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Going along with the theme of "new wine, fresh wineskins," members of the Provincial Chapter spent much of Tuesday discussing change.

Territorial superiors talked about the challenges each territory is facing, including, perhaps most importantly, secularization and demographic shifts.

But challenges often lead to opportunities, hence the new wine and fresh wineskins. During his report, Provincial Superior Miguel Diaz said now might be the time to "go deep" and see what internationality really means.

"I think we have a big opportunity here. But we need to do that," Diaz said, later adding that the congregation can't wait until the last minute to try new things. They need to be done now.

Diaz also said the territories should be willing to share their financial resources.

He and the territorial superiors stressed the importance of using the apostolates and resources already there: Assumption College, Bayard, and also strengthening relationships with the Lay Assumptionists.

After taking in the information, Provincial Chapter participants then split into language-based groups and presented what they believed would be the most important issues the congregation would face this chapter.

Many of their concerns overlapped. Common points included internationality, formation at all levels, provincial structures and administration, spiritual renewal, and vocations.



Members of the chapter at prayer.



Members enjoy a meal together before getting to work.

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