

SYNTHESIS OF THE II INTERNATIONAL OFM CONGRESS FOR JPIC

1. Participants (please stand when your group is mentioned). **(Joe)**
 - JPIC Animators for the Conferences: SAAO, EAC, AFRICA, COMPI, COTAF, CONFRES, SUDESLAVA, OVESTESLAVA, ANGLOFONA, MEXICO, CENRO AMERICA Y EL CARIBE, BOLIVARIANA, BRASILENA, CONO SUR, TIERRA SANTA.
 - General Curia: Br. Mario, General Definitor, Br. Massimo, General Secretary for Formation and Studies; Br. Nestor, General Secretary for Evangelization.
 - Provincial Ministers: Br. Marino, of Rome; Br. Roberto, of Milan; Br. Augusto, of San Pablo, Brazil; Br. Irineo, of San Francisco and president of the Brazilian Conference; Br. Manlio, of Salerno.
 - The translators: Patrick, Gabriel and Alessandro;
 - The secretariat: Jim, Gianfrancesco and Tito.
 - Commissions
 - o Liturgy
 - o Logistics
 - o Animation
 - o Health

2. Objectives **(Luis)**
 - a) Share the experiences of the friars of working with the excluded:
 - b) Reflect on **the causes** of the exclusion, **the processes** that allow exclusion, and **the consequences** of the exclusion.
 - c) Propose lines of action to accompany the excluded from our charisma as minor brothers.
 - d) Offer doctrinal and methodological elements used to form JPIC Animators. This is done in collaboration with the Secretariats for Formation and Studies and for Evangelization in the work of animating the friars of the Province or of the Custody in JPIC-specific values.

These objectives are intimately linked one to another.

3. Methodology. **(Joe)**. Our reflection is based primarily in two aspects:
 - a) In the experience of the animators (presentation of the social and cultural reality in each of the Entities; the roundtable, with some significant experiences; and the workshops which had six important themes: AIDS, active nonviolence, etc.); and also, in the visit of the participants to their brothers and sisters without land (about which we will shortly present more); and
 - b) In the contribution:
 - of experts in Sociology, Scriptures and Franciscanism;
 - of the General Secretaries of Formation and Studies and of Evangelization; and
 - of the General Minister (who we will hear from this morning)

All of this we have done through the work of the participants in:

- The work in groups (by conference and by language); and
 - Plenary sessions (presentations, comments, discussions, etc.)
4. The environment **(Luis)**. Among us there has been fraternal environment, full of joy, of cordiality, of respect, and a disposition for hospitality and to understand the other participants. (There is a diversity of cultures, of experiences, and of ways of living the Franciscan charism, without losing the fundamental unity of our form of life or of the Franciscan vocation.) This environment has progressively grown in moments of:
- a) Prayer (personal and fraternal, organized by each of the Conferences);
 - b) Eucharistic celebrations organized by the Congress (the Opening Mass of the Congress, with the brothers and sisters without land, and the Closing Mass); Eucharistic celebrations planned by language group (everyday at 7 a.m.)
 - c) Recreation (A guitar concert, a visit to a Samba school, visit to the waterfalls, etc.)
 - d) In the sharing of food.
5. Other activities **(Joe)**
- Meeting with the students of the University to share with them the work of the Congress;
 - Reflection over the situation of the Amazon region;
 - Information about the objectives and activities of Franciscans International.
6. Stage at which we find ourselves **(Luis)**. We find ourselves in the period of synthesis and the concretization of the proposals for the different levels of the Order (General Chapter, General Government, the JPIC Office in Rome, General and Provincial Secretariats for Formation and Studies and for Evangelization, Provincial Animators, etc.). Logically, as is natural in any organization, there are things we should do better; but the Holy Spirit continues to work among us and, many times, through our limits and failures.

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