

PRACTICAL CONCLUSIONS: MAJOR SUPERIORS AND DELEGATES MEETING

A). First day. The topic was:

Report of the Superior General and interventions of the Provincials and Delegates on problematic and hopeful aspects of 2020 in the Congregation.

➤ From the participation of the Superiors Various exhortations came out:

spiritual life

- ✚ Prayer never lacks, soul of the apostolate, both on a personal and community level.
- ✚ Resume to develop the personal plan of life.
- ✚ The presence of the spiritual father is recommended as personal help and accompaniment.

fraternal life

- ✚ The confreres and communities should be accompanied by sustaining hope especially where it is extinguished due to covid or other difficult situations.
- ✚ The confreres should be exhorted to come out of only virtual contacts and to prefer direct relationships whenever possible.
- ✚ Communities should be urged to be faithful to the community appointments as per Rule: practices of piety, community gatherings, participation in the planning of the House and the evaluation of the mission, as occasions for witnessing faith and fraternity.
- ✚ The ability to age and accept the changes and certain inevitable transformations of the features of the houses should be encouraged in the ongoing formation programs.
- ✚ Efforts should be made for a community life capable of living moments of relaxation, joy, feast, family atmosphere. Human relations between the confreres should be more taken care.

the local superior

- ✚ Relevance should be given to the figure of the local superior of a community.
- ✚ The formation of the superiors in the service of responsibility should be encouraged, accompanied, by giving them trust, favoring them with concrete examples of how to animate a religious community as well as an activity.
- ✚ It is recommended to involve all the confreres, according to their possibilities, in the mission of the house.

new management models

- ✚ New diversified management models are studied for communities and activities.
- ✚ To prevent burnout and the stress of confreres engaged in the mission, updating, study, formation must be encouraged and excessive use of social media has to be avoided.
- ✚ Each community, as well in the Centers, in compliance with the Norms, lives the pastoral task within its activity: by approaching, listening and encouraging, giving moral and spiritual support not only the guests and their families, but also the staff, the workers.
- ✚ The value of interculturality in our communities should be kept in mind: respect, welcoming and the ability to adapt reciprocally each other for those who welcome and for those who are welcomed.
- ✚ Involving all the confreres in the activity, especially the elderly so that they are able to perform a service, even a simple one, among the guests must be taken into consideration in the Plan of the activities of the House.
- ✚ Efforts should be made in each House so that there will be a clear distinction between the environment dedicated to the activity and the one intended for the life of all the members of the religious community.

central government

- ✚ Greater animation is expected from the General Curia in the field of Ongoing Formation.
- ✚ In addition to the Formation 'Notebook' of the year, PF on social media, by language, the translations of texts on charismatic identity could be provided.

at every level

- ✚ The experience of using online platforms and web communications has been fruitful and positive during this period: continue on this path, further enhancing the means of mass communication.

B). Second day. The topic was:

New configuration of our religious communities in social, professional and charismatic sustainability.

- From the participation of the Superiors arose the need to verify in each activity:
 - ✚ If we are truly welcoming the poorest; those who have no one and who have no social security, at least leaving a place for the poorest as the Founder wanted.
 - ✚ if we are giving bread and Lord in an equitable manner in our Houses or if we are concerned only with bread; if we are evangelizing with our charismatic

experience or if we are only attentive to have internal and external appreciation of the House;

- ✚ if we are putting into practice our pedagogical principles: PEG, With faith, love and competence; and if we are doing a quality service in our activities, especially of prophetic and evangelizing witness.

➤ Also emerged the need of:

- ✚ the concept of 'Samaritan parish' whose characteristics have been described by the General Chapters;
- ✚ the idea of greater passion and maximum availability in pastoral service starting from the charism received to be given; in this regard, stimulating both a theological re-reading of the charism carried out together by Guanellian religious and lay people, and the possibility of extending involvement in the activities also to the laity;
- ✚ the importance of remaining open to charismatic prophecy, sensitive to the current needs present in the Church and in the society: to maintain, that is, the traditional activities, possibly transform them into more agile structures where possible, but also to promote simple services, where it is mainly required a presence of animation, without economic-administrative management.

C). Third day. The topic was: How to revive our Guanellian laity.

➤ It emerged as participation of the Superiors:

1) GUANELLIAN YOUTH

The present situation

- ✚ A sporadic presence in the Congregation. The fruits are seen where there are figures of capable, creative and willing formators, thus.
- ✚ The raw material is missing in some of our realities: the young people. Especially in those realities it is necessary to work in a more synergy between Provinces and Delegations.
- ✚ Where the young people are present, they must be involved in guiding groups of children, in catechesis, in pastoral care, in the animation of free time, in feasts ...

- ✚ Where the Guanellian Youth Movement (GYM) is well organized, regular training, aggregative moments, volunteer experiences and work camps are guaranteed and annual meetings, spiritual exercises and a week of spirituality are planned.

what is proposed

- ✚ In view of the World Gathering of Guanellian Youth (2022), it is suggested to experience assembly moments at the level of the Province or of the Nation in this present year.
- ✚ Implement youth ministry, which is originally vocational, to help young people discern God's plan for their life.

