

Second Day

Singing birds awoke the brothers, who arose invited to a meeting with the other participants and with God. It was thusly that we me met for breakfast and prayer. The prayer was led by Br. Antonio Galindo, president of the Conference of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

The morning of this first day was dedicated to presentations by the participants. The presidents of the various conferences took the opportunity to talk briefly about the work of their conferences.

We are 27 persons who make up this meeting. In addition to evaluating what has been done, we are also planning for the next six years according to the mandates of the latest General Chapter of the Order. Specifically, we are working on the continental meetings, the international congress, the members of the animation committee, and working on a short document regarding this meeting.

In the afternoon, we studied the current situation in Bolivia. Mr. Juan Carlos Velásquez, constitutional lawyer and the executive secretary of the Episcopal Conference's commission for Social Work and Charity, presented us a view of the political, social and economic situation in Bolivia. Manual Eguiguren, OFM, bishop emeritus of Beni (Bolivia) and the provincial secretary for JPIC, gave us a view of the situation of the church.

We ended the day with a Eucharistic Celebration, celebrated by Br. Martín Sappl, the provincial minister of Bolivia, who also gave the homily.

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