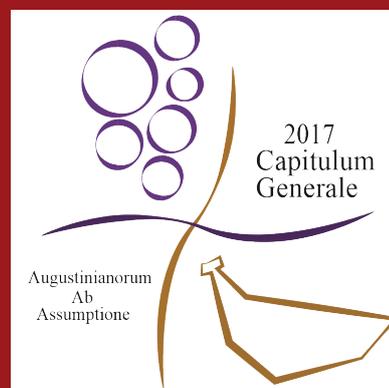


Special Date : 10th May 1972

The Chapter has celebrated NGUYEN Van Hung's birthday, a few days in advance. And other birthdays : J.F.Petit, Marcos Lucio Bento de Souza, Erick Raharivelo. What a pleasure !

THE PLACE : St Francis of Sales' Chapel at Valpré.

The ceiling of the chapel of Valpré has been repainted. A new freshness for the spot where capitulants meet several times a day for prayer.



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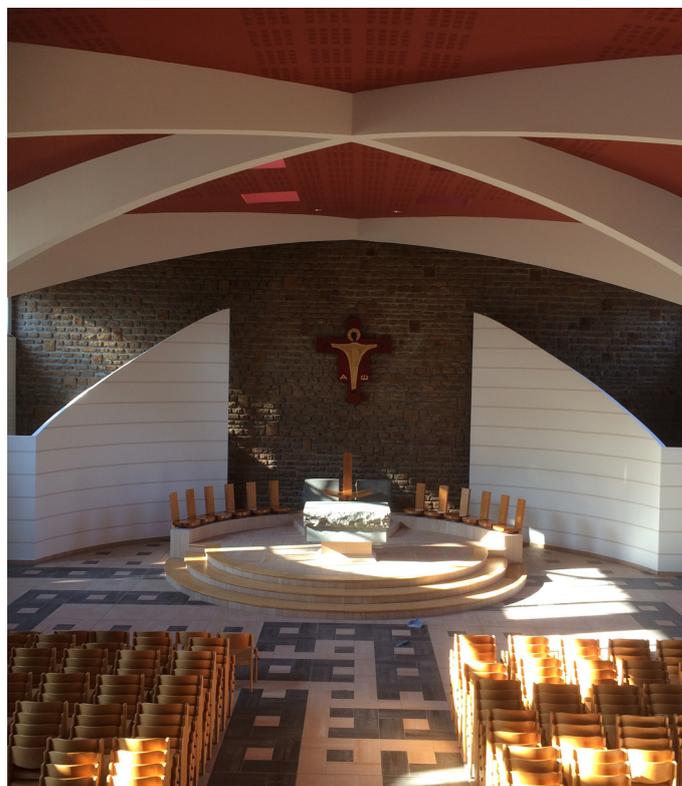
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Headlines

ALREADY A WEEK !

Many coloured paper squares have been arranged by the capitulants before the altar of the chapel during Thursday's eucharist. With the name of each participant on this kind of ex-voto paper. Friday 5th, lay participants are leaving as most of them are going back to their countries. They will have plenty of information and things to think about after a week with the General Chapter. They gave us a summary of what they have learned in a final speech.

A first version of a text about the Alliance between religious and lay people has been introduced and discussed. You can find among the suggestions a common format for the commitment in the Alliance, the unifying of the process, the need of a sign, an increase in the representation in the international commission, an annual reflexion theme chosen by the Superior General, better communication about the Alliance to be given in AA-Info and the official website, a schedule for meetings at different levels. All these suggestions will be put in the basket before the final text. The lay commission has been invited to review the text.



Later that morning, there was work in groups about the needs in the world and in the Church. In the afternoon, each commission met as a group. They chose a President and a secretary. Our Promotor, father Wilfrid KASEREKA KIBANDA, told us the system for the Chapter is becoming clear and ready to go ahead.

Br.Robert Migliorini

First impressions from religious participants :

Father Jay Hector LITUANAS (Philippines), 46, first participation in a General Chapter.



The word I remember : Collaboration

My hope for the next week : to find new ways of collaboration.

An image from the first week : Internationality.

Fr. Erick RAHARIVÉLO (Madagascar), 45, first participation in a General Chapter :



Key-words : Reform, re-founding, openness, readjustment, sharing, vulnerability, hope, internationality, pooling, Alliance, formation.

The quotation : « Nobody is an island » John Doone's poem (1572-1631). Thomas Merton took this as a title for one of his books.

A wish : To form a general team able to give animation and lead the religious in the spirit of Assumption.

To be followed...

(1). Le poème de Donne : « Nul homme n'est une île, un tout en soi; chaque homme est partie du continent, partie du large; si une parcelle de terre est emportée par les flots, pour l'Europe c'est une perte égale à celle d'un promontoire, autant qu'à celle d'un manoir de tes amis ou du tien. La mort de tout homme me diminue parce que je suis membre du genre humain. Aussi n'envoie jamais demander pour qui sonne le glas : il sonne pour toi. »

Some messages sent to the General Chapter

From Sr Felicia Ghiorghies, General Superior of the Oblates Sisters of the Assumption.

