



Nemi, 27 September 2025

Words of direction for the Chapter and gratitude to the observers

Each morning of the Chapter begins with prayerful reflection on the Gospel, grounding the capitulants in the Word and opening their hearts to the Spirit's movement.



On Friday, John Larsen invited the assembly to reflect on two key challenges before resuming commission work: how to provide clear direction for leadership over the next eight years while still allowing freedom and adaptation, and how to draw all confreres and mission partners more deeply into the movement of the Spirit. He encouraged that the Chapter's statements be clear, concise, and prophetic, attentive to the signs of the times, based on Scripture, Tradition and Charism, and able to give both context and concrete directions.

Before lunch, the Chapter paused to thank the three lay observers—Serenia Madigibuli, Saul Gonzalez, and Anne Marie Salgo—for their presence and contributions. The capitulants responded warmly, expressing gratitude for the gift of lay companions, the importance of collaboration, and the richness each observer brought: Nia's long-standing commitment to lay formation, Saul's reminder to prioritize presence among the people especially in the context of education, and Anne Marie's leadership in evangelization and lay commitment. Their voices were received as a sign of hope and a call to renewed purpose in mission.

The afternoon focused on the presentation of draft documents from the commissions to the whole assembly. With dedication and collaboration, capitulants worked to refine the content, shaping clearer directions for the future of the Society of Mary.

Looking ahead, Sunday will be a day of rest, with some capitulants making a pilgrimage to Assisi.

Preparations are also underway for a joyful moment of celebration: the perpetual profession of six confreres from Casa di Maria, to be held in Nemi on Tuesday, September 30.

