

XIX PROVINCIAL CHAPTER INDIA-GREAT BRITAIN-IRELAND PROVINCE

13 - 21 January 2023

Communiqué: 03

On the eighth day of the Chapter (20 January, 2023), Fr Sebastian Kattakal conducted the morning prayer. Fr Francis Xavier presided over the Eucharistic Celebration. In his homily, Fr Xavier asked the members to place our trust in Jesus, the Divine Master, specially when we venture into unknown future. Further, he cited the example of Mary, Queen of the Apostles who trusted the Lord and said 'Yes' to Him.

The day's session began at 09:30 a.m., the assembly deliberated and discerned the final draft of the Vision Statement, the Goals (priorities) and Action plan (Operative guidelines) of each of the sector: Vocation Promotion, Formation and On-going Formation, Spirituality, Community life, Apostolate, Diffusion, Education and Media Training, Parish ministry, Marketing, Leadership and Administration, and Pauline Family. After a well-studied session, the Chapter Members unanimously passed the final draft.

Soon after the approval of the Goals and Action Plans, Very Rev. Fr Domenico Soliman, the Superior General, addressed the Chapter Members and gave a suggestion to insert the Objective of the XI General Chapter at the beginning of the goals and the action plans of the XIX Provincial Chapter. Fr Soliman also appreciated various apostolic activities of the Province, specially that of the online Pauline presence. Some other themes that he reflected upon include synodal walking, preparation for perpetual profession programme in Rome, annual letters of the Superior General, 26th of every month to be observed as Alberionian day and parish ministry.

In the afternoon session, Fr Joby Mathew, the Provincial Superior, consulted the Chapter Members on various topics which affect the life and the mission of the Province, such as Internal Communication method, usage of WhatsApp group, sorting out of local issues within the community itself etc.

Rev. Fr Johnson Vattakunnel, General Councillor, addressed the assembly and shared with the members information regarding Perpetual Profession course in Rome, and he also asked suggestions and opinions from the members regarding better functioning of international organism

of the Congregation. He also assured the assembly that he would do all that is possible to assist the Biblical Department of the Province through SUBICAN, an international unit of the Congregation which engages in the Biblical Apostolate.

The day's session came to an end with the personal Visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

On the ninth day of the Chapter (21 January, 2023), Fr Joby Mathew, the Provincial Superior, animated a thanks giving Eucharistic adoration, recalling and reflecting on the week-long deliberation of the XIX Provincial Chapter, importantly on the Vision Statement.

During the Visit, Fr Joby Mathew invited each member to come forward and to sign the Acts of the XIX Provincial Chapter, as a symbol of communion of the members who are resolved to live a renewed a way of thinking in the light of the Acts of the XIX Provincial Chapter.

The day's session commenced at 08:45 a.m., Fr Joby Matthew, the Provincial Superior, presented the Acts of the XIX Provincial Chapter to Very Rev. Fr Domenico Soliman, the Superior General of the Society of St Paul.

Fr Joby Mathew proposed the vote of thanks, expressing profound gratitude to all those have closely assisted with the organising of the Provincial Chapter.

Fr Sajith Cyriac immensely thanked the Fr Joby Mathew for a creative and able leadership for the preparation and the organising Provincial Chapter.

Later, Fr Joby Mathew, the Provincial Superior of the India-Great Britain-Ireland declared the XIX Chapter closed. And, the members joyfully sang 'O give Thanks to the Lord'.

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