



Friday, 3 October 2014

ARC Meeting Starts in Rome



On Thursday 2 October the ARC Meeting began with a Liturgy, in which the *Declaration of Commitment* of CS2013 was taken up anew, followed by a welcome from the Superior General and an introduction on the context of the meeting in the life of the Society. ARC (*Annual Review Consultation*) started after the 2009 General Chapter. It gathers once a year the members of the General Administration and the Major Superiors for a 10 day meeting to discuss and plan issues concerning the worldwide Society, and their local implementation. On the agenda yesterday and today were the group presentations in which the provinces and districts present themselves in the light of the two questions:

1. What do you see happening at this present time in your province/district and what is called for in terms of action?
2. Name the actions you have taken in order to implement the thinking and outcomes of the CS2013 in your province/district?

Frs John Harhager (US) and Paul Cooney (GA) presented the report from the implementation committee about the financing of the future of the Society. The work of the committee was much assisted by the cooperation of each unit. Taking advantage of the presence of all majors superiors in Rome, several other meetings took place this week in the general house: The annual meeting of the International Formation Committee (see article below), a meeting of the General Finance Committee and also a meeting of the American Provincials.



International Formation Committee

The International Formation Committee had two days meeting this week in the General House. On the agenda were the following items:

- An overview of international formation: both in the novitiate and in the theologate;
- amendments for consideration by the General Council on the new directory of formation - 2014;
- consideration of a proposed pastoral program for those completing Theology;
- the approval of an evaluation template for those in formation houses;
- formation of those with the vocation of a brother; placement of the international theologate;
- the need for a suitable community for those finally professed and ordained; and
- the possibility of a new International Community for Mission and Vocations.