



ARRIVAL

Arrival of the delegates, service personnel, and translators was scheduled for July 5th with check in and a festive gathering for supper. The welcoming committee, which consisted of Sisters Claire Coll, Diane Dupere, Denise Robert, and Claire Vanier, prepared the dining room for this celebration.



The centerpieces, which were painted by the sisters at St. Joseph Pavilion, adorned the tables with a beautiful simplicity.



OPENING OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 25TH GENERAL CHAPTER

Delegates enjoying time together while waiting for

the bus that will transport them to St. Joseph Pavilion for the opening of the General Chapter.



What follows is a synopsis of the unfolding of the opening of the Chapter at St. Joseph Pavilion in the Salle Isabelle Hebert. The recurring theme of the opening song focused on dreaming of a world without borders, open to differences, to live in solidarity in a world filled with love and to march in peace.



This was followed by Sister Kesta's opening remarks and the introduction of Simon Pedro Arnold, OSB, who gave his first conference. You will be able to access his presentation on the Congregational website.

An invitation was then extended to the sisters to share personal impressions of the content.



VISION OF HOPE ...

Responses to the following question were shared by sisters

of each Region /Sector during the opening session:

“What vision of hope abides in you for the future of Holy Cross

as we journey

‘together ... on the pathways of Resurrection of the world’.”

What might *your* response be to this question?

These "visions of hope" will appear in their entirety on the Congregational website.

FINAL BLESSING

As the ceremony was brought to a close, the delegates were invited to the stage ...



where they gathered for a final blessing by the assembly.



CLOSING SONG

The refrain of the closing song echoed the following message:

“Let’s celebrate the gift of God,

Yesterday, today and tomorrow!”

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