

Rome, 19 March 2022.

Proceedings of the sixth day of the Assembly.

The morning session opened, as usual, with a time of prayer.

The moderator introduced the agenda for the session and the President declared the Assembly in session.

A roll-call of the members participating on-line was taken and the minutes of 18th March were approved by the readers.

The two invited guest members at the General Assembly were invited to address the members; Mother Angelina Monaco, Superior General of the Eucharistic Sisters of St Vincent Pallotti, participating on-line, and Caesar Szwebs, from Denmark who was present at the Assembly.

Sr. Angelina was first to speak, she began by thanking the members of the Assembly for the fraternal warmth of the Assembly in the previous days. She then presented a brief and synthetic overview of the history of the Congregation beginning with M. Anna Sardiello, and her formative years and some important milestones which led to the development of the Congregation.

M. Anna Sardiello entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate in 1924 and she held various roles of responsibility from an early age: as a teacher in elementary school, Mistress of Novices in 1936 and in 1946 was elected Mother General. After her election she proposed that the Novitiate be transferred to San Prisco (CE), and she desired to establish perpetual adoration as a sign of reparation for human frailties. This way of thinking encountered obstacles and incomprehension and she sought advice and counsel and she decided to leave the Congregation of the Pallottine Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate together with six other Sisters, on 30th of April 1948. In facing other obstacles and having made sacrifices the Pallottine Eucharist Sisters of St Vincent Pallotti initiated their journey. In 1951 the first candidates were accepted, in 1963 the Institute received Diocesan approval and Pontifical approval in 1973. M. Anna guided the Sisters up to her death reminding them that they were to be “Sentinels of the Eucharist”. After the Second Vatican Council the Congregation grew with communities in Italy and in the recent past also in Peru. The Sisters are involved in various pastoral works in parishes, they also have some laypersons who share their spirit in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and they seek to promote in them the spirit of Pallotti. Sr Angelina ended her presentation thanking the Assembly and expressed a hope that the process of Beatification of M. Anna will advance.

Presentation of Caesar Szwebs from Denmark; Caesar began by outlining the geographical dimensions of the country, the religious affiliation of the population and the very small Catholic presence which is spread over the national territory. He then spoke of how he lives his faith as a

Pallottine. It is difficult to advance Catholic practice because there is little knowledge of this form of Christian faith. The Lutheran Church, which is the majority Christian Church in Denmark, does not have a high level of practice and the churches are empty. He noted that the Protestant churches attempt to attract people to church using a variety of strategies. A positive development is the good dialogue between the Pallottine group of the UAC and the local Protestants and some formation sessions, prayer meetings and celebrations take place in their premises as there are few Catholic churches. Caesar noted that there is a major crisis of values in Danish society in that the Danes, in general, prefer a carefree life which is lived in a relaxed style.

In this social reality the UAC group considers it indispensable to evangelize and to implement the message of Jesus who does not promise special rewards but invites people to journey with a strong faith and trust in him.

Caesar and the other members of the UAC group are very grateful to the Polish Pallottines who occasionally travel to Denmark to help them in formation and lead spiritual retreats and study days.

There was a time for reactions and responses to the presentations of both speakers.

The members then returned to the agenda and the time-table for the day.

The members of the Assembly debated and approved some of the recommendations and proposals and referred others to the competent Commissions of the GCC for attention.

The Final Message of the General Assembly was read by the President, Ms. Donatella Acerbi.

The Sixth Ordinary General Assembly concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist at 16.30.