

Day – 12

29th April



We gathered at 9 to begin our day with a Eucharistic celebration. Today was the feast of St. Catherine of Siena. We remembered her courage for promoting Church unity. She was not afraid of adversity and rooted in her relationship with Christ helped this Unity grow. Catherine of Siena is patroness of Europe, and we prayed for all the people of Europe that they come together for the good of all! The Nava Jeevan region animated the Celebration. A dance

marked the opening, and we sang in Hindi and English.

The work of this day was shared in two important stages. The work was prepared by the Coordination team, and Sr. Micheline explained how we would approach this reflection:

- 1- Elaboration of an Orientation for the Congregation that would be further concretized in each Province/Region. We had some personal time to reflect on the proposals sent by each Province and Region. An invitation was made to also bring to our reflection all that had been shared since the beginning of Chapter. Following this personal time, each one was invited to write on newsprint what we felt the Congregation was called to today. What are the calls of the Spirit? The newsprints were then read in the General Assembly and posted on the wall. We had time for reactions and clarifications.
- 2- In the afternoon, we worked as international groups. Every group was asked to write a proposal for an Orientation from what had been shared and heard in the morning. These proposals were then presented to the General Assembly. A team will be named to re-write a final Orientation.
- 3- The second part of our work this Saturday consisted on expressing the challenges which the next General Counsel will have to face in the next six years. We also listed the qualities, for Superior General and for the Councilors, necessary to assume this service. This conversation was again held in international groups. We then shared our reflections in the General Assembly, and these will be gathered in a text which will also serve for our discernment.

We did not have time together in the evening, for the next morning we were to be up quite early for our pilgrimage to Lourdes!

