

Chapter Day 2

The second day of the chapter opened with Morning Prayer at 7:15 – a sign that we are now into serious work mode.

The Chapter Session began with the Prayer for the General Chapter in Spanish.

Report of the Superior General

The Superior General then presented his Report to the General Chapter – “To lead our Society in rediscovering our deepest identity as Marists.” Rather than read the report itself he spoke to it, and then gave a summary of what he had said. Fr John stressed that the Society could not be complacent, and that she needed to change. If we are to have a long-term future as a religious congregation we must act now to prepare for that future.



The Chapter delegates discussed the report in groups and diagrammed the responses on large pieces of paper and then the group looked for commonalities. They attempted to envisage how life might be for confreres in a changed Society of Mary.



Report of the Bursar General



In the late afternoon, Fr Paul Martin presented the Bursar General's Report to the Chapter with all of his school-teacher skills and a well-designed PowerPoint Presentation. A General Councillor was heard to say, “I never really understood all those separate funds until today.”

The day finished without having a chance to ask questions. They will come tomorrow.

