

Day – 14

1st May



Happy Feast day to all!

Morning prayer was led by Sr. Judy, USA, and prayed in different languages. The theme of course was St. Joseph the Worker, as reflected in the opening prayer: “On this feast day ...we turn our hearts and minds to our sister and brother workers at home and around the world, those named and unnamed, those who are working for us today so that we can be here, especially for those who suffer in their work and for their lack of dignified work.”

Two themes of the day were explained:

- A continuation of the work on the

Orientations.

- Presentation on Discernment by Fr. Joseph Lacretelle, SJ

The minutes of April 29 were read with no major changes made.

An abridged version of each group’s sharing of April 29 was distributed. Two questions were given us for consideration:

- What do you absolutely want to see in the Orientations; the vital points to keep in a final draft?
- What do you want to say about the style of the Orientations?

The table groups worked together after some personal reflection and had to come to some consensus.

Conversation was then held in the general assembly as to what was most important.

A group from the three different languages was commissioned to prepare a draft from all that had been expressed.

We then addressed a proposal from the Mexican/Honduras region on the Constitutions. In the afternoon, we reviewed drafts on the presence of an International Community in France, and on Sharing the Charism with the laity. A number of questions and comments followed the review of each text, and both texts were sent for a rewrite.

Following a break, a presentation on Ignatian Discernment was given by Fr. Joseph Lacreteille, SJ (our Eucharistic liturgy presider), as we prepare to enter a discernment process for the Election of the next General Superior and Councilors.

Our day ended with a Eucharistic Liturgy led by the USA sisters. The May 1st St. Joseph the Worker readings were used: Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; (so appropriate as we enter discernment.); Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14, 16 and the gospel of Matthew 13:54-58. The liturgy had international participation, with sisters from different countries taking part in the sung parts of the Mass, and in the General Intercessions done in Spanish, French and English.

Refrain of song used at beginning:

I greet you, Saint Joseph.

Protector of the "Grand Mystery".

St. Joseph, protect us, pray for us.

I greet you Saint Joseph

True Guardian of Light

Saint Joseph, Protect us, pray for us.

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