

XIX PROVINCIAL CHAPTER
INDIA-GREAT BRITAIN-IRELAND PROVINCE
13 - 21 January 2023

Communiqué: 02

On the sixth day of the Chapter (18 January, 2023), Fr Herman Dungdung conducted the morning prayer. Fr Joseph Thulumpenmackal presided over the Eucharistic Celebration. In his homily, Fr Thulumpenmackal highlighted the importance to be with the Eucharistic Lord and get nourished from the tabernacle.

The Chapter session began at 9 a.m. with the invoking of the Holy Spirit led by Fr Johny Panamthanam. The morning session continued the discussion on the editorial / creative sector, Regional Publication, St Pauls Biblical department. There was also a discussion on the possibility of publishing an edition of the Sunday Liturgy in Telugu; set up a team for Media education, who will also be part of the social media activities of the Province as well.

Later, the assembly deliberated on the themes of Distribution sector, Education ministry and Parish ministry. The assembly also suggested that the installation of parish management software for effective parish administration.

There was a discussion on the printing press in Mumbai and on our websites, online book sale and on different St Pauls application.

The day's session ended at 8.00 p.m. with the Eucharistic adoration conducted by Fr Dominic D'Silva.

On the seventh day of the Chapter (19 January, 2023), Fr Vincent Carmelbhavan animated the morning prayer, and Fr Francis Dalmet presided over the Eucharistic celebration. In his homily, Fr Dalmet shared a reflection on the theme discernment, according to St Paul, and how the Paulines can discern their lives in the light of lessons drawn from St Paul, the Apostle.

The day's session began at 9.15 a.m. with the group discussions on administration and leadership. Then, the assembly regathered in the hall and discussed about Pauline Family and Lay Collaborators. Some members suggested to incorporate willing ex-Paulines as Pauline

collaborators and get their support for our mission. And, to nominate a coordinator for ex-Paulines and organise Pauline charism courses for Pauline Family and ex-Paulines.

Later, there was an open floor-discussion on any relevant theme or pressing issues of the Province. Some of themes that were deliberated include, accountability of office bearers; property development in Bengaluru, sponsorship for our seminarians and apostolic activities; and provisions regarding the out-going Provincial Superior to be a member of the Provincial Chapter.

Election of Provincial Councillors

The assembly then proceeded to the election of councillors. Fr Jacob reminded us that the election of councillors is a sacred duty. The councillors are for the province, and for its religious life and mission. Therefore, elect such persons who can work as a team for the common good of the province. During the election, Fr Francis Xavier and Anish Antony served as the Scrutinisers.

Fr Provincial Superior read out constitution number 196.2 regarding the election of the councillors. He also read the relevant sections related to the election from the Handbook of authority. The Superior General reminded the assembly that it was an important moment for the Provincial Chapter. The people who will govern the province should have the spirit of synodality. As we have invoked the Holy Spirit, it is the Spirit who gives the essence of communion. As far as possible, those who form part of the provincial government must refrain from other taking major responsibility, such as the Provincial Bursar, Director General of Apostolate, and the Director of Formation. The spirit behind this practice is sharing of responsibilities and impartial decision-making. However, it is left to the discernment of the Provincial Team to decide on this suggestion.

The assembly went for the election of the Councillor. Frs Saju George, Joshy Joseph, Sajith Cyriac and Prithviraj Philip were elected Provincial Councillors with absolute majority.

The day's sessions ended at 8.00 pm with the Eucharistic Adoration conducted by Fr Vincent Carmelbhavan.

Carmel Haven, Pune
20 January, 2023

Fr Dominic Savio D'Silva, SSP