XXI GENERAL CHAPTER

7th Comunication
29/08/2018

29 of August – Martyrdom of St.John Baptist

Today Central America animates the liturgy.

Today's `memory` reminds us of the greatness of giving life.

The hymn reminds us of the reality of the prophet who challenges the dangers, to proclaim the truth of God:

«I have to shout, I have to walk

Woe to me if I do not!

How to escape from you, how not to talk,

If your voice burns me inside.

I have to risk, I have to fight,

Woe to me if I do not!

How to escape from you, how not to talk,

If your voice burns me inside.

Life as an offering in the middle of the world

Throughout these days the CMS members that are going to participate in some stage of the chapter have been arriving.

Rose Muriaki from Africa, Gertrudis Kim from Korea, Laura Garita from Central America and Pedro José, president of CMS, from Spain, accompanied by his wife, Teresa García, also member of the CMS of Murcia.

We share breakfast in a relaxed atmosphere, despite the fact that at 8:45 am the first chapter session of this day will begin.

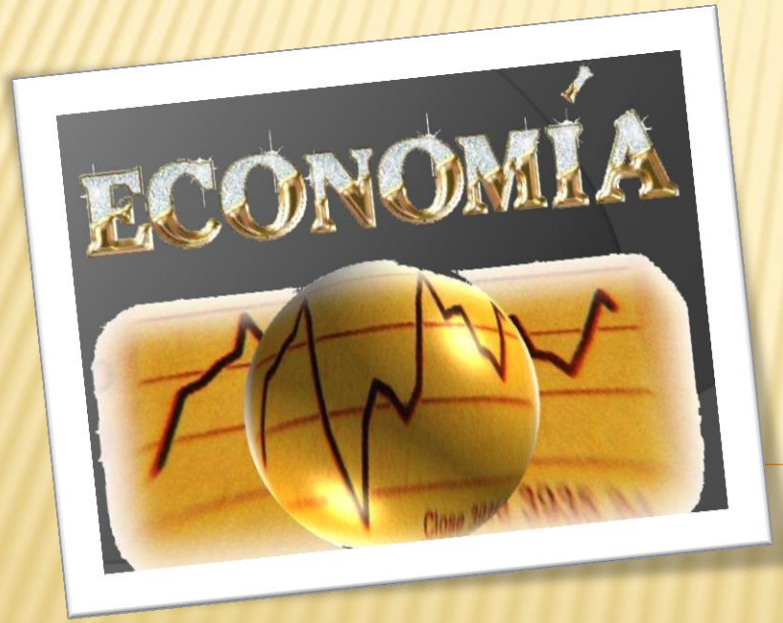
Pedro José Hernández y Teresa
CMS Spain

Gertrudis Kim
CMS Korea

At the start of the day the chapter members are coming to the hall, without haste, but without pause, preparing their laptops and commenting on the incidents of today and what will bring forth, the one that has already started.

There is in the Hall a relic of our Father Founder who accompanies the life in the Chapter House.

Prayer puts us in tune with one another and makes the Lord present in the midst of the group: "When two or more gather in my name ..." and it is undoubtedly He who has assembled us and entrusted us with this mission.



Then follows the finacial report: clear, simple, feasible for those who love numbers and also for those who do not like them so much.

The team is thanked for their work and dedication as well as making their accessibility possible.

Recalls the importance and necessity of the formation of the sisters in this field.

The Council of Administration is formed by thefollowing sisters:

Luz Marina Ochoa (Delegaate of Genralcouncil for this service)

Mª Victoria Mesina (General Bursar)

Mª Estela Cuesta (Europe)

Hidalia Aguilar (America)

Celine Menezes (Asia)

One of the functions of the Board of Directors is the management of FOSCARMIS (Solidarity Fund of the Carmelite Missionaries)

The solidarity fund "Foscarmis" is financed with the contributions received from demarcations, communities, sisters' inheritances, donations and interests.

The Congregational Solidarity Project was born as a concrete response to our vocation to be a prophetic sign of communion "making visible the closeness, tenderness and preference of God for the marginalized".".

It aspires to create a supportive mentality in all the Carmelite Missionaries, Carmel Missionary Secular and friends of the congregation.

Deals with projects of:

Human promotion

Promotion of Women

Nutrition

HealthSalud

Mainly assistance approach is observed in the projects requested, which demonstrates a social reality of scarcity of basic resources for human sustenance and that is where we are.

The team detects a lack of formation in the sisters to elaborate, develop, accompany and follow up the processes of transformation of reality.

After both presentations, a much desired break and the communities, off to reflect on both.

The morning ends with the sharing.

These dishes keeps food very warm

A bit of help always comes handy

The Assembly has finished its work at 1:30 p.m. From there quickly to the dining room where we already found everything ready.

Food is always a relaxing moment. The sisters of the Community have everything ready and are aware of every little detail. Thank you very much sisters because you are able to make simple what is not too simple.

For these days, a catering company has been contracted, which, in dialogue with the sisters, fix the daily menus and prepares the food.

Even with this help, having everything ready is an extra for this community.

The CMS representatives are incorporated into the Chapter Assembly at the afternoon session. They are the members that make up the international committee of the Association. We present them to you from right to left: Gertrudis Kim of Korean nationality representing the Asian continent; Rosa Muriaki, from Nigeria, Africa; Pedro José Hernández, general coordinator; of Spanish nationality; Laura Garita, secretary of the international committee; of Costa Rica, Latin America. Also among us is Teresa García of the CMS who has been accompanying her husband Pedro José.

The session begins with a prayer directed by CMS members.

Next, Sr. Cecilia Andrés, Superior General, greets the members of the CMS who came to the Assembly, and with them, the entire CMS, expanded throughout the world.

Followed the greeting, with a power-point, the statistics and activities of the association are presented.

The Korean CMS gifts handkerchiefs with the images of the Month of Mary - of our Fr. Founder- as a souvenir for the participants of the Chapter.

They shared with interest adding some aspects to the dispalayed presentation.

It has been a very interesting session that allowed us to get to know each other a bit more and that has lasted until well past snack time.

There is a little free time before the celebration of the Eucharist , which will be presided by D. Juan Manuel Beltrán, Colombian priest, secretary of the Bishop D. Jorge Patrón Wong, in charge of the formation of priests; accompanies Father Darío of Madagascar.

The reflection revolves around the aspects that each of us has of John the Baptist: consecrated from the bosom of his mother, a man who lives attentive to the Word, serves God in his life from birth until his death, a life of surrender; and what we have of Herod: a man with power, extravagant, fickle, who seeks pleasure, who only lives for himself.

It is up to us, with the help of God, that John the Baptist grows, while Herod overshadows..

Tonight there is extra work after dinner. The informative stage ends and the capitulars are in the Hall to do the evaluation of this stage that concludes tonight.

After this stage, tomorrow is a day of rest. The capitulars are making their plans: visit the city, visit the communities of Rome, ... wash .... serenity ... everything is possible

Tomorrow there will be no communication

On Friday, God willing, the illuminative stage begins