



May 9

This day is characterized by the achievement of one of the goals of our General Chapter: the election of the new superior for the next six years. But let's go in order.

It is the Vice-Province of Canada that leads the prayer. As usual, we meet for Eucharistic Adoration at 7:30 p.m. After breakfast, our brother Bishop Mgr. Rui VALERIO from Portugal. Given the importance of the day, the Eucharistic celebration is brought forward to 9 a.m. and it is Msgr. Rui who presides by animating us with a beautiful homily. Just enough time to end the celebration and immediately Fr. Jean Claude LAVIGNE invites us to prepare for the vote which will take place in the chapel itself, presided over by the bishop. Everything is ready: presidency table, board, pens, small papers, precedent, scrutineers...

Let's start. With the seriousness that such a gesture requires, but also with a lot of serenity and a lot of emotion for those who are participating for the first time at such a moment, the voting and the polls begin. And vote after vote as the bells of Rome toll the *Angelus*, Msgr. Rui announces the election. It is Father Yoseph Putra Dwi DARMA WATUN from the province of Indonesia, who accepts. The singing of the *Regina Coeli* and the *Totus tuus* closes the mystical part of this day. We meet at 1 p.m. with a solemn meal.

What awaits us at the Generalate where we will go at 5 p.m., we do not know, but we will certainly not do penance since the agenda of the chapter says "Barbecue". We are in the hands of Brother Désiré.