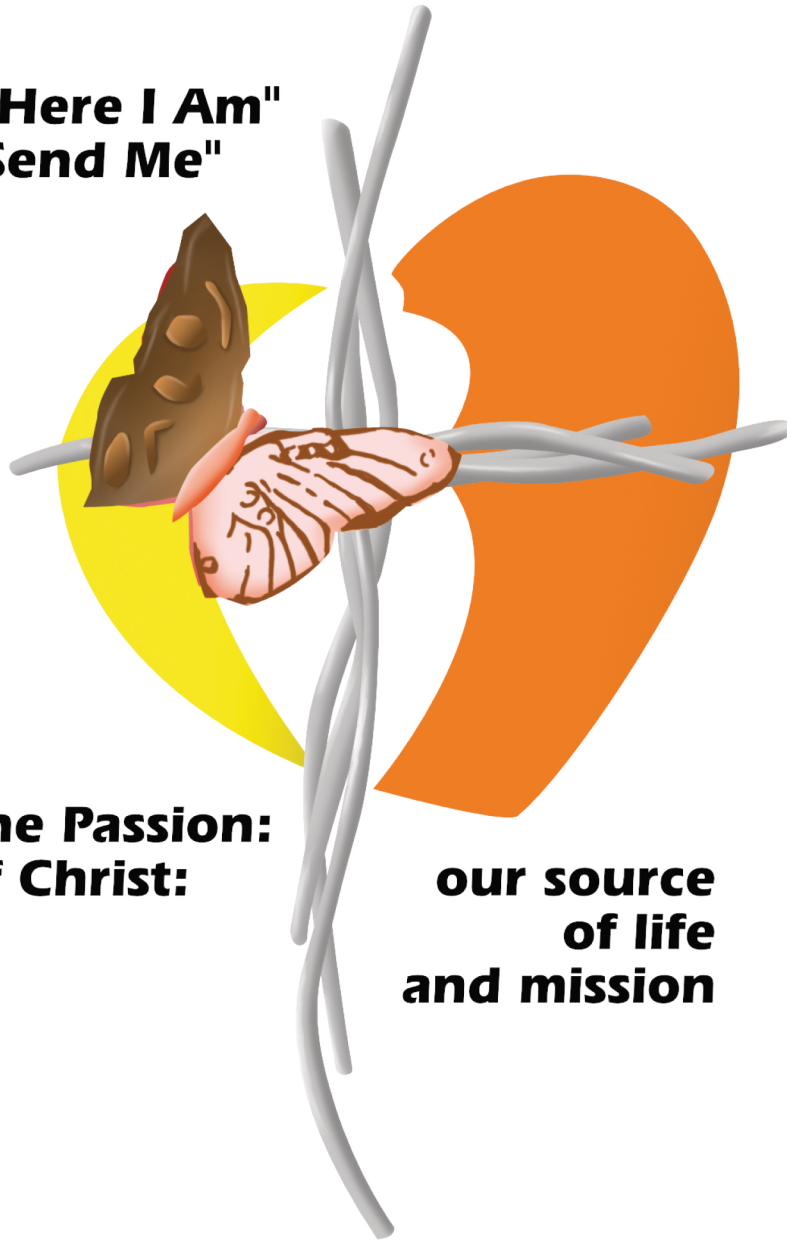


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of life  
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## **October 12**

On October 12, at 8:00 AM, the religious gathered in the Chapter Hall. Father Yago invited the Chapter members to assume a comfortable posture, close their eyes, feel their heartbeat and pay attention to their breathing. He then invited Group 4 to lead the prayer time. 1Cor 12:12-14:27 and Mt 5:13-16 were read and concluded with invocations.

The president greeted the Chapter members and asked each person to look if there were any absentees at their table. All the Chapter members were all present.

Father Yago then invited the Configurations to present the status of their Configuration based on the SWOT analysis.

A plenary sharing followed on the topic of "Configuration".

Afterwards, the working groups shared their thoughts about the topic of "New Ministries," which was followed by plenary sharing. After that, individual tables returned to work on the topic of New Ministries.

Worthy of mention is the intervention in the plenary session by Father Alessandro Ciciliani, with a reflection of a historical nature that was placed between the weaknesses and opportunities that were expressed for each Configuration and Province. He addressed himself in particular to the Provincials and Presidents of the Configurations and to the new General Council, to offer them help in the process of revitalization of the Configurations.

During the afternoon session, an online meeting was organized with the Passionist lay people, introduced by the President of the Chapter and led by Father Rafael Vivanco. At the end of his speech, he asked the following questions to the participants:

- What does it mean for the laity to be Passionist lay people and how do they express it?
- What do you think of the path of the Passionist Congregation at this time?
- What do you desire from our journey of life and mission together, lay people and religious, today and in the coming years? In what way?

A fraternal sharing moderated by Father Rafael Vivanco followed.

Father Kenneth took the floor and explained that to reach the fullness of truth, one must always be on the move. The current understanding that the capitulars have is evolving, thanks also to the testimony of the laity, who push for a reflection on the charism in the light of the Spirit of God.