

## Day 2: Listen to our story...

We began our day with prayer prepared by the European Province:

*"God our Father, like the disciples of Emmaus,  
we will journey together during this Chapter.*

*May the times of reflection, debate, attentive listening, personal and communal prayer,  
allow us to recognize the Risen Christ present among us.*

*May this Chapter be a time of renewal, shared faith to discern together the new path of  
commitment that will be open to us.*

*We ask this of you Lord.*

*May your Spirit accompany us."*

The Chapter assembly then voted to approve the minutes and procedures.

Then, Mr. Jean, one of the two Chapter animators, spoke to us about the spirituality of the Chapter based on the article by Jean Claude Lavigne "Spirituality for a Time of Chapter." A few points are worth noting from this rich, clear and profound presentation:

- ❖ A Chapter is celebrated based on the Sacred story of the congregation and the renewed covenant with God and the world of today.
- ❖ A personal identity integrated with a collective identity: It is the "I" and the "We" that are in communion for a speaking fraternity.
- ❖ Availability to the work of the Spirit who is the weaver of a community discourse and of life-giving relationships.
- ❖ Humility invites us to accept that the Chapter does not transform everything. It is a process that invites us to humility because the congregation is not a business, but its human reality invites us to be pedagogical to give the desire to move forward, change and renew ourselves.

Following this talk, we took personal prayer time: "Jesus came and walked with them." Each of us asked for the grace of a peaceful, free and trusting heart to let God act and lead us towards decisions and orientations according to His heart. Then, in small groups of different languages and nationalities, we shared the fruit of our prayer, our desires and our fears.

In addition, we welcomed with us the General Council of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Lyon who are journeying towards a fusion with our congregation. With them, we were delighted, touched and moved by the reports presented from the Anglo/Irish Sector, the Region of West Africa, the Region of Egypt and the Province of Europe.