some questions to the participants and offering a brief space for personal reflection.

After that, the capitular sisters went to the work in groups and then shared in the assembly a further dialogue and interchange with Sr. Tiziana. In the afternoon, the guests gathered to prepare the answers to the questions they had been asked by the Chapter.

On **Tuesday May 16**, the day opened with a brief initial prayer. After that, it followed the listening and sharing of the guests' answers to the questions they had been entrusted. After some explanations and clarifications, the guests addressed a beautiful message-wish to the Capitular Sisters, and at noon Father Tarcisio Vieira, Superior General of the Sons of the Divine Providence (FDP), presided the Holy Mass in honour of St. Luigi Orione, emphasizing in his homily the beauty of the Charismatic Family, which depends on everyone of us. In the end, Mother M. Mabel, together with the outgoing Council, gave each representative of provinces, missions and various members of the Charismatic Family the album of the Centenary of the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity (PSMC). On his part, Fr. Tarcisio gave everyone a bronze portrait of Saint Luigi Orione. A particularly exciting moment was the delivery of Don Orione Blood Relics to the two Argentine provinces (PSMC-FDP) in the hands of Sr. M. Trinidad and Don Fernando Fornerod. After lunch, lived in a very joyful and familiar climate, the guests departed, looking forward to meeting once again, on May 26, in the Vatican, for the private Audience with Pope Francis.

In the afternoon, the capitular sisters continued and completed the work according to the guidelines of the methodology. The activities will continue on May 17 and 18 following the established methodology. Friday 19 will be entirely dedicated to personal silence in preparation for the election of the Superior General, which will take place on Saturday morning May 20, followed by the election of the General Counselors in the afternoon of that same day.

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