

## COSTA RICA - REGIONAL MEETING

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After prayer and some interchange, the ST region in Central América met under the direction of Victor Hugo Machorro Reinoso. Alexis Zúñiga could not be present but he was in prayer during our meeting. We discussed the following:

**From reading *The joy of the Gospel*, what direct implications for us as religious preparing for a General Cenacle does it have?**

There are many coincidences. Our charisma is very much in tune with *The Joy of the Gospel*.

The implications for us are to return to our roots. The joy we feel for the Gospel makes us happy. The author is a religious with missionary ideas.

**From your own experience and from sources you might want to quote, what can you say about our charisma and how to live it out?**

There is some confusion among ourselves. The preservation of the faith for lay people has to be and arises from their baptismal commitment. To preserve the faith is not just a theme. Fr. Judge wanted to reinforce the charisma. He identified lay leaders, he spiritualized them, he formed them and sent them forth. That is a method proper to us. We cannot live by quoting isolated mottoes.

Our first source is the Word of God and the sacraments, then come our own methods based on our first source.

This question was asked by a Trinitarian, what do you see in us Trinitarians? And they answered, we see hospitality, a desire for God, I am treated as family. This last word has been repeated often.

You have to begin by not having anything.

Just like Fr. Judge formed lay leaders, we can do the same. We are called do precisely that.

We are the product of committed lay people. The lay people in the Trinitarian history have a vocation to serve others.

To preserve the faith you first have to know it. When I am not conscious of my own roots, I just go from place to place. There is a deep worry because we are asked to know the life of the Triune God. We need to have a close relationship with Jesus. We also need to have a copy of the Bible so that we can know Jesus by means of the Word of God. Beginning with Scripture, Fr. Judge invites us to share our joy with one another. This is for everyone, lay or religious.

We have to discover those lay people who are on fire to accompany them as we have been accompanied.

The meditations or any reference point of the STs should not be seen as obligations, as if you were in a formation house. It should be something deeply rooted but not imposed, it should be personally desired. Sometimes we channel mission according to who we are, and we turn away from our charisma. We cannot stray from the source, the mission must be run according to God and the charisma of the STs.

We are people oriented, we see each other as brothers. Certain limits have to be established. People should see us as priests and ministers of God. We should not permit any abuse of our generosity. We are ready to serve, but not for everything people want. Our principal function is a spiritual one.

**What do you want the delegates to prayerfully consider in the pre-chapter and the General Cenacle?**

Proposals: Look for a parish near the house of formation in Costa Rica for developing our charisma and do week-end work

### **Unification of programs**

- I do not agree because they are different programs. Problems in the different stages may be harmful to all
- It is not the time for that. What we have has been recently established
- I agree, it might be very helpful. The professed will be models for those in pre-novitiate
- It depends on the structure. They are two different programs, some things can be in common, but not others. However directors should be able to work together