

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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Easter

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is nearly over." So he went in to stay with them (Lk 24.28-29).

Jesus, in times of disillusionment and faded dreams, you stand at the door of my life waiting for me to invite you in. May the experience of your risen presence bring about a transformation in my daily engagement with others. Teach me how to listen well, both to my own story and theirs.

Circular 469: Life of the Brother in the 21st Century

Brother Álvaro once wrote that "we are living not in an era of change but the change of an era." We all observe and feel that at some level. There are times when we might consider the vow of stability to be the most challenging one to honor! Life changes, and so we change with it. As a result, we always seem to be "on the way."

In the 44th General Chapter we were invited to link our story as Brothers with that of Moses and the journey in the desert. In the 45th Chapter we were invited to relate our experience with that of the first disciples and first Brothers. Emmaus and Parménie are offered to us as icons through which to reflect on our life of movement and journey. If we are faithful to the demands of the journey and keep our hearts open to the presence and movement of God, our "imaginative field" expands. We begin to see how life emerges from death. Like the spring flowers outside our window, fresh and relevant expressions of fraternity, communion and mission blossom.

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- + Underline or write down words or phrases that inspire you today.
- + Underline or write down words or phrases that speak to our aspirations for the District.

