



### Communication No. 3

The participants of the Interchapter Assembly had their first rest on Sunday, 17 February. They transferred from Alfonso, Cavite to Manila for the Eucharistic celebration programmed at nine in the morning in the chapel inside the “megamall” in a commercial center. Presiding at the concelebrated Mass transmitted live in television was Fr. Matthew Roehrig, Provincial Superior of the United States of America. Fr. Mario Sobrejuanite, SSP, who was responsible of the TV transmission, gave an inspired homily. The Paulines greatly appreciated the joyful atmosphere of the celebration.

In the afternoon, the Superior General Fr. Silvio Sassi proceeded to the SSP Community of Makati for the blessing of the upmost part of the bookstore building for the use of SSP friends and cooperators. Its renovation was financed by them. Returning to Alfonso, the group stopped to enjoy the view of Taal Lake with its volcano, one of the many wonders of the “pearl of the orient seas.”

The work of the Interchapter Assembly continued on Monday, 18 February. In the morning the verification phase concluded with the reports on the activities of the centers for specialized formation in communication: COMFIL in Mexico, PAFCOM in Brazil, SPICE in India, and SPSF in the Philippines. International formation groups—the Juniorate in Spain and the Novitiate for Ibero-American circumscriptions in Colombia—were also evaluated.

In the afternoon, the “relaunching” phase began. Reported were the situation and activities of international bodies for the apostolate (CTIA) and formation (SIF), especially in the light of the operative lines entrusted to these bodies by the 9<sup>th</sup> General Chapter. The participants were then given some important documents on the apostolate, prepared under the auspices of the General Government, and already published in the website [www.paulus.net](http://www.paulus.net) (*Administrative Policies and Procedures and Control in the Circumscriptions of the Society of St. Paul 2011-2016, Criteria for the development of St Pauls multimedia*). The Superior General then gave for review of the Major Superiors the *Statute of St Pauls Biblical Center*.

The reports of General Councillors Fr. Ciro Monroy (for the CTIA) and Fr. Carlo Cibien (for the SIF) were occasions for recalling and reflecting upon the fundamental principles which ought to guide the administration of the apostolate. This is to be done in different levels of responsibility and according to the actual needs of formation of young people. It was also pointed out that it is important to look beyond one’s own circumscription and to acquire an international outlook. As to the “question of formation” which is at the heart of the Major Superiors, many interventions and clarifications were made on the topic.

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