

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE GUANELLIAN COOPERATORS

NOVEMBER 12, 2019:

First Day entitled: IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD

This morning: November 12, 2019, at 10.30 am, all the participants of the General Assembly of Guanellian Cooperators, gathered at the House of St. Mary of Providence in the avenue of Nocetta. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided by Mons. Paolo Ricciardi, auxiliary Bishop of Rome for the pastoral health officially opened the assembly. At the gracious celebration of the solemnity of Our Lady of Providence, there was equally the presence of the entire Guanellian family, gathered to solicit the maternal help and providence of Mary for the success of the week.

At the Holy Mass were also the presence of the Superior General and his councillors as well as other priests who although are participants of the same Assembly, have come a long way with the cooperators in their respective nations. The Mass was animated by the "good children", the workers and educators.

The afternoon session which continued at the International Theological Seminary was graced with the greeting of Sr. Neuza M. Giordani, the Vicar General of the Guanellian Sisters. In her words, drawn from the Founder's, she invited the Cooperators to truly offer themselves entirely so as to find ways and manners to spread the Kingdom of Charity and to be visible hands of the Founder.

The profound and rich *Lectio Divina* of Don Santino Maisano on the Gospel of the Wedding of Cana, helped the participants to approach the passage of the Gospel of John, grasping its peculiar features of joy. With a deep and personal reflection in the light of the Word, Don Santino invited the Guanellians Cooperators to reflect and verify their journey in order to rediscover the joy of their vocation so that it could be given to the world especially to the little and the needy through authentic testimony.

The evening ended with a lively moment of fraternity and sharing with the priests and seminarians of the theological seminary.