

The Sunday Eucharist was presided over by Cardinal Philippe Barbarin, Archbishop of Lyon.

The number
7 The communities (two to four brothers) are grouped together in the Mission of the Orient, willed and accepted by the Father of Alzon who sent Fr. Galabert to Bulgaria in 1862 at the request of Pope Pius IX.

The Word : CHARISM
This is subject to be treated as a priority in the list drawn up by capitulates. To be treated is Charism of foundation with the renewal for the figure of Emmanuel of Alzon. It consists of the Mission Charism today and tomorrow: "Thy kingdom come!"

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On the way to the election of the Superior General.

The chapter continues with this question recalled at various times: "What does the Lord of the Assumption want today? Will she be able to follow her calls? The Assumption must face the challenges of today, with the means on board; let go and look ahead. The new wine is with us, in the person of Jesus Christ. But where shall we find the skins? The challenges are seemingly insurmountable, but the Assumption must continue to give meaning to the world today, to make the world more human, more like God. Let us drive off! ". On Saturday, Fr. Wilfrid undertook a summary of previous episodes. Each chapter mechanism passes through three successive phases: that of the inputs with its incubators, which are the different commissions working from the reports and presentations of the previous days. A second phase, the 'output 'analyses their productions and proceeds to deliberations. Finally, a third phase sees the adoption and codification of the results. To this day, the chapter has reached the end of the first phase and seems to approach the next two with certain serenity.

The practical work continued on Saturday and Sunday with the question: how is the Charism of the Assumption embodied? A document is being prepared which could be titled: "Serving unity in a divided world", as a structuring and broadly encompassing idea for the whole of our chapter. The examination of the situation of the Eastern

NEW as the Gospel

The Sunday Eucharist, celebrated with the Christian community of Valpré, was presided over by Cardinal Philippe Barbarin, Archbishop of Lyon. Cardinal Barbarin shared his approach to the theme of our Chapter, "To new wine, new skins, that Jesus Christ may be announced to the men of this time"

The cardinal finds our theme very beautiful: "There is no problem for the new wine," he said, "for it is the Gospel, always new. The problem is the skins that we are. Evangelii Gaudium, a major text in which he often uses the word "new", not in the sense of "new communities" or "new evangelization," but of the novelty of Christ : "It is He who must be brought to the world, whatever our more or less effective methods of management or coaching: these methods of our time have good, but the novelty that we are charged to announce, Is not there, it is that of Rev 15, 21: " I am doing all things new ". The Archbishop of Lyon also emphasizes the frequent use by Pope Francis of the verb "to go out" in the sense used in the gospel: "Exit" (Exodus, in fact) of Christ against sin and death; cf. Mk 1:35 "I have to go out," Jesus said. For us, this means that our first outing is to go out to meet him, the Living One, to go out as a son to go to our Father ; "Let's go to the neighbouring villages, that's why I went out": Jesus belongs to the people, and we, consecrated, belong to the same people and must go to them, visit them. It is a fatiguing, exhausting availability... Let us beware of the diversions of novelties... We find ourselves sinners in the face of the only novelty that is Christ. The major reason for lack of fidelity in consecrated life or ordained ministry is that this newness of Christ is not sufficiently active in us. We have to become this word, in flesh and blood, and then we will each go our way, according to our Charism (at the Assumption you have yours): no need for pastoral lines, if Christ can do us what he wants! Let us have a very vigorous discourse on the upstream (the life of Christ in us), rather than on the downstream (pastoral strategies are not the essential: do what you want!).



The capitulates participated on Monday, May 8 2017 at the Eucharist in the Our Shrine Lady of Mercy at Ars sur Formans. Birthday (May 8th) 1786) of the Saint Curé of Ars.

First impressions of the Chapter seen by...



Marcos Lucio Bento de Souza. 53 years old of the Province of Brazil.

What is the key word for these first exchanges? Reformation-re-founding; Calls of the world and of the Church; Challenges and alliance with lay people. The congregation is becoming more aware that our Charism would be our private property. It is however a gift of God for the Church. Thus, we have the responsibility to make known this Charism.

What is the main wish for the week to come? Election of the general with his council, important decision in relation to the animation of the congregation to be taken and a new proposal of structure is expected.

The quote or the strongest image? The image evoked by the title: "New wine in new wineskins" and both are preserved."(Matt 9:17)



The laity, Silvia Cavadini

What we learned

We have been together since our first contact with the gospel. We gradually became aware of how much faith united us. When we discovered Father Emmanuel d'Alzon's thought, we learned that among all the brothers, some are even more brothers because they lead the Assumption to their lives.

In this chapter, many of us began to feel a particular symphony that must be performed by all together; a symphony of cultures; colours and experiences. We play the same score with different instruments, but we try to be harmonious.

In the sessions, sometimes it seems that some play false but the whole imposes fraternally. Perhaps some come being experts in indigenous instruments and others play on historical organs.

But that is our reality. Some have their score on a lectern and others pose it on a pile of bricks. But, do you know one thing? We must continue to play, and encourage others to join the orchestra.

Each one, if one remains attentive, can hear the voice of God who whispers paternally: "Go on, your music is unique!"

My impression of this chapter can be summed up in this: we know the melody, we have the intuition of the notes; it is a question of continuing our interpretation in full orchestra, playing what the great master tells us: "Thy kingdom come."

Some African proverbs which have enamelled the first capitulars' exchanges:

"When the rhythm of tamtam changes, we must change the steps of the dance" (Jean-Paul Sagadou, as a variant of the new skins)

"We must not invite our brothers only when we have just killed an elephant" (Protais Kabila, inviting the Province of Brazil to share even before being a big province)

"We laugh with the teeth we have" (= we need our strength and our fragility - Protais Kabila, about the formation of young religious)

On the program tomorrow Tuesday 9 May 2017; Youth and vocations, the ratio, the commission of vows and the election of the superior general

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