

Read, Pray, Reflect & Dialogue

Community and individual prayer times can be incorporated into the process of reflection and conversation on the Acts of the 45th General Chapter. It can become a part of spiritual reading time, days of reflection, review of the CAP and so on. Be creative and adapt to meet personal and community needs.

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Lent: Week 5

*“Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor”
(Jn 12.24, 26).*

When I next eat bread, it will have a deeper significance for me. When I share in the Eucharist, I will try to be aware that it means your own life, which is blessed, broken, shared out and consumed for the life of the world.

Circular 469: Government in the Service of Vitality in the Institute

Like formation, the time and energy given to government, authority and leadership at the General Chapter spoke of its importance in our lives. The thematic group that offered its discernment to the capitulants reminded them of authority’s personal and communal aim: to be life-giving. While everyone in a leadership role wants to embody the aphorism “Be the principle and principal of order,” most recognize that the Holy Spirit seems to be nimble enough to accompany us through disorder as well!

The Chapter emphasized that the life and vigor of the Institute depends on credible leaders and creative structures. At the same time, its reflections are offered in the spirit of the words written by Ken Untener in honor of Oscar Romero: “We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.”

6.1 – 6.9

- + Who are the leaders who have played a significant role in your vocation?
- + Can you add to the lists offered in 6.3 and 6.4?
- + Is the communication from the Center meeting local needs?

