



2017 General Chapter - Newsletter 1st May 2017



After many trips back and forth to the airport, the capitulants gathered at the retreat house of the Passionists, right next to the Coliseum. Four confreres were missing: Fr Jünemann, due to health problems, plus a delegate from PNG and two from Congo, who just got their visas and will arrive on Thursay.



The capitulants total 53: 26 by right and 27 elected delegates, coming from 20 different entities. Translation services are provided by Br Roger Bossé, s.c. and Br René Delorme, f.s.g. Fr Louis-Paul St-Laurent assists Fr Georges Madore and Kata Balaswami who are in charge of the secretariat while being also delegates of their respective countries. And finally Fr Jean-Claude Lavigne o.p., is facilitator of the Chapter.

The first day started off with the celebration of the Eucharist. As they were assembled at the foot of a large cross in the interior court, capitulants were called officially by Fr Santino to be part of the Chapter. As they entered the chapel in procession, in a symbolic gesture, they laid their countries' flag at the foot of Montfort's statue. Commenting on the day's Bible readings, Fr Santino insisted on the importance of communion through mutual welcoming, respect and brotherly love.



- During the first session, persons were named and voted at different offices: steering committee, two tellers, etc. and the procedures of the Chapter were voted on. In the afternoon session, a discussion was held on the agenda of the Chapter, and Fr Santino read the report of the General Administration on its 6 year mandate.

Georges Madore s.m.m.
Secretary of the Chapter

N.B: other pictures and video strips can be seen on the website: montfortian.info

