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After the first week of work in the Chapter, the time has come for a break, with the weekend marked above all by the beauty and depth of the liturgy and its festive atmosphere that is rich in meaning awaiting the Spirit and praising the Queen of the Apostles.

The liturgy teaches us that Mary is Mother, Teacher and Queen. She is the first Editor of God. A concept loved by Don Alberione that he often repeated to all his sons and daughters. They are to be called "Editor" of Jesus himself, not *incarnated* (incarnato) as Mary did, but *printed* (incartato). Today it urges us to "give Jesus to the world" *digitized* while revisiting the concept of Editor, together with the challenge of being "artisans of communion". This has guided the works of the Capitulars in their reflections on 3 Friday and 4 Saturday June, in view of the formulation of the General Objective.

Together with this search for the profound identity of the Pauline, the deepening of the formative and apostolic challenges continues. It asks how to *prophetically proclaim the joy of the Gospel in dialogue with the world in profound metamorphosis*. The process of scrutiny is that of synodality and of "letting oneself be transformed" (Cfr. Rom 12:2) from listening to the Word of God. It is the same Word that inspired the whole festive liturgy of Saturday (with the Mother and Queen who makes possible the incarnation of the *Logos*, giving Christ to the world so that now we can all see and hear him) and of Sunday (with the Word – *glossa* – which is sent on the apostles as fire because they too can see, hear, and then transmit it to the world). Both of these ideas refer to the same Gospel that we are called today to "edit", giving it to the world in all expressions and languages.

The Solemnity of Pentecost celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word in Japanese and Vietnamese has made us reflect once again on the internationality and multiculturalism that characterizes and, at the same time, challenges the Society of St. Paul in the world. Multiculturalism emerged in a very evident way during the group work in these last days, in the different songs chosen for the liturgy, in the festive context to celebrate the Queen of the Apostles and the fraternal dinner overlooking the enchanting *Lake Albano*.

Intense days of work await us this week, commencing with the illuminative phase and the first reflections on Priorities and Operational Guidelines. We are nearing the focus of the Chapter, starting the stage of "choosing": indicating the actions and guidelines on which the Congregation should set out in the coming years.

The Spirit who united and guided Mary and the Apostles is now invoked upon each of us, to use the pen with which to write for us in this Chapter the history of the Congregation. The Spirit is also invoked on all the Paulines and members of the Pauline Family of the world, who are close to us and animate us through prayer and different messages arriving officially or unofficially every day, via email, the institutional website and even in video format. Thank you very much for your support at this fundamental moment of the Congregation.

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