



Indonesian Provincial Chapter

MALANG, Indonesia - Starting from February 18, 2024, the Provincial Chapter of the Montfort Missionaries in Indonesia took place. The Chapter, which lasted for six days, was held in the house that had just been blessed on February 16. It is located in the complex of Montfort Seminary in Malang and it is called “House of Wisdom”. The following is a sharing about the chapter sent by the secretariat of this chapter.

First Day: “Desert” for self-knowledge

On the first week of Lent, February 18, 2024, we were invited to reflect on the events of Jesus’ temptation in the desert for 40 days. Father Anton TENSI, SMM, in his sermon, affirmed that Jesus’ ‘desert’ experience was not just a matter of being tempted but an experience where, humanly, the Lord Jesus truly knew himself, his human tendencies, his weaknesses, and his opportunities. Inspired by this thought, the Indonesian Provincial Chapter of the Montfort Missionaries would be a time when the capitulants were invited to get to know themselves: recognizing their weaknesses and learn to grow.

After the opening Mass, the capitulants gathered in the meeting room. Exactly at 5 pm, the Chapter opened with the first day's agenda: provincial remarks, superior general's remarks, introduction of the facilitator and secretary, selection of scrutators, steering committee. Today's activities closed with the ratification of the daily activity schedule during the Chapter.

Day Two: Listening and appreciating with heart

The second day of the Chapter, Monday, February 19, 2024, opened with a Eucharistic celebration presided over by Father Yohanes SUMADI, SMM. This day’s agenda was filled with reports. The

first session began with a report from Father Anton as Provincial and in charge of the Commission of Mission “a la Montfort”. After him, Father Yosef JEHARA, SMM presented his JPIC Commission. It was then followed by the presentation of the Economic Commission and the report of Father Rofinus JELALU, SMM, Provincial Bursar. After taking a break, the afternoon session was filled with presentation of reports from the Provincial Secretary, Father Melkior JELALU, SMM.

The dynamics of the second day's activities went well. Father Budiono, O' Carm, as the Chapter facilitator, guided the meeting smoothly and full of brotherhood. Apart from listening to reports from the Provincial, Commissions, Bursar and Provincial Secretary, the capitulants were also given the opportunity to provide responses. The reactions of the capitulants took the form of suggestions and clarifying questions. The capitulants also expressed their sincere appreciation to the Provincial and the Provincial Council for their love and dedication to the congregation over the past six years.

Third Day: Group discussions

The third day of the Chapter, February 20, 2024, proceeded as usual, starting with the morning prayer and Mass led by Fr. Heredi SUHARTONO, SMM. After breakfast, the capitulants gathered again in the Chapter room. The main agenda of that day was to deepen the sharing of the 2018-2024 Vision and Mission evaluation which was previously summarized by the committee. At the same time, the Acts of the General Chapter of 2023 was also reviewed together. All capitulants were divided into three groups to study these documents, assisted by several guiding questions provided by the Steering Committee. This group discussion lasted all morning.

After the Marian prayer, lunch and afternoon break, the capitulants gathered again to share in plenary the results of each group's discussion. The results of the first group discussion were presented by Father Herman NUWA NUPA, SMM, the second group by Father Heredi SUHARTONO, SMM and the third group by Father Kosmas AMBO PATAN, SMM. The points will become priorities to be achieved in the next six years.

Fr. Wawan, SMM, Fr. Rafael, SMM, Fr. Melky, SMM