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On October 26, at 8:00 AM the religious gathered in the Chapter Hall. The Superior General invited Group 12 to lead the prayer time. It included readings from Col 2:6 and short passages from the letters of St. Paul of the Cross, a prayer of invocation and concluded with a prayer of thanksgiving.

The Superior General announced the absence of Fathers Joseph Haruo Someno and Longino Kamuntu due to health reasons; Fathers Josaphat Bernard Kiwori and Luigi Vaninetti were also absent.

The Facilitator first gave the floor to Father Denis Travers, who read a document and a summary of the entire General Chapter. Then he proposed a "Chapter integration and synthesis space" divided into three phases:

- A period of personal time;
- Time at the table;
- A plenary time period.

He also asked the Chapter members to recall the Chapter logo with all its particular elements. He then offered them a set of keywords and proposed questions for them to answer in writing.

At the conclusion of the session, the Superior General thanked the organizers of the Chapter and all those who, in different capacities, had participated.

Father Kenneth echoed Father Timothy Radcliffe's words spoken at the Synod of Bishops and reminded the Capitulars that "we should not be afraid of disagreement, because the Holy Spirit is working in it," and Providence worked even when things seemed wrong. Even if one was disappointed with the outcome of the Chapter, God's Providence was at work in this assembly and now the task of each Chapter member is to do what one believes is right; the rest is in God's hands. It was only one Chapter, there will be more. Not everything could be done, but they should try to take a next step and to begin this as soon as they return to their communities. Finally, the whole assembly sang the Salve Regina.

With the Eucharistic celebration in the Basilica, Father Giuseppe Adobati declared that the 48th General Chapter was concluded.