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The 8th of November ended with the Eucharistic celebration presided by the Superior General, **Father Valdir José de Castro**, the 2nd *International Seminar on the Pauline Formation for the Mission*. In his homily, Father Valdir, recalling a peculiarity of our mission that we derive from St. Paul, namely, to reach the so-called “distant”, stressed, echoing the reports on the Pauline charism of the previous day, which among the essential aspects of the formation process there is that of entering the school of Jesus Master and remaining there.

The previous day Sr. **Regina Cesarato** pddm, speaking precisely of Jesus Master as the “original model of communicator”, emphasized that in order to be healed from our communicative, personal, community and apostolic difficulties it is necessary that we let ourselves be touched and healed by Jesus. Father **Giacomo Perego** in the following round table outlined how “Paul the formator” was, in turn, formed by some “educating” subjects: Barnabas, the community of Antioch, apostolic experiences. Sr. **Elena Bosetti** sjbp has identified how the Apostle becomes “formator” inasmuch as he “gives birth in sorrow” to his brothers of faith (Gal 4:19). He underlined, then, his paternal/maternal dimension, co-essential to that of the pedagogue. Finally, the Baptist pastor **Lidia Maggi** has highlighted some of the characteristics of the Apostle in creating a network of collaborators: leadership, creating a team with people of different cultures and social backgrounds, missionary project “ad gentes”.

On 8 November, the General Councillor Brother **Darlei Zanon** presented the document “Editorial Guidelines”, while a round table (with Father **Julio Roncancio**, the novice **Manoel Gomez Da Silva**, Father **Raymond Ferraris** and cleric **James Arinze Edeh**) illustrated some formative experiences in our Congregation.

The Superior General concluded the meeting, which invited the participants to begin to put into practice immediately in their own countries some lines that emerged in this Seminar. If the objective of the Seminar was «to promote the integral formation of the Pauline, apostle communicator and consecrated person», for a renewed apostolic impulse of our mission starting from the current communication context», we can say that the objective has been achieved. Much of the material came out from the working groups which, together with numerous personal suggestions from the participants, summarized in the assembly in a precious synthesis elaborated by the Methodologist of the Seminar, Father **Roberto Ponti**, and to the various reports heard will constitute the basis, care of the General Council, the formative lines of the future in our Congregation.

The reports are already available on the website www.paulus.net. The Proceedings of the Seminar, once published, will be available both in pdf format on the site and in paper form.

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