



# Glimpses from the General Chapter



November 6-24, 2023  
Thú Duc, Vietnam

**Glimpse 9 – November 21, 2023**  
**Congratulations to our New General Team!**  
**November 21, 2023**

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After the election of the General Superior Father Benzy (*India*) on Monday, we had the presentation and recommendations of the Finance Commission for the next six years. These are proposals that they gave us a lot to think and meditate upon. We will vote on the proposals on Wednesday and Thursday with all the other proposals we have heard over the last two weeks.

Tuesday afternoon, we had discernment and dialog for the General Consultor positions of the General Team. We always elect four consultors and then have a separate election for the General Treasurer. He could be a member of the Team that had been elected or someone *not* serving on the General Team. Interestingly, in our statutes, two consultors do not have to live at the Generalate in Rome so that they might continue their ministry in their Province.

The Indian Province ended the plenary session with Evening Prayer and Exposition and, like their Morning Prayer and Eucharist, added their cultural elements from the subcontinent. (*See some photos follow*)



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After going through all three rounds on all four Council positions, we have a new team of consultors for the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Chapter also separately elected one of the members of the Team.



*Left to Right: Jose Antonio Rivera Ruiz, Anaclet Bambala, Philip Benzy Romician (Superior General), Francisco Junior de Oliveira Marques, Roel de la Cruz*

- Consultor 1: Anaclet Bambala SSS**  
*(Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda)*
- Consultor 2: Francisco Junior de Oliveira Marques SSS**  
*(Province of Argentina-Brazil-Chile)*
- Consultor 3: José Antonio Rivera Ruiz SSS**  
*(Province of Spain-Italy)*
- Consultor 4: Roel de la Cruz SSS**  
*(Province of Philippines-Hawai'i-Colorado)*
- Treasurer: Roel de la Cruz SSS**  
*(Province of Philippines-Hawai'i-Colorado)*



We pray for their ministry and mandate over the next six years!!



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Religious from India grace Father Benzy with the traditional shawl



Celebrating the new Superior General and Council





Moments of Celebration of the new Superior General and General Council

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