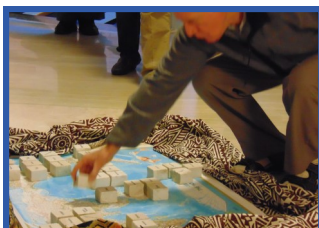


Chapter Day 1



The day began with a solemn ritual entry into the Chapter Hall. Each delegate was called by name, declared themselves to be "Present!", came forward, collected a marble stone marked with their name from the world map, was greeted by the Superior General, and then entered the Chapter Hall where they placed the stone beside the statue of Our Lady. The lamp of the Chapter was then placed on those stones. The assembly listened reflectively to a reading from 1 Peter about living stones, and prayed the Chapter Prayer. The Superior General formally declared that the Chapter was convoked.



The day's proceedings were largely organisational formalities: the accepting of the various officers of the Chapter. Fr John Hannan was voted in as the President of the Chapter. There was discussion and amending of the *Ordo Capituli* and, finally the election of the Steering Committee.

The two youngest chapter delegates, Frs Juan Carlos Pina and Miguel Contreras, were appointed as Scrutineers for the Chapter and had a very busy time today counting hands and the various paper votes, always careful to come up with a total of 38.



Steering Committee

The members of the Steering Committee were voted by the assembly in the afternoon. They are:

- Martin McAnaney (chair)
- Tony Kennedy
- Albert Kabala
- Tim Duckworth

According to the approved *Ordo Capituli*, the committee "decides on the agenda and process of each day and other matters of ordinary business which may arise. The chapter may change the proposed agenda by an absolute majority vote.

Sessions of the chapter are opened and moderated by a member of the steering committee or by another chapter member whom the steering committee may deem appropriate."

