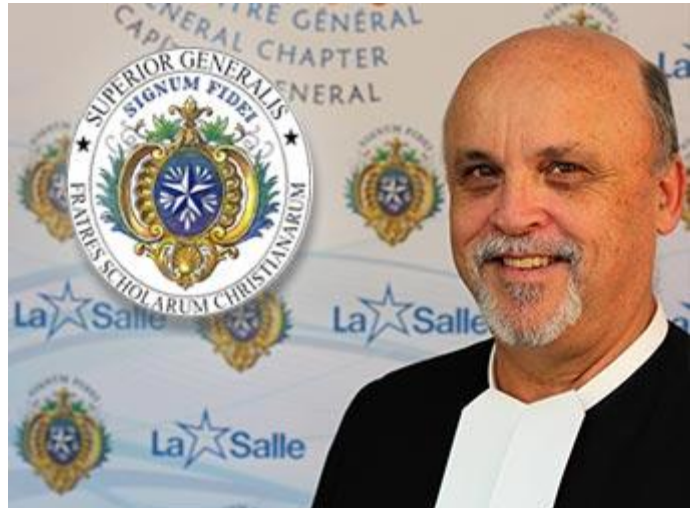




Chronicle for Tuesday, May 20th 2014

An important day for all the Brothers and Laypersons of the Institute, for as you well know, this May 20th was marked by the election of our new Superior General: **Brother Robert Schieler**.

In the morning we voted on several important proposals concerning how the next Government would function. We then took a second sondage (straw poll) to select the five Brothers who would be on the ballot for Superior General.



The election of the Brother Superior follows a very specific, detailed outline in the Chapter's Manual of Procedure.

Meeting in formal attire at 3:00 PM we invoked the Holy Spirit and heard a brief word from Brother Alvaro stressing the importance of the moment, our Brotherhood and the fact that he too was now Brother, without any title attached.

All those not Capitulants departed the Chapter Hall and we heard from the five Brothers who received the most votes in the morning's sondage.

Then, in alphabetical order, each Capitulant dropped his ballot into a box and the five Scrutineers – the youngest Brothers present – counted the votes in front of us in a very silent atmosphere.

After accepting the result and responsibility involved, there was great joy in the Chapter Hall as each one in turn congratulated the new Brother Superior and thanked Brother Alvaro. All this took place accompanied by applause in an emotion-filled, fraternal setting.

The clock tower bells rang vigorously and served as a signal to all who work in the Generalate (Brothers and Laypersons) that they should gather and join in procession to the Church (Sanctuary) for a celebration of thanksgiving. One could sense the emotional presence of all, happy and moved by the occasion, with many drying their eyes discreetly.

Leaving the ceremony, it was time for photo taking and rejoicing....

The festivities continued with a social where together we expressed our great appreciation to Brother Alvaro and our congratulations to Brother Robert Schieler.

The new Superior General becomes, ipso facto, President of the Chapter. The Chapter is far from over since in the coming days we have to elect a Brother Vicar General and Brothers General Counselors. This morning it was decided to reduce the number of the latter from 8 to 5 with responsibility for a Region among their duties.

