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"Now is the hour and the time for mercy"

From yesterday through Sunday Father Miguel Marquez, provincial of the Carmelite Fathers in Castile (Spain) accompanies the Chapter. In his homely yesterday, he invited us to hide ourselves in the entrails of the Father of mercy, in that intimacy which reveals the Son to us and in which we participate- relationship that makes all yokes sweet and all burdens light.

At the Eucharist today, he emphasized another of our Lord's teaching: " I desire mercy, not sacrifice". This calls us to welcome each other in our own entrails, without judgment, even as the Father keeps us in his entrails.



In resonance to yesterday's theme (JPIC) and evoking Teilhard du Chardin's words, Father Miguel invited us to live a "cosmic Eucharist, a universal communion, discovering in the white round bread which we shall receive all the names, the stories, the dreams, the tears, all that lives and reflects the Creator".

Enveloped in this mercy, it is possible for us to see history, the past, the present and the future in God and to discover that our congregations, our congregation doesn't live to survive but in order to find a new birth, now : that is our joy and the risk that we take. Today's readings invite us to be channels of life, gratuitously and in freedom, as the prophets were, who emptied themselves of self in order to fill their entrails with divine mercy. We need "to learn to love like a burning log, without leaving traces of ourselves".

It was a beautiful introduction to the day's work: the morning was consecrated to research concerning the path to be taken with the Augustine Sisters of Notre Dame de Paris and the afternoon, to the discernment for the choice of the General Counselors.

Mobilizing Projects

The corridors and rooms on the ground floor at Auteuil are colorful, thanks to the photos, panels, text-covered papers, objects of all sorts... on which each province presents a project that has mobilized the province. The visual presentations allow us to enter into the reality of the assumption throughout the world.

We don't have the space to present all the projects so have chosen a few; your delegates will present the rest.

The school at Chakereni in East Africa

We have all heard about this project, affectionately known as the Pope's school. But when we learn more about its roots and its development, what can we say but "It is God who conducts all things and never a more loving or wiser hand could guide our destinies".

This project had mobilized the entire East African province even before the canonization. For a long time already, sisters and laity wanted to have a school in which the Assumption pedagogy could be incarnated and developed. The research in view of the project had started before becoming the present that the congregation wanted to offer to Benedict XVI.

The province set to work in order to meet the challenge: research, plans, involvement of all, and an Assumption educational project emerged. The ardent prayer of sisters and friends wasn't lacking either, nor the contribution of ideas.

In August 2007, the province celebrated both the joy of the canonization and the Golden Jubilee of the Province; the project for the school underwent transformation.



Land was bought near Moshi on which the buildings could be built, and soon the precious setting for Assumption education in the region began to grow.



During Diana's last visit, an evaluation of the project was made. The participants continue enthusiastically, knowing that the entire congregation bears the project in its heart.

Gestation and birth of the Southern Atlantic Province

One picture is worth a thousand words, and the woman's belly symbolized the first phase of the project presented by the Southern Atlantic province.

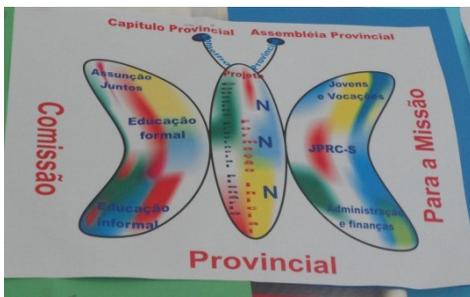
This province was born thanks to the process carried out by the Assumption in Argentina and Brazil. The panel presented by the delegates is in three parts, which correspond to the three phases of the project which mobilized sisters and laity during the long gestation which saw the birth of the Southern Atlantic Province.

The first moment depicted on the panel is that of the sensitization, illustrated by the woman's womb.

The second phase implied getting moving. Every one felt concerned. The choice of a name was important, as well as the articulation of the provincial project and the structures of government.



All of this is reflected in the picture of a butterfly, beautiful and fragile at the same time, with the antennas that permit it to be attentive to the world, and wings that let it fly. A living creature in an ecosystem.



The third moment presented is that of the harvest of fruits, impossible to describe in a short paragraph and which will be presented in the report to the chapter. The province contains 10 communities, 56 sisters and two lay communities.

Photo of the day



Maria Thu, a Vietnamese sister in the Auteuil community, surprised us today by playing a beautiful piece of organ music during communion.

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