

## Day - 19

6<sup>th</sup> May

Our day began with a time of prayer led by Sr. Gilla Dubé. The song “Everyday God” (B. Farrell) beautifully centered us.



“Life of all lives, *Everyday God*,  
Love of all loves, *O Jesus*,  
Hope of all hopes, *O Spirit*,  
Light of all lights, *Come, be with us*.  
In our dreaming, *Everyday God*,  
In our daring, *O Jesus*,  
In our searching, *O Spirit*,  
In our sharing, *Come, be with us*.  
God of laughter, *Everyday God*,  
God of sorrow, *O Jesus*,  
Home and shelter, *O Spirit*,  
Strong and patient, *Come, be with us.*”

As the prayer continued, we heard the gospel of John 16:20-23 proclaimed in three languages...the woman, who is about to give birth, is anxious, because the time has come... It is painful to give birth, but then there is immense joy of and happiness as she welcomes this new life.

Neither can we forget the joy that we feel knowing the faithful presence of Jesus by our side... We are called to give birth anew, to care for life, to allow life to encounter us, while living in the confidence and certainty that all we ask of God in Jesus' name will be granted...

During this time of prayer, the Chapter participants thanked the generous service of the General Council that is finishing, expressing with a few brief words and a small gift their gratitude and love to Sister Catherine Barange, Sister Rita Bujold, Sister Cecily Sevariya and Sister Maria Elena Cardenas. They were congratulated and embraced, while thank God for the gift of their lives.



Following the prayer, we listened to the minutes of the previous day, with no corrections having to be made. Over the course of the morning, we devoted ample time to revisit and dialogue on the government structures.

After the noon meal, we revisited several proposals to clarify their contents. We also had conversation on the information that had been given regarding the Ghana community founded in 2008 as a project of the Congregation: its possibilities, its difficulties, the experience of this mission at the periphery, and the possibilities for vocations.

To give time to the redactors of various texts to finish their work, we were given a longer break, and received Chapter evaluation sheets.

We were given some personal prayer time to review and reflect on the various proposals worked on during these three weeks, and our day came to an end at 8:30PM with a vote on these proposals. All proposals were approved by the required majority. We give thanks to the Lord whose Spirit guided us, and we are happy with the results.

