



6° Intercapitolo
S. Miguel – Buenos Aires

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Mary meditated in her heart
all that she assimilated with what she read,
saw and heard;
and she had grown greatly in the faith acquired doing merits,
how much wisdom were enlightened
and how much charity was inflamed
more and more ardently.

From the sermon of St. Lawrence Justiniani, Bishop.

Dearest Sisters,

Here we are for the second communication of the intercapitular work done last June 17-19: listening to the reports of the General Government and the nine Circumscriptions. The knowledge of the reality in which the Congregation lives has pushed us to express our gratitude to the Lord for that which, with the commitment of all the sisters, has worked in us for the good of the Church in the different parts of the world in which we live our pastoral care.

It was underlined in every report particularly the common journey of the re-discovery of our Baptism which leads us to live our consecration *in continuous conformation to Christ Shepherd* in response to the objective of the 7th General Chapter.

In our prayer, in the spirit of humility, we presented to the Lord the experience shared in our service of authority, the life of the Circumscriptions with difficulties, the expectations and the hopes of each one.

Last June 18, Fr. Valdir de Castro, Provincial Superior of the SSP of the Argentina-Cile-Peru Province accompanied us with the theme *Communication in the Pastoral Care in the light of the Apostle Paul*. We live in the context of 'diverse communication', thanks to mass media but lesser attention is given to that which is true, the relationship among persons which alone creates communion. The Apostle Paul was a great communicator. In his work of evangelization, he gave importance to personal contact, visit to the communities and when he wrote, he did it to respond to the necessities of the communities. The letters were not end in themselves but they "carry his presence". He was a great communicator because he has a clear message of Jesus, but above all, because he has a personal experience of Jesus.

Saturday June 20, we were enriched by the talk on *The Challenges in the Pastoral Ministry* of Fr. Julio Raul Mendez, a diocesan priest of the Archdiocese of Salta. The Christian message to be shared is not changed, but it has to seep in the varied and difficult situations of life. To make the Word acceptable was not easy for Jesus neither for the Apostles. What is the way to make Jesus' work be accepted? It was not done only with intelligence but with the experience of love. The works of love are the criteria of the Christian identity, *by this they will know you*. Fr. Julio has amplified with significant metaphors the evangelical figures of the shepherd: that of the sower, the fisherman, father and mother, the living rock, the builder, the cultivator, the servant/friend.

From the exposition, we were able to see how the different human situations can be occasions for expressing our charism. He placed the an accent on the reality of the young and vocational discernment and also on the liturgical-sacramental formation which accompanies man along his entire life in which he is introduced gradually in the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

Every after conference, we have worked individually and in groups to gather the queries and the useful elements in the dynamics of pastoral care.

In the evening we received the news of the sudden death of the brother of Sr. Luz Mary. We accompany her and her family with our prayers in this moment of pain in which the Lord has called her to participate in His Paschal Mystery.

Welcoming the invitation of the General Government to the nocturnal adoration which will be concluded with the morning praise on the 'Day of the Lord', we have chosen to remain before the Eucharistic Jesus remembering all of you and the necessities of our Congregation.

Fraternally

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