

The General Chapter Preparation Process

Report on the Fruit of the Sensing St. Daegun Province, Korea

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I. Factual Information

Topics	Number of Groups	Composition of Groups	Number of People participating in the Sensing Process
Future of Apostolic Services	2 groups	1 brother, 8 co-workers, 1 family of client	123 (9 brothers, 67 co-workers, 14 clients and users, 10 family of client, 10 volunteers & benefactors, 4 retired staff, 7 staff of related institutes)
Climate & Ecology	1 group	1 brother, 4 co-workers	31 (3 brothers, 18 co-workers, 2 environment activists, 8 general people)
Spiritual Needs and Care	1 group	1 sister, 4 co-workers	30 (24 co-workers, 6 Clinical Pastoral Carers)
Cultivating the Culture of St. John of God Family	1 group	1 brother, 4 co-workers	98 (24 co-workers, 36 clients, family, and volunteers, 16 retired staff and former-brothers)
Solidarity and Cooperation	1 group	5 co-workers	34 (2 brothers, 22 co-workers, 3 clients and family, 5 staff of related institutes, 1 expert, 1 other)
Religious Life	5 groups	5 brothers	23 brothers
Total	11 groups	35 people	339 people

II. Summary of Each Topic

1. Future of Apostolic Services

- The future of apostolic services is not the sole responsibility of the brothers but a common responsibility.
- As time changes, the receivers of our services are expanding to any people who have several and various needs. The need for spiritual care is also increasing. Sensitivity to new difficulties is required and we should go out to find the needy in the community and society.
- We accept our reality of a diminished number of brothers and community houses and now we should focus more on how we can transmit our values.

- We should let go of authoritarianism, individualism, indifference, and not reflecting.
- We should maintain the influence of brothers (transmission of values of spirituality and hospitality), ongoing formation of co-workers, good communication, person centered and qualitative services.
- We need to reflect roles of brothers, co-workers, and clients and how we can develop common endeavor according to change of times. To achieve these, appropriate type of education should be designed.
- The Province: How can we develop qualitative services all together?
 - What plans do the Province device to transmit our value of hospitality in the apostolic centers?
- The Order: Formation of co-workers, review on establishment of the 3rd Order, formation and education, and sharing mission and values

2. Climate & Ecology

- The worldwide influence of climate change and ecological environment change is a big threat to the life and health of not only human beings but also animals and plants. Indifferent politicians, big enterprises and citizens chasing after materialism and wealth show lack of interest and lukewarm attitude. Environmental activists, brothers and co-workers have a lot of worries in this area.
- Especially in health, medical, social welfare areas, there are new diseases and new types of disorders emerging. However, medical and social welfare resources to cope with are not sufficient.
- It is known that there is a big gap of recognition by generations. It is necessary to raise alert in the environment crisis.
- We expect that the Order set out active action guidelines by showing the attitude of leading by example. In particular, the vulnerable people can be victims of environmental disaster easily, we should respond to these needs.
- The Province: What are effective advertisement measures and action guidelines considering changes of times and generations?
- The Order: How can we make cooperation to help victims of climate and ecological environment change?

3. Spiritual Needs and Care

- We confirmed that consciousness was expanded and there was a positive synergy of good influence in the group when we met together and shared our thinking. Majority people of groups could be aware that they wanted basic education or experience of spiritual care.
- We can recognize that spiritual care is essential in living and there should be spiritual care from individual and organization in narrow to nation and worldwide in broad.
- We can let go of the prejudice that only religious rituals are spiritual care and it should be provided only by experts.
- The Province: Is there any fundamental system or structure to provide spiritual care?
- The Order: Sharing good spiritual care, spreading spiritual care, and encouraging co-workers to engage in

4. Cultivating the Culture of St. John of God Family

- From the tradition of hospitality services initiated and consecrated only by religious brothers to the future of hospitality services carried out together by forming the culture of St. John of God family composed of brothers, staff, service users, family, benefactors, volunteers, and etc.
- We could realize again the presence and meaning of St. John of God Family and we appreciated the influences in our own lives. We wish this culture will last in the future.

- We should treat our colleagues, staff and clients as our own family (love, patience, and caring). This is really our basic spirit.
- The Province: What kind of leaders might be desirable to be selected? What is a good formation for leaders?
 - How can we be aware of people who are hurt and isolated in the family of St. John of God and how can we take care of them?
 - How much are we open to reality and the needs of the weak in society? How can we respond to them?
 - How can we succeed (develop formation and learning) major values and how can we internalize the values and practice in our apostolate centers specifically?
- The Order: What is the measure to advertise the works of the Order? In order to increase understanding about the Order, be influenced and become more familiar.

