



May 5

Today was characterized by work in small groups formed around the thematic priorities. This allows me to describe the general development nowadays. The first appointment is in the chapel of the house of the Passionist Fathers at 7.30 am. A half-hour prayer of adoration is led each day by an entity. At 8:00 am excellent and plentiful breakfast. At 9:00 a.m., first session preceded by a short prayer and the reading of the messages that our lay associates have sent to the Chapter. We work until 12:30 p.m. with a mid-morning coffee break. At 1 p.m., lunch followed by a siesta (not obligatory, but highly recommended... and appreciated).

In the afternoon, 3:00 p.m. Marian prayer and resumption of the work in the assembly or group at the same rhythm as in the morning. At 6.30 p.m. the work ends to prepare the Eucharistic celebration at 7 p.m. always animated by an entity and presided over by the respective superior. During the celebration, the moving memory of the confreres of the same entity who have died since the last General Chapter. At 8:00 p.m., dinner then free time... but not for everyone: the presidency council, the secretaries, the reporter and others still work hard to make sure everything goes well. I forgot: today during the Marian prayer a big black cat visited us... perhaps the descendant of the lions of the nearby Colosseum?