

VIII Provincial Chapter of St. Francis Xavier Province

Day 3: January 6, 2022

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... Today this scripture passage is being fulfilled.”

The third day of VIII Provincial Chapter of St. Francis Xavier Province began with the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 am officiated by Msgr. Dennis Odiver. In the sharing of his reflections of the gospel of the day, he declared that the Spirit of the Lord is indispensable. Jesus is Love and Truth. He was moved and directed by the power of the Spirit. He prayed that we may be spirit-filled and spirit-led. He reminded us that this is our way of being and becoming. The Holy Mother Church invites us to be a synodal Church – a Church walking together. We have been founded on the importance of unity, collaboration and co-operation. Fr. Dennis highlighted that we are to live in communion on the model of the Holy Trinity. We must live in accordance with the life and love of the Father, the originator of love. God the Father manifests the truth, giving oneself wholly, totally, completely. “No greater love than this...”. The love of the Son is self-sacrificing love. Holy Spirit is generated and created by the love of the Father and the Son. The love of the Spirit is creative. It does not corrupt.

When the Holy Eucharist was over, the assembly proceeded to the voting of the Provincial Secretary. Sr. Omana Ouseph Maliakal was unanimously elected. Thereafter the moderator informed the participants the procedure of the day. Then, we moved on to personal study of the document, followed by Group study and plenary session. Two points were taken to be sent to the General Council.

At 2:45 we met again for the Marian devotion, after which, the minutes of the previous day was read and approved. Thereafter we proceeded to the personal study, group study and plenary session. At the end of the session, we chose two points as our final answers to be sent to the General Council. Thus, we completed the answers of Part 1, questions 3 and 4.

