

PRECIS – DAY 4

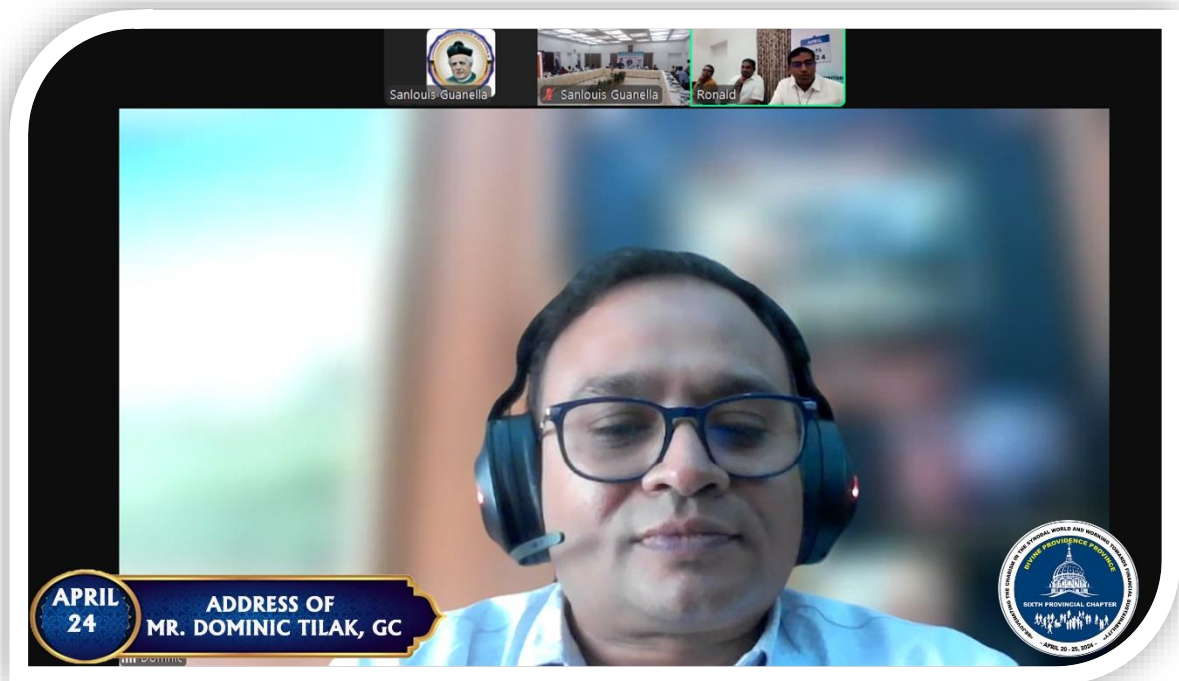
APRIL 24, 2024 – WEDNESDAY



The fourth day of the Provincial Chapter began with the morning prayer animated by Fr. Maria Rajan and the Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, the Provincial Councillor. In his homily, he focused on reflecting on the **SCARS OF ST. LOUIS GUANELLA**. His reflections flowed through the following streams of thoughts, such as,

- *Becoming the bearers of the challenges and sufferings of Good Children with love and compassion,*
- *Offering oneself to become part of beneficiaries' life by cherishing their pain and rendering healing measures,*
- *Recognizing the face of wounded Christ in the face of the poor and suffering.*
- *Imitating the scars of our beloved Founder, through PRAYER and SUFFERING; Prayer to strengthen one's relationship with God and Suffering – to strengthen our service for our brethren.*
- *Being creative in vesting our true commitment to the communities, confreres and beneficiaries.*
- *Being committed to truly living our Founder, and courageously facing and accepting the scar of insufficiency, the scar of uncertainty, the scar of denial and loneliness.*

At the start of the session, moderator Fr. Samson led the opening prayer service with a Divine providence chaplet and a hymn to the Holy Spirit, after which the members recited the prayer for the 6th Provincial Chapter. Then, Fr. Amalraj read out the minutes of the previous day and got it approved. Fr. Praveen let the members know the wishes and greetings came from the Guanellian families all around the world. Followed by, moderator Fr. Samson asked the chapter fathers if there were any changes to be made to the schedule, and the forum agreed to follow the same schedule as the previous day.



