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POPHECY OF THE FRATERNITY

To be involved and to involve others in the new places of mission. The freedom of the prophetic within us has to achieve relational nature of our life in all its dimensions, with other ecclesial vocations. We have to invest in living and organizing ourselves, in complex network of relationships that surround us, in constant interaction and reciprocity. The ecclesiology of organic communion highlights the value of the vocation of the laity, of the ordained minister, of various states of life. The shared mission is not primarily a way of acting, but of being and witnessing.

PRR, 3rd Stage, Handbook 3, pg. 17

JULY 19 – SHARED MISSION

On this day, Fr. José Aníbal Mendonça, a Salesian, spoke to us of the experience of shared mission with the laity, in his Congregation, and the path undertaken by them, very concretely in Portugal. He emphasized that to speak of shared mission is to speak of the family spirit, of the grace of unity and of the mysticism of fraternity. This requires witnessing the primacy of God, ensuring the charismatic identity, being the centre of communion and participation, welcoming, motivating and convoking the laity to participate of the spirit and mission of the Institute and foster their spiritual and vocational formation.



In the evening, we were invited to speak of some intuition that could help us to live the shared mission. Experiences were shared at different levels of mission, having observed that we need to invest more in the franciscan hospitaller spiritual formation. The shared mission takes place, essentially, by being together at moments of prayer, conviviality and celebrations, ... in short, to transmit the life of intimacy with God and the Franciscan Hospitaller Charism.



“Live the prophecy of fraternity.”

JULY 20

The Eucharist was animated by the Province of Our Lady of the Mount, North India, that presented us the following very meaningful symbols:

The cross, a symbol of minority, which invited us, as servants and disciples of Mother Clara, to dedicate our lives to the poorest of the society.

The lamp, a symbol of hospitality that, for Fr. Raimundo, meant total openness to God and absolute trust in Divine Providence.

The pomegranate, symbol of fruitfulness and an appeal to live spiritual motherhood. Our Founders, Fr. Raimundo and Blessed Maria Clara, were characterized by a life filled with fruits, the innumerable lives that were generated in and for Christ.



The General Secretary, Sr. Carlota do Rosário Horta Ribeiro began the presentation of the Six Yearly Report starting from the Statistical Data, so that we became aware of the reality, in what refers to Members, Fraternities and Works in the Congregation, in general, and in the Provinces, Delegations and Houses Dependent on the General Government.

After this, the Chapter Members were given access to the written parts of the Six Yearly Report, to be in the know of the actual situation of the whole Congregation.



“A providential glance of God watches over us.” (Mother Clara)
