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Friday, 14 October 2022

COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY BEGINS IN ROME



While the city of Rome enjoys its “Ottobrate Romane”, the typical time of warm weather at the end of the Summer, all unit leaders arrived at the General House in Rome to hold the Council of the Society along with the members of the General Administration.

CS2022 began on Saturday morning, 8 October with the Eucharist of the Holy Spirit, presided over by the Superior General.

In the opening session all members were welcomed by Fr John Larsen, and the Steering Committee was established: Frs John Larsen, Joaquín Fernández, Tony Corcoran, Ben McKenna Juan Carlos Pina (see picture).



There are 17 members of CS2022, which include all provincial and district superiors and all members of the General Administration. The Facilitator is Sr Judith Moore smsm, the secretary is Fr Jimmy McElroy and the translator (English/Spanish) is Fr Pat Brophy.



The Superior General then presented his report, which was reflected on and discussed by the participants.

Sunday was a Recollection Day led by the Congregational Leader of the Marist Sisters – Sr Sylvette Mane SM.

for mission, the program for student priests and more.

In the following days the Major Superiors presented their unit reports and reflections took place on strengths and challenges in leadership on all levels. There were sessions on governance, the formation of lay Marists

Most themes are discussed both in group sessions and plenary sessions, and there is time for one-to-one conversations. Besides the moments of common prayer and liturgy, every day starts with an hour of Adoration of the Holy Eucharist in the General House Chapel.

The meeting takes place in a synodal spirit of common discernment on the past and the present developments in the Society, and the imagination of its future with the sights set clearly on the 2025 General Chapter.

