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On October 11, at 8:00 AM, the religious gathered in the Chapter Hall. José took the floor and invited the Chapter members to assume a comfortable posture, close their eyes, pay attention to their breathing and try to understand how each person perceives his body. He then gave the floor to Group 2, who led the prayer. Acts 2:42-47 and number 26 from the <u>Constitutions</u> were read.

The president greeted the Chapter members and asked each person to see if there were any absentees at their table. All the Chapter members were present. He also informed the assembly that proposals (decrees and recommendations) should be delivered to the secretariat by next Monday 14 October. The proposal should be brief, concise and to the point.

Father Yago presented the day's Agenda, which was as follows:

- Elaboration of the Membership Agenda (reports, assembly and group work at the tables);
- 2. Discernment groups on Leadership;
- 3. Elaboration of the Leadership Agenda.

He then presented Saturday's Agenda of the Day:

- 1. Elaboration of the Configuration Agenda (reports, assembly and group work at the table);
- 2. Development of the new ministries agenda;
- 3. Saturday afternoon: online meeting with the laity.

The Chapter members approved the two-day agenda.

The chapter members were then invited to work in groups; these were in turn divided into two blocks: one worked on the theme of "Leadership" and the other on "New Ministries."

A plenary sharing on the topic of Leadership followed, after which it was back to work in the tables again on the topic of Leadership.

Father Kenneth took the floor and pointed out that the Chapter members had asked many questions throughout the day for clarification. This is a sign of a growing interest in the dynamics proposed for the work of the Chapter. Furthermore, during the sharing, the urgency of the topics of formation and economy emerged. In addition, the topic of the religious brothers, for which it is necessary to ask what to do and especially how the relationship with the religious priests should be lived, at the institutional level. Finally, the question of leadership: a chapter elects leaders; these must keep in mind the recommendations and indications that the general chapter itself entrusts to them. For this to happen, co-responsibility is required.