

CFIC NEWS

34TH GENERAL CHAPTER

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OPENING OF CHAPTER

The first day of 34th General Chapter started today with the celebration of the Holy Mass in the church of the General House, presided over by the Superior General Father Michele Perniola. The 33 delegates gathered around the beautiful altar. The celebration was streamed with the help of Mass media. Thanks to the young operators of the Cathedral of Bari.

PRESIDENCY OF THE CHAPTER

Among the first chapter acts was the election of the Presidential Council. Brother Ruggero Valentini (President) and Brother Stefano Caria (Secretary) were elected; Appolinaire Anguissa, Brother Aldo Genova and Father Michael Sebastian were elected as moderators. Finally, Fr. Kingsley Chimaobi and Fr. Joji Babu Tommandru were elected as Scrutinizers.

FUNERAL RITE FOR FATHER GIUSEPPE. For a circumstance desired by Providence today was also celebrated the funeral of Father Giuseppe Donzello, an eighty-year-old Montian religious, who died in Rome on 10th Saturday. He was born in Ispica (Ragusa) where he will be buried in the family tomb. Among his activities are remembered in particular the years of mission in Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea and in the retirement home Il Pigneto in Velletri.



FATHER CIARDI ON FOUNDER

In the afternoon, the Claretian religious Fr. Fabio Ciardi, a scholar of consecrated life, gave a talk on the figure and role of the founder in a religious Congregation. He developed some basic concepts: a Spirit-guided experience, a luminous idea, an effective work, a transmitted experience. The legacy of the Founder, then, passes through four verbs: to live, to preserve, to deepen, to develop. Finally, he outlined the contribution of individual members to the common charism, the task of the community, the presence of a more articulated charismatic family that includes the laity, harmony with the whole Church. The Founder, therefore, is a saint to imitate, to follow, to listen, to love, to invoke.



Icon of Olga Anastassopoulou (part.), Rome, CFIC General House

BIRTHDAY OF JOJI BABU.

Today, Father Joji, an Indian from Andhra Pradesh, turned forty. He participates in a General Chapter for the first time and for him it was an opportunity to feel close to the affection of so many confreres from different continents.

STATISTICS.

Among 33 Delegates, 5 constitute the General Council, 5 represent the Italian Province, 3 from the Latin American Province, 5 from the Indian Province, 7 from the African Province, 3 from the North American Delegation, 3 from the East Asian Delegation and 2 from the General Jurisdiction.



Drought

A statement from the Presidency of the Chapter immediately involved the Delegates in the need to contain water consumption due to the drought that in recent months has affected Italy and beyond. In this regard, paragraph 211 of Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato si'* was circulated, which calls for the adoption of more sober lifestyles. ●