



CONGREGATION OF THE FRANCISCAN HOSPITALIER SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION XXVII GENERAL CHAPTER July 12 to August 12 2019

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TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Church (Congregation):
The Church is young when she is herself, when she receives ever anew the strength born of God's word, the Eucharist, and the daily presence of Christ and the power of his Spirit in our lives. The Church is young when she shows herself capable of constantly returning to her source.

(cf. Post-synodal Apostolic
Exhortation *Christus Vivit*, n° 35)

The work of the Chapter Sisters during these days has been of reading, reflection, sharing and making proposals for the future of the Congregation.

AUGUST 04

The liturgy of this day was oriented by the Sisters of the Province of the Immaculate Hospitalier, South India. Its peak moment was the Aarti. With lighted lamp, one Sister rendered homage to the Risen Lord in the Tabernacle, and then she stood before the altar. Each Chapter member stretched her hands towards the light and, then touched them to her forehead, as a symbol of the light of Christ.



“It is by working, loving and hoping, that we will correspond to the sublime vocation to which God has called us!” (Blessed Maria Clara do Menino Jesus)

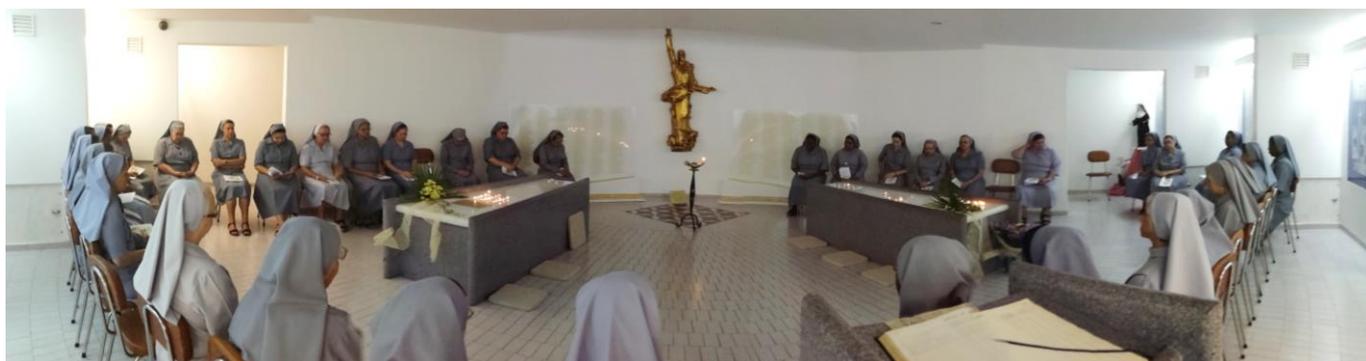
AUGUST 05

On this day, the Sisters of the Province of the Holy Cross, North Brazil, provided us with a rather meaningful moment, during the Morning Prayer, inviting each Sister to go to the altar to receive the anointing of the hands and a little bunch of flowers with the saying: “Be fruitful”.



AUGUST 06

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The day began in the Crypt, at the tombs of our Founders. The liturgy was prepared by the Province of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, South Brazil. During the prayer, each Sister received a candle and lit it from the Lamp, symbolizing the continuation of the life and work of our Mother Clara and Fr. Beirão.

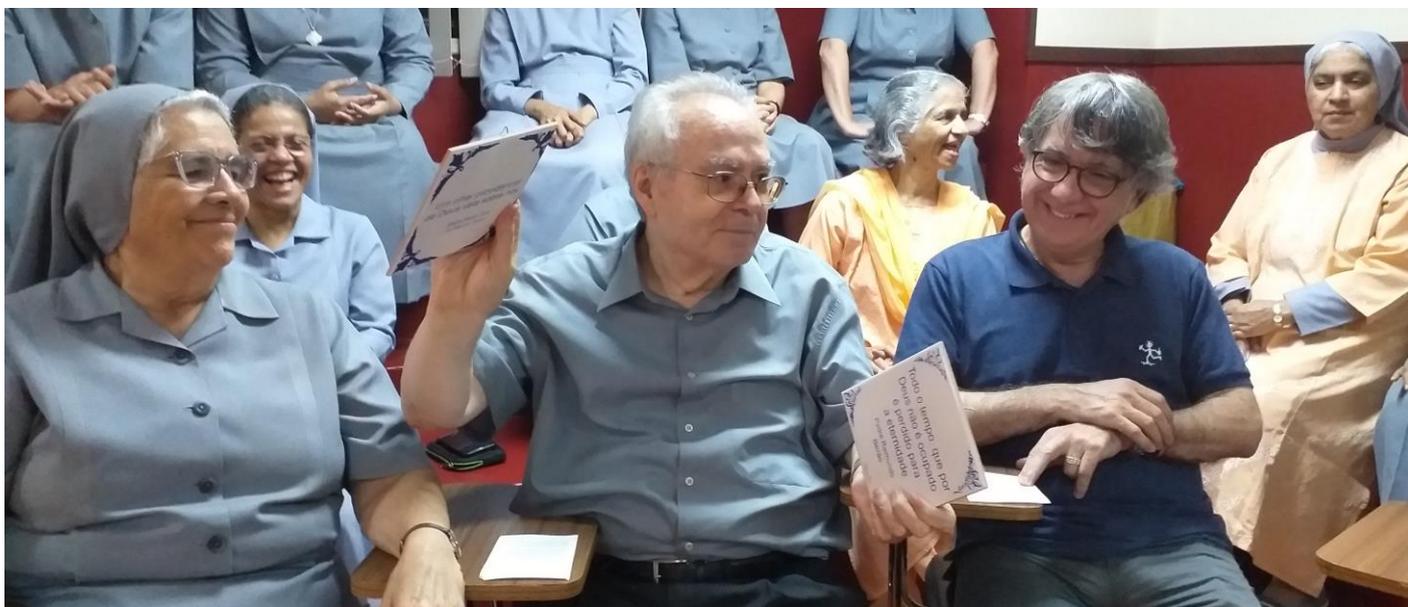


AUGUST 07



The day began with the interiorization of the hymn “Because God is love”. Then the Chapter Sisters continued the work of perfecting the chapter document. At lunch time, the Sisters were gifted with a beautiful and delicious cake offered by the working personnel of the Mother House as a sign of gratitude and welcome - gratitude to the outgoing General Government and welcome to the General Government to be elected.

In the evening, we continued with the work and at night, in gratitude, we prepared a moment of conviviality, sharing and gratitude for the prayerful and collaborative presence of His Eminence Cardinal Aquilino Bocos Merino, cmf, always present, as a brother and adopted son of Fr. Beirão and Mother Clara.



AUGUST 08

The day was dedicated to prayer, reflection and discernment.

“God does not fail us; His word endures forever, See what a friend of ours is God.!”
(Fr. Beirão)