5. Solidarity and Cooperation

- “Solidarity and Cooperation” is urgently demanded to respond to challenges of decreased number of brothers and aging, and increase of only our own Center focused and staff’s individualism.
- Most of the respondents acknowledged that solidarity and co-operation has been weakened and we could find that we had very similar worries, not just only one or two people’s thoughts through the sensing process.
- It is an obvious fact that we must respect differences among brothers and co-workers, Centers and the Province, and my Center and the other Center, and stand in solidarity and co-operate one another by reflecting and communicating that each one have same mind that we want to maintain and manifest the identity of the Order and mission.
- The Province: What should we do for co-workers to accept the spirit and mission of the Order as an attitude toward their life? How can we transmit the values of Hospitality and evoke co-workers’ vocation?
 - Are there systems to make orientation of solidarity and co-operation for recovery of synodalitas among the Order and Centers to enhance communication by making detailed planning and building strategies for implementation.
- The Order: As the number of brothers become reduced world widely and the modern trend of individualism is increased, it is required to make systems, specific action plans and practice to maintain and transmit spirituality and values of the Order.

6. Religious Life

- We could re-discover the spirits of St. John of God.
- As I look in the mirror, I can reflect on my living in the community house.
- Because of the aging of brothers, it is necessary to have a new type of community living and prayer.
- We confirmed that we should promote brotherhood in the community and we kept that in mind when we entered the Order.
- We should respect uniqueness of each brother and be careful of individualism easily indulged.
- We recognized that there are risks of sustaining the Order’s presence.
- We should ask ourselves if we have any prejudice and then we should reflect on them and step forward for practice.
- The Province: Do all the brothers in the Province approach people who need our care sincerely?
 - How can we manifest presence as religious brothers?

Is there good practice of Hospitality in the community house?

- The Order: We support suggestions regarding the establishment of the 3rd Order according to the decreased number of brothers and necessity to transmit charism of the Order. What kind of actual efforts can we make?

Because of the decreased number of vocations and aging of brothers, may we consider changing the structure of the Order(General Government and the Province)?

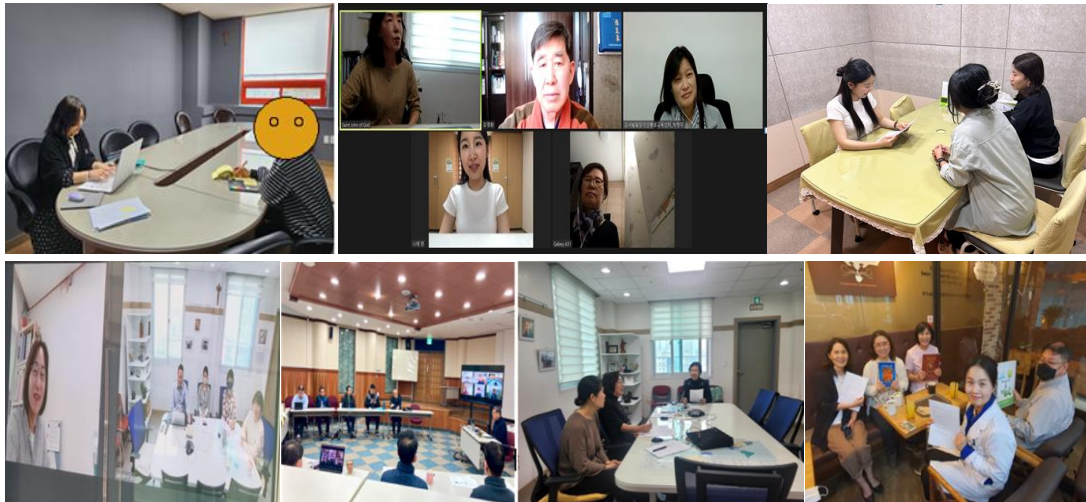
Are there appropriate formations not only for brothers and but also for co-workers in order to transmit the charism of the Order?

III. Pictures of Sensing Process

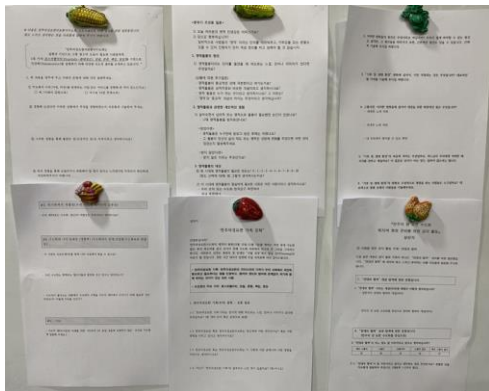
○ Education for All the Members of Sensing Groups



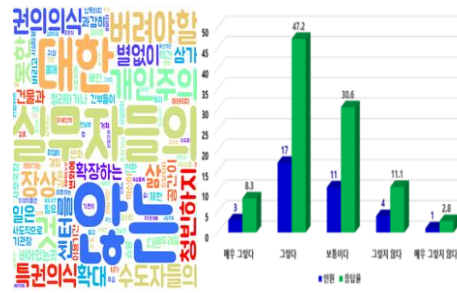
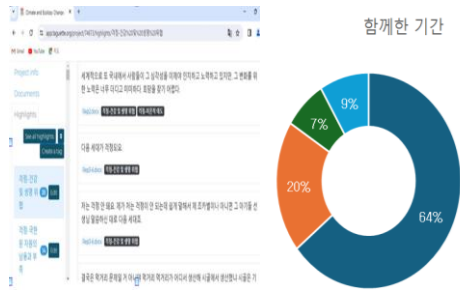
○ Sensing Groups' Meetings and Activities



○ Questionnaires



○ Analysis of Sensing Works



○ Report at the Brothers' Assembly

