



NEWS FROM THE XXXV GENERAL CHAPTER of the SOCIETY OF MARY

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CHAPTER BEGINNING

After many months of preparation and prayer, the 35th General Chapter of the Society of Mary opened with its first session at 11:00 am with 32 capitulants from five continents. The Superior General, Fr. Manuel Cortés, exhorted the delegates to be conscious of this historic and grace-filled moment that the Society of Mary is living now. With prayer, asking the intercession of our Founder and the strength of the Holy Spirit, the delegates solemnly began the Chapter.

Immediately following, the capitulants voted for the official opening of the Chapter, and approved the *Manual of Procedures* and the Calendar proposed by the Preparatory Commission (PREPCO).



Birthday

Yesterday we celebrated the birthday of Tim Driscoll, and we did so in Italian style, with a delicious Tiramisú for dessert at lunch.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The capitulants concluded their official tasks of the day by choosing, according to the *Manual of Procedures*, Bro. Douglas A. Roper (PE) as president of the Coordinating Committee of the Chapter and Bro. Timothy Driscoll (ME) as secretary. Fr. Ignace Pagnan (TO) was chosen as the third member of the Coordinating Committee, which will guide and organize the good progress of the Chapter.

In the afternoon the capitulants came together to celebrate the Eucharist. United in the spirit of Mary, which Blessed Chaminade called the “spirit of the Institute”, the brothers meditated on the message of the prophet Hosea: “I will allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart.” (Hos 2:16ff.) Let us pray that the unity of the capitulants would be strengthened so that the spirit of the Society throughout the world would also grow stronger.



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Bro. Douglas A. Roper, of Perú, was chosen as president of the Chapter, who is responsible for the correct functioning of the General Chapter.

These are his responsibilities:

- a) to chair the meetings of the General Assembly and of the Coordinating Committee;
- b) to sign the Minutes of the meetings of the General Assembly;
- c) to preside at the elections of the Superior General and the General Assistants;



Prayers for the Chapter

Comunidad Santa María , SM - Logroño (Spain)

Community Marianista, SM - Bauru (Brazil)

Comunidad El Pilar, SM - Valencia (Spain)

Francisco Javier Subero Ald ,SM - Burjassot (Spain)

Siegfried Klein, SM - Tragwein (Austria)

Seoul Community, FMI - Seoul (South Korea)

Ferdinand B. E. Farara, SM - Kara (Togo)

Comunidad Santa María Reina, SM - Lima (Peru)

d) to make sure that the author of each proposition submitted to the Chapter receives an explanation of the Chapter's decision concerning the proposition;

e) To consult with possible candidates -- personally or through another capitulant -- regarding their availability to assume a position.

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