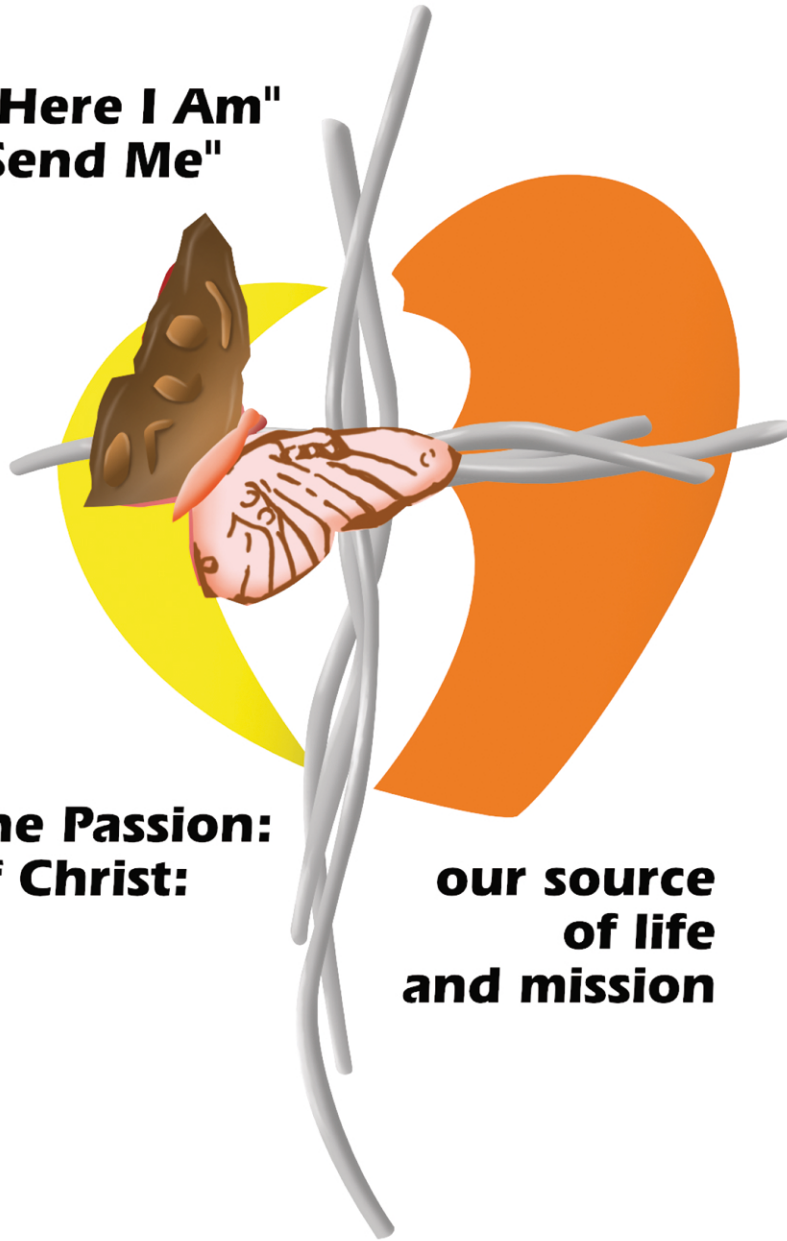


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**The Passion:
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9 October 2024

**48th GENERAL
CHAPTER**

October 9, 2024

On October 9, at 8 a.m., the religious gathered in the Chapter Hall. Facilitator Jose took the word and invited the chapter members to assume correct posture and pay attention to breathing. He then yielded the word to Group 1, who led the prayer time. A passage from the Acts of the Apostles (15:7-9.12.25-28) was read and concluded with the recitation of the Our Father.

The president greeted the chapter members and proceeded to roll call. After that, he proposed not to proceed to roll call every day, but invited the chapter members to note any absences and report them to the chapter secretary. The chapter members accepted the proposal.

Jose took the word and proposed an exercise--the *Johari Window*--a method used for the purpose of greater understanding and improved communication. The Johari method and the SWOT planning tool, used to assess strengths (Strengths), weaknesses (Weaknesses), opportunities (Opportunities) and threats (Threats), were the methodological strategies proposed by the facilitators.

The Configurations/Provinces CJC, SCOR, MAPRAES presented their report according to the SWOT scheme as suggested by the facilitators. A plenary sharing followed, and some questions were addressed to the President/Major Superior and members of the Configurations/Provinces.

In the afternoon there was an online meeting with Anna Marie O'Connor, executive director of Passionist International Inc. O'Connor recalled that vision remains the same at the UN: "to amplify the voices of those affected by all forms of poverty, inequality, discrimination, exploitation, and violence; and to commit to the care of all creation, the equality and empowerment of women and girls and all marginalized groups, the promotion of peace and reconciliation, and the building of socially just and resilient communities".

PI has continued its efforts to focus on the following areas:

- **Women and girls.**
- **Haiti Advocacy/Justice Coalition of Religious.**
- **Extractive industries.**
- **Gaza.**

Other Committees PI attends:

- Climate Working Group of Committee of Religious NGOs – PI applied for accreditation to attend COP26 Biodiversity Conference in Colombia to support faith-based and indigenous advocacy efforts there;
- NGO Committee on the Rights of Indigenous People + participation in Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;
- NGO Committee on Migration and NGO Committee on Financing for Development.

This was followed by a plenary sharing and some questions were addressed to the Executive Director.

Next, the CCH Configuration presented their report again according to the SWOT pattern, which was followed by a plenary sharing and some questions were addressed to the Configuration President.

At the conclusion of the day, Father Kenneth took the floor and recalled the beauty of the expression “Passionist family,” stressing the importance of intense collaboration with the laity. He then emphasized the atmosphere of listening in which the chapter members were immersed on this day and finally the desire for learning, which emerged from listening attentively to the reports of the various Configurations.