



Communication No. 6

After a half-day pause, the rhythm of the Interchapter Assembly passed on to the third phase, dedicated to “resolutions/orientations/proposals.” Major work took place on Friday and Saturday (February 22-23). The participants examined and discussed the proposals for the revision and updating of our *Constitutions and Directory*.

In this work of the assembly, the participants were joined by Fr. Teofilo Perez, President of the Commission for the revision of the normative documents. We thank him for his availability in making the exhaustive flight from Rome and for the pile of work done with the other members of the Commission.

The Commission members had gathered and systematized the suggestions for the revision of the norms of the Congregation coming from the Pauline members all over the world and from the circumscription superiors. They had also taken into account the indications that emerged from the questionnaires in preparation for the 9th General Chapter. Fruit of this labour is the draft of text of the *Constitutions and Directory* presented for discussion and evaluation of the Interchapter Assembly in view of coming out with the text to be presented to the next General Chapter.

The rhythm of work was tight and the interventions more animated. This is a sign that the proposals for the revision and updating of the articles of the *Constitutions and the Directory* touch on the vital concerns of our Pauline reality, thus getting reactions that at times are impassioned.

Reviewing the norms article by article, the Superiors did not limit themselves to simple evaluation. They tarried for a hard work of updating the Pauline charism, integrating into the norms the new horizons of the culture of communication. In a manner of speaking, this may also be a way—particularly laborious—of living the “Year of the Constitutions” and of realizing that the Pauline charism is alive and in continuous evolution.

Yet again, the discussions were made possible by the efforts of the translators in three languages. To them goes the gratitude of the participants and of all Pauline members.

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