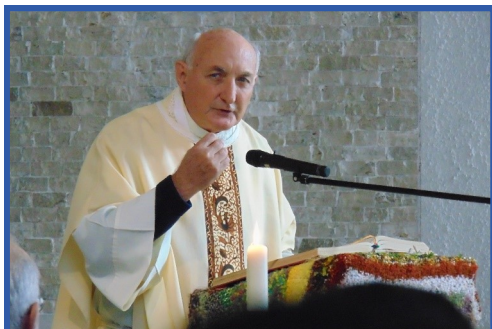


Chapter Days 18-20



In the past days the Chapter has been busy—besides the election of the General Assistants—between plenaries and working groups to work on the key topics defined by the chapter in the previous weeks.



On Saturday a festive mass—presided over by Fr John Larsen—and lunch took place with representatives of the Marist Sisters, the SMSM, the Marist Brothers, the Marist Laity and they were joined also by the seminarians of Casa di Maria, who provided rousing music for the liturgy, and who were finally able to congratulate their former superior, Fr John Larsen.



On Sunday the capitulants had a welcome day off and on Monday it was back to work for the final three days of the Chapter. A blizzard of documents were pushed under doors on Sunday evening as issue groups attempted to get the final form of their documents before delegates for decision at the full plenary session.



Monday saw 'Governance' pass a whole series of resolutions. The work on 'Safeguarding' generated a lot of discussion and amending of the document and the 'Legislation' group made their first presentation.



The Secretaries and Translators made Herculean efforts to keep up with all that was going on. The strong preference expressed for hard copy kept Ray Staunton and the copier very busy as well.

Fr David Corrigan managed to connect Jonah and the Good Samaritan and all this in his sermon during the midday Mass.