2) GUANELLIAN COOPERATORS

what is running on

- ✚ A reality present in every Province and Delegation. More or less numerous and active groups. Well organized in some countries a little less in others.
- ✚ Elected the World Council in November 2019. The Guidelines for a Program' to be implemented by the Assembly of Cooperators, but the different language of the members, different mentalities and cultures make their task even more difficult.
- ✚ It is a well-planned Association, with its own renewed Statute, with formative proposals for the moment at a national level, but it will lead to international and worldwide proposals.
- ✚ The annual promise is a moment felt, prepared and lived with participation and enthusiasm on the part of all.
- ✚ The Guanellian Cooperators/ASCI have shown great solidarity with the SdC and the DSMP, especially in this time of pandemic, in making themselves available to help the poor.
- ✚ There is a lack of a true capacity to be the motivating force behind the journey and lay commitment in our houses inside and out, in the Church and in society.
- ✚ On the subject of aging, in some groups, there is no serious concern about invigorating of the members of the Association.

what still can be done

- ✚ A greater synergy is desirable with the SdC and the DSMP in proposing the lay and religious vocation.
- ✚ On our part, there is a solicitation to give greater autonomy to the Association and to help them pursue ecclesial recognition as an autonomous Association,

detached from the two religious Congregations. Although now the Association asks the religious to be accompanied and supported.

- ✚ Where required and possible, efforts are made for the civil recognition of the Association.

3) GUANELLIAN LAY MOVEMENT

the situation today

- ✚ It is a Movement born on 2001, but which has taken root only in some nations of the Congregation. Its physiognomy is still little known: a great reality that embraces all the different situations of lay people who collaborates and share the spiritual and guanellian mission.
- ✚ The GLM was born differentiating itself from the cooperators to favor all those lay people who are sensitive to the theme of the promotion of the human person, they are attentive and collaborate in our houses on behalf of our beneficiaries, even though they are not Catholics, or not in full communion with the Church.
- ✚ The Movement has a reference document (not Statute), "*Making Charity the heart of the world*", published on 2009, which describes its identity, participation and mission without creating bonds, or requiring membership cards or religious promises.
- ✚ In some geographical realities it is the springboard, the nursery to become part of the Guanellian Cooperators Association, in others it is a reality entirely in its own right, in some others it is considered an unnecessary superstructure, especially if it's conceived as a board of directors constituted on purpose.

proposals for the future

- ✚ It should be a "large container" or a common house, where it can converge the Guanellian laity that participates in our life in different ways and with different purposes: Cooperators, workers, volunteers, Past Pupils, relatives, youth, Guanellian families ...
- ✚ It is worrying that there are many committed lay people who circulate around our Institute, are available for collaboration in the mission, but do not intend to become part of either the GLM or the Guanellian Cooperators. We study how to involve them, without imposing nothing at all.
- ✚ At the moment, the GLM needs greater awareness among the confreres and the laity themselves; make known its Constitution Document: "*Making Charity the heart of the world*"; appoints a contact person in each Province who keeps the

idea of the Movement alive and motivated; eventually compose a hand book (vademecum) of news to facilitate knowledge.

- ✚ It could suggest at the level of each Province and no longer with a world organization of animation, responding locally to the expectations of the Movement.
- ✚ The GLM could also undertake the commitment to become the motivating force of Guanellian pedagogy and Guanellian scientific research, as well as like a motivating force of a culture linked to the values of our charismatic heritage.
- ✚ Take into account the proposal of specific charismatic formative itineraries, on the type of the school of the charism, which can be addressed to everyone, and not only to the leading groups, to avoid the sporadic nature that sometimes characterize our formative moments with the laity.

D). Fourth day. The topics were:

- The study of the economic sustainability of our activities and the presentation of the draft budget estimates of the General Curia for 2021.

Linked to the General Treasure's report came out

Regarding the study of the economic sustainability

- ✚ With regard to the first issue, the practical indication that emerges from the report is to take into consideration that the Provinces / Delegations plan, for their own deeds and activities of competence, to carry out a serious economic study on each of them, in order to verify the real economic situation, the critical issues, the risks and the viability of any interventions that become decisive, both in view of an effective improvement in the situation or, on the contrary, in view to an eventual transformation or closure of the activity.
- ✚ At the same time, a study must also be made of all the aspects that can detect the significance and "social" influence that the deed or Activity has concretely in its environmental context and in the context of social and welfare policies implemented on site. This study, too, must be envisioned in view of any decisions concerning the continuity, transformation or closure of a specific activity.
- ✚ Finally, there remains the study and evaluation of charismatic sustainability, for which the indication is to entrust to some confreres, who, specifically, will have the opportunity to study and deepen the charism, to see if it is possible to identify essential criteria that allow us to evaluate a specific Activity according to the charismatic significance that it expresses in its social environment and in the Local Church.

Budget for the Curia Generalizia for 2021

✚ the practical indication to re-study and redefine ways and times concerning the contributions of the Provinces to the General Curia, after having ascertained that the provisions of the Chapter Motion, in this regard, are difficult to implement. This will also be useful in view of presenting alternative proposals to the Consultation 2022 or the next General Chapter 2024.