



June 18, 2016 - Pinhal, Brazil

Twice a year the Plenary General Council (PGC) of the Congregation (the superior general, his assistants, and the provincials of the six provinces of the Congregation) meet to evaluate, plan, and discuss the life and mission of the Congregation. These meetings are opportunities for the leaders of the Congregation to assess our resources (personnel and finances) and try to place them at the disposition of the entire Institute.

Every December the meeting is held at the general house in Rome while the June meeting is held in one of our provinces in the world. This year the choice was Brazil and the Assumptionist retreat house/spirituality center in Espirito Santo do Pinhal, some three hours west of the bustling metropolis of Sao Paulo. This center houses three separate communities of Assumptionists, the staff of a local parish, the residence of senior religious, and the newly opened novitiate of the Assumptionists in South America (for the Andean province and the province of Brazil).



pleary General Council of the Synod of Bishops, which is the highest authority of the Church, will be held in Pinhal, Brazil, from June 22 to 28, 2016. The Council will be presided over by Pope Francis, who will be in Brazil for the first time. The Council will discuss the future of the Church in the Americas and the role of the Synod of Bishops.



Bishop of Natal, Brazil, who will be one of the participants in the Council. He will be representing the Synod of Bishops of Brazil. The Council will be a significant event for the Church in the Americas and will be a landmark in the history of the Synod of Bishops.