Then, moderator Fr. Samson introduced **Mr. Domnic Tilak, the World Council member for the Guanellian Co- operators** to the forum. He said that Mr. Dominic is of a humble and approachable character despite being highly professional, and mentioned that the whole province is proud of him for his wonderful service and commitment to the congregation. Mr. Dominic began his talk by thanking the fathers for the opportunity and their exemplary life. In his talk, he meticulously *explained the following*

- *The reality of GC, GLM, and GYM in India with clear statistical data,*
- *The gradual development of the lay cooperation over the years (in the last 24 years the GC number has grown from 4 to 25 from 3 locations and 200 GLM members in 12 locations) and the growth-quality of service and involvement of GC and GLM in the missionary activities of the province and communities.*

- *Translation of GC Statutes in Tamil with the help of Fr. Provincial Superior and Fr. Adaikalam.*
- *Futuristic plans like increasing the membership to GC and GLM, making Guanellian manuals and statutes available for GC and GLM through translating them into vernacular languages,*

He also humbly answered the questions and efficiently clarified the doubts of the chapter members. Both Fr. Provincial and Fr. Moderator thanked Mr. Dominic Tilak for his synthetic presentation and inspiring clarification on all the concerns.



Then the chapter moved to the presentation of the draft proposals and motions on Charism, Vocation Promotion, Fraternal Life, Formation, Mission, Youth Ministry, and Finance wherein the chapter members made their clarifications, suggestions, and approvals. In addition to that the miscellaneous hours were offered for the proposals that came from outside the discussions and presentations. The evening session at 6: 00 pm was started with the General Chapter Prayer animated by moderator Fr. Samson. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, the General Councillor, gave his orientation talk on the theme of the 21st General Chapter, *“FAITHFUL AND CREATIVE IN THE CHARISM, CO-RESPONSIBLE IN THE MISSION. WITH CHRIST, WE TAKE UP THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME”*.

In his presentation, Fr. General Councillor shared the following inputs;

- *Guarding the Charism of the Founder and the Congregation, and praying and electing the right person to serve this purpose is the primary task of the general chapter.*
- *Holding out our hands to the Lord in every trial as Peter stretched out his hands to the Lord when drowning in fear*
- *Being vigilant to live and to promote the gift of the Spirit given to our founder with faith and without any place for fear*
- *Expediting our missionary walk and opening our apostolic heart to the breadth of the Spirit without chance for mediocrity*
- *Being faithful and creative in the Charism through constant reviewing of the quality of our faith, of our being religious and priests, of our being spiritual fathers and shepherds, and placing God as the primacy of our life.*
- *Behaving more family-like brothers through inculcating the spirit of shepherds with hearts of faith and compassion, and cautiously avoiding the consumeristic attitude or business-like management in religious life.*



Then, the forum moved to ELECTING THE DELEGATES OF THE PROVINCE TO THE GENERAL CHAPTER. Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior explained the procedure

of the election as notified by the General Council in the letter of convocation published in the Guanella News Letter no.132. After the explanation, the chapter members proceeded for the election of the delegates and their substitutes for the XXI General Chapter. The election took its function in six rounds to choose the delegates and single round for substitutes.

ELECTED DELEGATES



- **First Delegate** : **FR. A. KULANDAISAMY**, vicar provincial was elected with an absolute majority since he rejected due to personal reasons, the presidency had to go for another round of election in which **Fr. R. Gnanaraj** was elected with an **absolute majority** and accepted to take part in the General Chapter.
- **Second Delegate** : **FR. A. SATHEESH CANITON** was elected with an **absolute majority** and he accepted to take part in the General chapter.
- **Third Delegate** : **FR. S. SAMSON RAJASEGARAN** was elected with an **absolute majority** and he accepted to take part in the General Chapter.
- **Fourth Delegate** : **FR. S. FRANCIS** was elected with an **absolute majority** and he accepted to take part in the General chapter.
- **Fifth Delegate** : **FR. M. JOHN PAUL** was elected in the second round with an **absolute majority** and he accepted to take part in the General chapter.

ELECTED SUBSTITUTES



- **First Substitute** : **FR. X. LEO JOSEPH**
- **Second Substitute** : **FR. C. ALPHONSE MARIA LIGORI**
- **Third Substitute** : **FR. S. AMALRAJ**
- **Fourth Substitute** : **FR. S. P. SAMY**
- **Fifth Substitute** : **FR. A. ADAIKALAM**

All of them gave their consent to participate as Substitutes in the XXI General Chapter. At the end with “Regina Caeli”, moderator Fr. Samson concluded the event. Thus, the day came to its end with fraternal dinner and fellowship.

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