"I want to express my gratitude to the Assumptionist Fathers, for your fraternity and collaboration from the beginning, especially for the Mission, first of all in Bulgaria, till the latest one in Mexico.

You are blessed to run your General Chapter during Easter time. May the spirit of the risen Christ live in your hearts and during your debates. May this spirit guide you so you may answer with boldness and creativity the needs of the Church and the world"

Sr Laurence Levisse, from the Oblates in Vietnam:

"I send you this message of support in prayer during your General Chapter. May the Lord be your light, thus you can discern the Father's will and choose it with courage and zeal for the Kingdom of God !"

From the Orantes of the Assumption, Sr Hangei Sylvestrine and her community « Martin Coronado » in Argentine.

"From Argentina, we follow the 33d General Chapter. We pay attention to you in our prayers, our charism reminds us "Let's pray without ceasing : sala ya ku dumu". For the Assumption and its works, we have been founded to be "the sap in the Assumption tree", our Mission in the Church consists in keeping alive the prayers of the Virgin Mary and disciples. It is our joy to know that during these three weeks we will be in communion with you. Despite the distance, I send you our message as living stones : "Congratulations for your presence in Lyon, union makes strength, Amen, Alleluia !"

This Friday :

a recollection day

preached by Fr. Marie-Bernard KIENTZ.

Several lay people belonging to the Christian Community of Valpré have planned to attend it.

**Here is opening words of the recollection :
« This time for nothing, just for nothing...
where we could hear something
fundamental»**

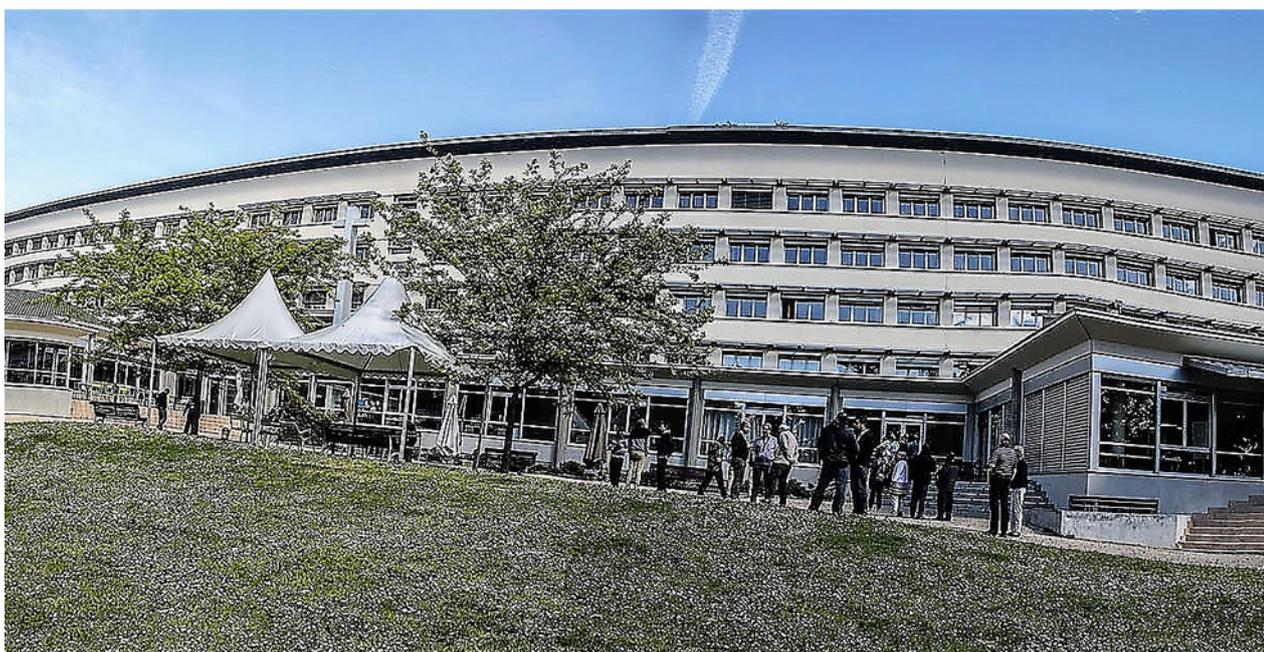
This expression “A time for nothing, just for nothing” refers to a very important time

in the opening of a musical piece, vocal or instrumental. When the choir is ready, after the first violin has given the tune, there is a silence, the very special “time for nothing, just for nothing”... This measure gives precisely the tempo, the pace, the trait the conductor wants to propose for that piece...

This day of silence, of inner silence, of availability, will guide all the activities towards the core of this General Chapter.

Fr. Marie-Bernard Kientz (European Province) had been Novice Master from 1969 to 1982 and from 1989 to 2001. He has been in charge of the Assumption Missionary Procure from 2001 to 2015. He lives in the Provincial House in Paris.

On Saturday, the religious will be carrying on the Chapter activities.



Next issue on Tuesday 9th May.