Formation of Major Superiors: Group 1, Rome, 10-16, March 2019

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(Rome) The Formation of Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and French-speaking Major Superiors of the Congregation began on the evening of March 10 in Rome. While the majority of superiors in attendance come from the Conference of Latin American and the Caribbean (23), there were also superiors from the Conference of Europe (6) and the Conference of Africa and Madagascar (5). Together with the Conference Co-ordinators, Fr. Marcelo Araújo from the Conference of Latin American and the Caribbean, Fr. Johannes Römelt from the Conference of Europe and Fr. Zéphyrin Luyila Ndongola from the Conference of Africa and Madagascar, they have gathered for a week-long program to assist in them in their role as leaders in the Congregation.

Fr. Michael Brehl, the Superior General and the members of the General Council are facilitating this meeting. The event began on Sunday evening with Evening Prayer in the Chapel of Casa Sant'Alfonso followed by a Gaudeamus and dinner where Fr. Michael officially welcomed all the participants. The meeting began on a positive note as Fr. Rogerio Gomes, presented the program and the objectives of the meeting at 9 am on 11th of March which was followed by the introduction of all the major superiors present. Fr. Michael presided over the holy mass in the Church of St. Alphonsus at 12 noon.

After the lunch break, the confreres listened to Fr. Carbajo Nuñes, OFM, who spoke on "the challenges in animating consecrated life in a time of change in the Provinces and Regions." Soon after this session, the confreres were divided into five groups for sharing

and discussion. As Redemptorists family we remember in a special way our superiors in our prayers during these days, seeking the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit for them as they are led in the great work of renewal in the Congregation at this time.

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