

REPORT OF REGIONAL MEETING - MÉXICO

(Responses)

First part

1. We must review ourselves in our minds and hearts so as to make sure we are on the same page with the heart of Jesus. Such a review is to be joyous, not out of fear. Motivate ourselves to enter confidently into the joy of transforming ourselves. What do we have that we can give? We have an invitation to become missionary shepherds (to smell like sheep and not like an office). We must renew our commitment of going out to find the sheep. Father Judge calls us to build a spiritual life, to experience being with God in prayer. A shepherd must be a joyous person. The people's needs are detected by being in touch with them. To listen to the people and being with them so as to respond to their needs. We must be creative in the manner we live our connection to Jesus Christ. We need to make space for the healing of pastoral agents, to regenerate the experience of the resurrected Jesus. In our personal and social choices we should look to their good and their beauty. We do recognize that the direct implication for us as religious, is that we should review and meditate on our "being missionaries", taking into account our own ways of proceeding in our daily tasks and the way that we are in the midst of the reality surrounding us.

Our being missionaries must arise from a personal encounter. People today look to experience God, not necessarily to know Him better. Our charisma is to make others have that experience and then share that experience with others.

Our charism is based on an encounter with God, and there resides the happiness that our service provides. The human implication of that dimension, forces us to embrace our limitations, in order to serve others without selfishness on our part.

One cannot be a missionary *grosso modo* without being a disciple.

2 How do we live our charisma? Going back to our origins. Being with the poor makes us apostles. We cannot lose track of our charisma, our vision and our identity which are our existence. We must preserve our charisma. It is the essence of who we are. Make room for healing our confreres, regenerating the experience of Jesus crucified. Guide well and consider the beauty of our personal and social choices.

Second part

Note: The task of the Chapter is to mark the course for the congregation to follow while remaining faithful to our charisma. The voices of all members are heard. General legislation for the congregation is the objective of the Chapter.

1. Attention must be paid to the formation of those in charge of formation, in the five areas of formation, as well as those in formation, if we want good missionaries. Attention must also be paid to fidelity to the charisma as the basis for formation. Missions are not necessarily parish missions. Explore other ways of doing missionary work during formation. The students should promote vocations as part of their apostolate. The fact that students wish to have a mission near the house of formation does not mean that the Bishop wants it (this is not a matter for the General Chapter anyway).

2. There is a need for continuous conversion, for brotherly community building as a point of unity in our congregation. Preserving fraternity is a continuous task. Our experience convinces us every day, that the task of evangelizing is not only ours, but is everyone's. The manner of living it is at the heart of community.

Part 3

There is an exhortation to live out our own discipleship, which implies an intimate encounter which is the origin of our continuous conversion. Have an equilibrium between the different aspects of the logo as the center of our religious life, spirituality, community and mission. Promote permanent formation. Advance in the construction of fraternal spaces as the important aspect of our community life. Begin by acknowledging and being grateful for what we already are, would facilitate this task.

Part 4

In our task of accompanying the laity, to what kind of pastoral life do we take them? (We hope it is to our charisma). Being aware that we are accompanying lay people exposed to atheism, the media, fobias toward the clergy for some abuses, etc. What kind of lay people are we accompanying and how are we, as company?

Part 5

1. As a congregation we do not have a methodology to form lay people as Missionary Servants. Each member approaches formation in any way he likes. Acknowledge who we are and what we do and involve lay people in that reflection, because they are seeing what we are and how we live our charisma, although we have no plan for that living.

Part 6

1. We continue to do the same things expecting a different result. The fact of asking ourselves the same questions is an indication that we are doing things right and that we want to do better. We need to focus on being agents and promoters. Many complaints

and questions are the result of the necessity of recognizing the value of what we are doing. What about systemic change? Is it only an announcement?