



Nemi, 17 September 2025

The first day of the Chapter

The first morning of the General Chapter is traditionally dedicated to a number of organisational procedures.



Election of the President of the Chapter:

Fr John Larsen was elected as the President of the Chapter.

Election of the Steering Committee:

The assembly elected the members of the Steering Committee: Frs Juan Carlos Piña, Tim Duckworth, Martin McAnaney and Tony Kennedy, who will be the chair. They work with the president of the Chapter and the two facilitators.

Ordo Capituli and acceptance of facilitators and auxiliary staff:

The draft *Ordo Capituli*, which regulates the process of the General Chapter, was accepted and so were the facilitators, secretaries, support staff and translators. It was agreed that Ben McKenna will be the Secretary for the Chapter. Thilo Saft and David Sanchez were appointed as scrutineers.

Unit Reports

In the afternoon the Capitulants started discussing the Unit Reports. The reports provided the capitulants with insights into the life and mission of the Society in each Marist Unit and engaged the assembly in a deeper reflection and discernment on the movements of the Spirit within our Society. Each capitulant was requested to study all the individual unit reports in their own time. Questions were posed by the facilitators which helped capitulants - working in groups - to draw out significant themes emerging from the reports.



Steering Committee

According to the approved *Ordo Capituli*, the Steering Committee helps guide the Chapter's day-to-day process.

- It elects its own Chair to moderate internal meetings. Facilitators are present as a guide to assist with process and discernment.
- The Steering committee proposes each day's agenda, which may be modified by the Chapter with an absolute majority.