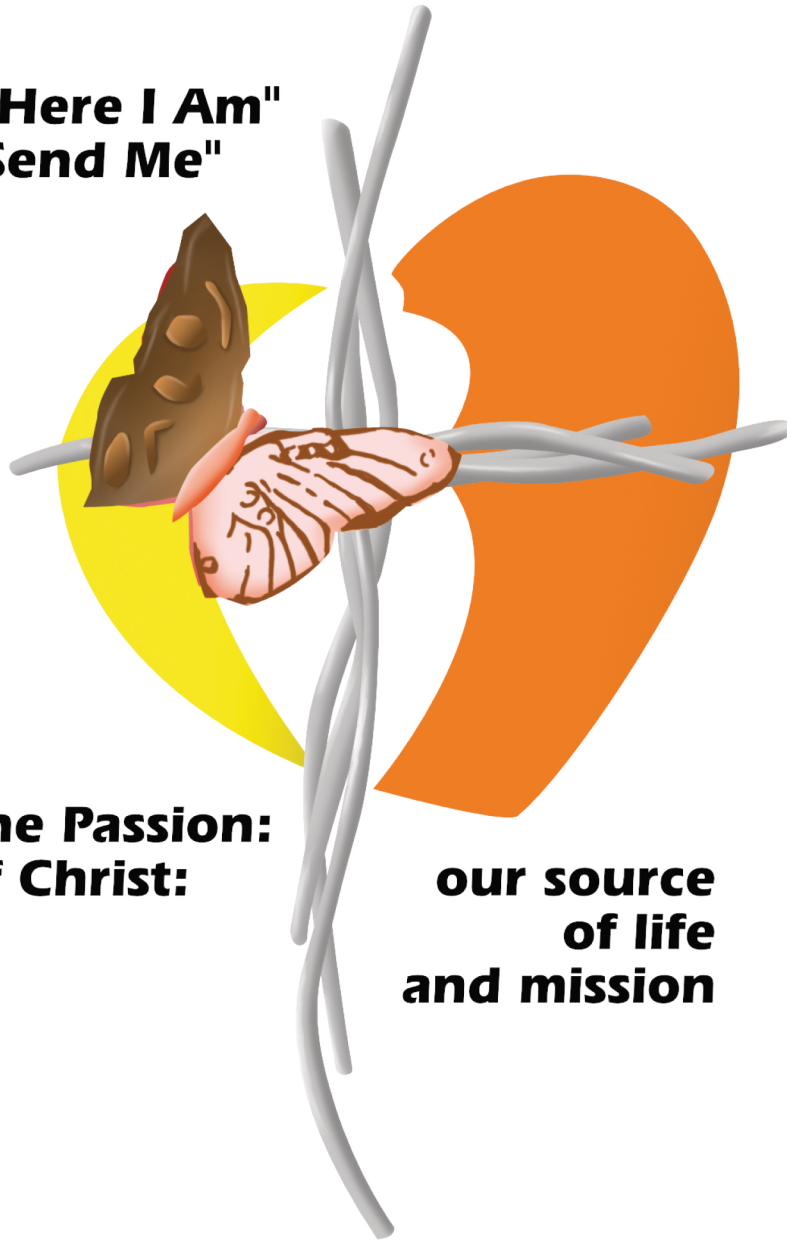


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October 16

On October 16, at 8 a.m., the chapter members met in discernment groups to work on the theme of “Configurations” The methodology used for the work was spiritual conversation.

At 11 a.m., the religious gathered in the Chapter Hall.

The CCC suggested a new time for the afternoon in view of the discernment before the election of the General. The capitulars accepted the proposal.

After each discernment group presented the results of its work, a plenary sharing followed, during which areas of concern (guidelines) were identified, for which recommendations should be presented.

In the afternoon, the President of the Chapter led a brief moment of prayer, during which he recited “The Prayer of Abandonment” by Charles de Foucauld. Afterwards, he gave the floor to Father Kenneth, who led a meditation in preparation for the choice of the new leadership.

The spiritual observer recalled that these are serious decisions: choosing the new Superior, the members of the General Council and others to be made in the coming days. He invited us to take the discernment process very seriously, without fear. He then added: “sometimes we might ask ourselves: are we on the right path? Where does our journey end? Pope Francis says that the journey is made by walking together, with personal conversion, deep listening and conversations in the spirit; this is the path of the Church, of the people of God. You say, repeatedly, this is our path as Passionists. We are synodal people”. He concluded by recalling the words of God in Exodus 3:12: “I will be with you”.

Finally, the discernment groups shared in plenary on the following question: “What qualities would we like to see in the person of our superior general for the next six years?”.