

We can liken the different input that we have received in the past few days to the rays of the sun that filter through the tops of the trees and light up the path.

- *The “care of souls” from a woman’s perspective in an ecclesiology of communion* was the theme presented by Prof. Cettina Militello. A very comprehensive and interesting talk, starting from the constitutive elements of the Church, she helped us reflect on the charism/ministry of “care” as originating from Baptism and Ordination, and pointing to its complementarity in ecclesial co-responsibility.

- *Passion for Christ, passion for humanity. A reflection on the future of Religious Life* was the theme presented by Fr Josè Maria Arnaiz, sm.

The category of “encounter” was at the centre of the entire presentation. An encounter assumes that there is listening, dialogue, interaction, and it brings about a real transformation. From the fundamental encounter with the Lord, to the encounter with the other, and with others, running through various forms of encounters: man-woman, cultures and religions, generations, etc.

- Sr. Elena Bosetti, sgbp, led us in a *lectio divina* on the Shepherd-Lamb (Rev. 7,17), the Word from which our Chapter draws its theme. The presentation of the context, its structure and a passionate exegetical comment was such that it filled the room with charismatic color.

- Finally, Fr. Giancarlo Rocca, ssp, spoke to us on *The care of souls in the teaching of blessed James Alberione to the Pastorelle Sisters*.

His was a reading done with historical rigor on the evolution of the Alberionian thought on our mission within the Pauline family and the Church, until the definition of the first Constitutions.

Having concluded the phase of *illumination*, we moved to the phase of *Confrontation*. Following the methodology we have been using, the Chapter delegates were asked to discern, in a climate of prayer, three priority themes with relative motivations, trying to find the link between the cry of humanity and the Church and the possible response that can be made on our part.

After personal and group work, in the sharing that took place in the assembly, the convergence around three nuclei became evident:

- The awareness that we need to be re-evangelized, because it is only the person who is familiar with the path that leads to the Spring can lead others to it.
- The “care of souls” reinterpreted today in the reality of the Church and humanity.
- Formation as the dynamic that will help us live the first two.

In the process of comparing, culture, sensitivity, age, hopes and references to different situations, made our dialogue lively and rich.

The sense of responsibility present and the intense work done, made it possible for us to draw up the first draft document shared by all. Two Sisters, Sr. Annarita Cipollone and sr Angiolina Rossini - were then given the task of drafting the document that will be submitted, in the coming days, for the definitive approval of its content for the Planning of the next sexennial.

With the night Eucharistic adoration, we prepared ourselves to begin the process of discernment for the election of the general government.

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