

Chapter Day 13

After the election of Fr John Larsen as the XIV Superior General of the Society, the chapter delegates had a day off on Sunday.

On Monday morning Fr John Hannan, as President of the Chapter, welcomed Mrs Bev McDonald (New Zealand) and Mr Michel Macquet (France) to the Chapter as representing World Marist Laity. They are respectively secretary and chairman of this body. They introduced themselves to the Chapter session and presented a series of papers on Marist Laity. These were then discussed by the Chapter table groups.



Fr Marcello Pregno led the midday Mass in Italian.



In the afternoon plenary session the process of selecting the members of the General Council commenced. It began with Fr John Larsen giving an inspiring description of the qualities which the Superior General wishes for his team members. Each table then produced two four-name scenarios, and after the capitulants had looked at those, each capitulant composed his own selection of a possible team which was

collected to be given to the Superior General. Some of the names proposed were of confreres who are not present at the Chapter.

At 5pm Bev and Michel returned to the Chapter Hall with responses to the written questions that had been posed to them on the basis of the morning's presentations and discussions.

Evening prayer focused on the person of Françoise Perroton and the pioneers of the SMSM flowing out of the conversations during the day on Marist Laity.

