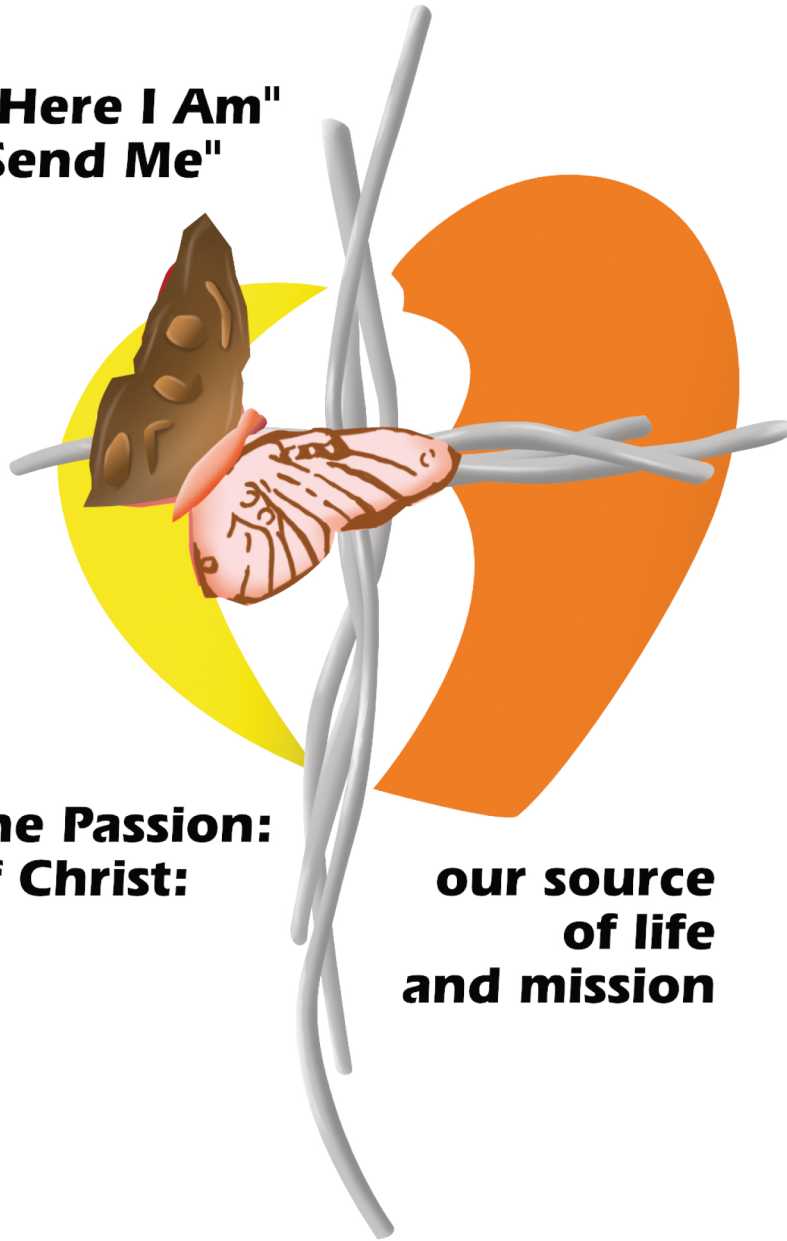


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On 14 October, at 8 AM, the religious gathered in the Chapter Hall. José invited the Chapter members to assume a comfortable posture, close their eyes, pay attention to their breathing and prepare themselves to listen to the Spirit. He then invited Group 5 to lead the prayer time. The Holy Spirit was invoked, and Wisdom 9:1,5.13-14,17-18: 9-11 and No. 72 of the Constitutions were read.

The president greeted the Chapter members and asked each person to observe if there were any absentees at their table. All the Chapter members were present except Father Raphael Mangiti Osogo, who was absent for health reasons.

He presented, on behalf of the CCC, the names of the Chapter members who can serve on the Redaction Commission: Denis Travers, Paul Cherukoduth, Aurélio Aparecido Miranda Miranda and Jules Mapela Thamuzi. The Chapter members approved and, therefore, the Redaction Commission was constituted. He also proposed a committee that will reformulate the proposals/decrees received and those that will be received by the Chapter Secretariat. The Chapter members approved the following names proposed by the president: Alessandro Foppoli, Angel Antonio Pérez Rosa, Enno Rufino Dango, and Eddy Alejandro Vásquez López.

Father Yago informed the assembly that the "discernment" phase began today. He presented the weekly plan agreed upon by the CCC, for which approval was sought. The Chapter members approved.

He projected on the screens a short catechesis on the theme of "discernment," drawing on some of Pope Francis' speeches. This was followed by short texts from St. Paul of the Cross, without citing the source, a passage from the Pope Francis' letter on the occasion of the General Chapter, and finally a quote from Father Timothy Radcliffe, OP of 10 Oct. 2024.

After that, José distributed to the Chapter members various pages of a document concerning a "Proposed Process for Facilitating Discernment". The eight groups were arranged two by two for work on the topics as follows:

Groups 1 and 7:	Interior life
Groups 4 and 8:	Membership
Groups 3 and 5:	Leadership
Groups 2 and 6:	New ministries

A lengthy plenary sharing on "Inner Life" followed.

Father Kenneth took the floor, who underlined the importance and beauty of the inner life and pointed out the many questions there were on this topic. He then recalled a phrase from Pope Francis that "reality is superior to the idea" (EG, 231); therefore, it is important to come to understand how to live the charism today so that it can still bear the fruit that the Spirit desires. He also praised the seriousness with which the chapter members are addressing the various issues and how listening to others means trusting the Spirit within each one; and it is always the Spirit the One who guides all the work of the chapter to the right discernment.