



Communication No. 2

The first phase of the Interchapter Assembly, the verification phase, continued in the morning of Saturday, 16 February. The Major Superiors made their last reports. It was a moment of sharing and taking awareness of the diversity but also of unity of the Paulines.

The circumscriptions, one following another, appeared as the “miracle” of the Pauline reality. We felt like we were “vessels of clay”, but containing “a treasure”: a mission carried forward by human beings under varying conditions, but convinced of their specific charism in the Church. There are severe conditions – lack of personnel, lack of funds and structures, and political and cultural impediments – but these do not prevent us from giving our specific contribution to the evangelization in the vast ocean of everyday communication.

The reports indicate also the objectives to reach and the paths to follow: from among them, there came out with insistence the necessity to engage decisively – and in a professional and coordinated way – evangelization in the digital age, which constitutes today’s common cultural ambience.

Analysis constituted the first part of the reports. This was followed by synthesis and the reading side by side of the data provided by the second part of the reports of the superiors. This last was done by the General Government. The operative lines of the 9th General Chapter, as they were followed (faithfully or not) in different circumscriptions were brought to light. Positive steps done “to recover the apostolic audacity” of the early period of the Congregation were noted. Questions were also asked on the reasons for failing to put into realization some of the operative lines. The answers will certainly guide us in looking for solutions in the future. Then we began to make a profile of the themes that will be discussed in the days ahead, side by side the theme of new evangelization in the digital age.

In this way, the methodology of work followed by the Interchapter Assembly is affirmed in all levels and in every situation: review of the operative lines, verifying if these have been followed or only partly, and their re-launching.

Discreet but always available, the translators made the interventions in the Assembly to be easily understood. These were done in the three official languages of the Congregation: Italian, Spanish, and English. To them go the appreciation and thanks of the Interchapter Assembly and of all Paulines.

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The Central Committee of the Interchapter Assembly.