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Day 3: Chapter Delegates Discuss Priorities and Operative Guidelines

The third day of the IX SSP Philippines-Macau Provincial Chapter began early with a Mass presided by Fr. Paul Yntig, SSP, and concelebrated by Fr. Jerome Palma, SSP, and Fr. Khris Llacer, SSP. The latter, in his homily, reminded the assembly that while as young vocations we were attracted by what we can get or receive from entering religious life, the correct disposition is to seek instead what we can give back in service and self-offering for the Congregation, the Universal Church, and the world.

It is in this spirit that the Chapter delegates took on the rest of the day. Having invoked the Holy Spirit in their opening prayer, the body then approved the minutes of the previous day, the first official bulletin, and the additional two documents prepared based on the Programmatic Letter sent by the Superior General and his Council.

The body then divided into three groups, each focusing on the prescribed programming matrix: Pauline Identity and Charismatic Roots, Integral Formation for Mission, and the New Artisanship of Communion. Such was the abundance of observations, insights, and interventions that the deliberations extended beyond the schedule, taking only necessary breaks in between. Day 3 of the Provincial Chapter finally concluded close to 9 in the evening, the capitulars tired but fulfilled for a day well spent in the service of Pauline life and mission.

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