



Team of lay people, engaged in the Assumption, invited to the General Chapter

**THE NUMBER**

25 Interventions of the Capitulates were recorded during the debates concerning the renewed presentation of the Charism. These are a sign of nourished exchanges and a suggestive text.

**WORD: Vicariate**

The Congregation is preparing a new configuration to respond to its rapid development, particularly in Asia and Africa. The Provincial Chapters express the need for community-based facilitation through appropriate structures. There is the possibility of the formation of Vicariates. The powers delegated to the Vicars are be defined during the Chapter.



**Info**

**33rd General Chapter of the Assumptionists**  
April 28 - May 17, 2017

Day 14. Thursday, May 11

**THE ESSENTIAL**

**Charism, community organization, the debate chapter**



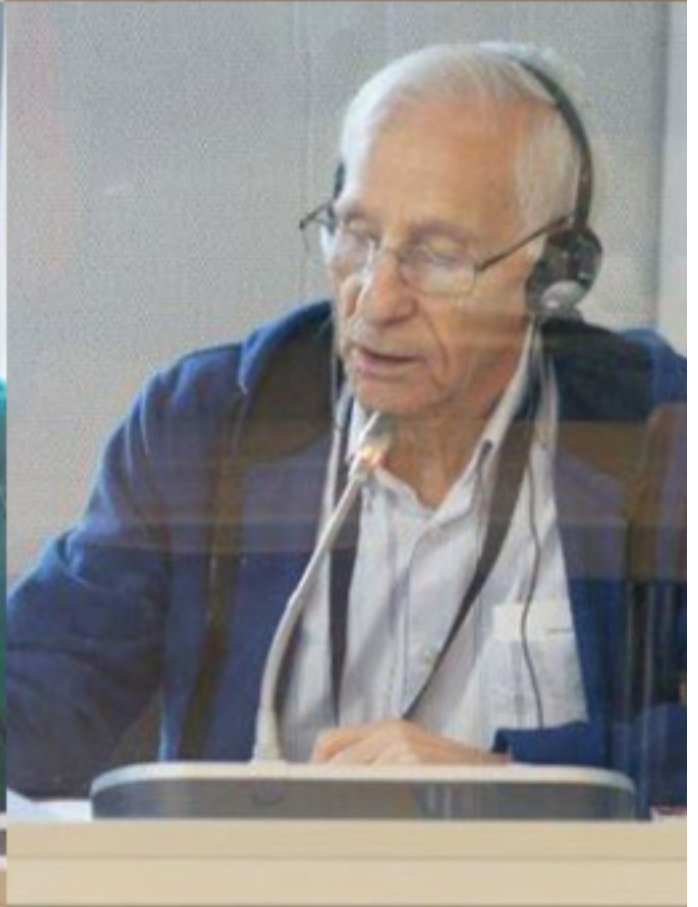
A new community organization is emerging. The formulation of the Charism is embodied strongly. Internationality and inter-culturality open up new perspectives.

The first part of the day was devoted to the vote on the vow 'Anastasio'. This was the very day that the author

celebrated his birthday. The Father General summed it up: 'Would you like to return to the status quo ante concerning the General Treasurer who makes him an assistant but without obligation. The "yes" prevailed, giving concrete expression to the return to the situation before 2011. In a second part of the day, the community organization was on the program. This was one of the expected debates of this Chapter.

The Coordination invited the Assembly to express itself through papers of different colours: pink for the expression of the fears and the hesitations that each one perceives at the moment of engaging such a process of decision of adapted structures, the yellow To express the questions, the green for expression

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Exchange Conversations in English, Spanish and French ensure the translation of the

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35-37 Years: Such is the average age of priestly ordinations at the Assumption.

**THE WORDS : World Café**

Imported from the United States, the world café is a method of group discussion between people allowing collective ideas to emerge from a group of concrete proposals shared by all. It helps to produce new ideas.



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**braking or the foot on the accelerator,  
what counts is the right speed.**

Precipitation (rain) outside Lyon and the region, accelerations on some files inside, in the plenary hall, the Chapter is gaining speed. As the last week of his works opens and the time for choices come. Two days "showered with a rain of grace," according to one of capitulates.



On Friday, the Assembly devoted itself to the study of two capitulary texts prepared by the ad-hoc committees: the Committee on Assets, Resources and their Management (second reading), and the Committee on Formation at the Assumption (For a first reading). In both cases the exchanges were nourished.

Concerning the formation, the Chapter heard the proposal of the Father General to create a general secretariat to the formation to face the magnitude of the task. The statistics show an increase in the number of young religious in formation (see graphs below). The idea of a secretariat was inspired by the example of the White Fathers, neighbours of the Generalate in Rome. In the case of the Missionaries of Africa, there is a non-clergyman assistant responsible for linking the different places of formation, preparing the appointments for the superior general, having a concern to prepare young people appropriately, their mission in constant dialogue with the trainers, the

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