

Diocese of Santiago - Republic of Cape Verde - Praia - Parish of Our Lady of Grace Community de Nossa Senhora do Carmo - Achada Grande Trás - São João Baptista - Achada Grande Frente

GROUP OF PRAYER / REFLECTION SAINT AUGUSTINE

Associate / of the Congregation of Our Lady Canonesses of St. Augustine

Minute of the IXth Meeting of the Group of Prayer / Reflection St. Augustine

"Lord, show me how to do all the good possible!"



The group prayer / reflection St Augustine, Associates of the Congregation of Our Lady Canonesses of St. Augustine gathered in his ninth Assembly in January 2014, in the Parish Center in Praia.



After receipt of participants and distribution of materials, welcome and wish good work began immediately with song and prayer. All the action of the group developed under the motto "*Lord, show me how to do all the good possible*". Get together and develop work in pastoral mission, embodying all the little things as well as possible, the group prepared some themes that were analyzed studies and personally, in small groups and collectively, under the guidance of a spiritual director.

After the initial hymn was presented and discussed scheduling the meeting. Hereafter the opening prayer, which began the presentation and reflection of the first theme, was taken **PRAYER: Why pray? How do we pray? Participants reflected individually. Then was socialized and recorded by everyone, When Church prays the world turns (St. Augustine). The good and the bad persevere convert (Sao Paulo). The love of God is a concrete fact, it is present in the Most Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Prayer is a mental thing, we go walking with her (1st of St. Paul to Timothy - Chapter 2).**



The second **topic** to be worked on was the "**Prayer ROSARY and CHAPLET.**" This topic was presented by two associates carrying out experiments in communities and accumulate some daily experience: Eliseu Pereira da Veiga and Hipólito (Nhu Chiny). They besides pray the Chaplet house-to-house, accompanying the elderly, bedridden, sick's and other members of the side / the door. Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima was asked to help him in praying for us, the people who ask for prayers and especially for those in need - the sick, prisoners in conflict countries - etc.

The third **topic, "Prayer of Angelo"** has also been proposed by Associates and in order to know and understand more prayer. This topic was worked by our Spiritual accessor Juvenal and Eliseu by having some studies on this prayer and explained to us very clearly. At the end of the theme, praid Angelo.



After reflection on the topic was done lunch break and little rest.



The works were taken up for the **Eliseu and Laura who participated in Day Interecclesial**. These associates were supported by the Sisters of Brazil - Juazeiro - and cared for since their way up the back. Aspects considered most important were recorded in the report who participated in the training. Once this part finished the responsables of communities de Nossa Senhora do Carmo (Anastacio) and St. São João Baptista (Juvenal) have the theme: **The Eucharist: source of life, love and reconciliation between brothers and sisters**.

Then the participants were studying the texts, analyzed the questions raised in BIBLE, source of life and of God's people in their living guide and walk in the light of Salomon 67 (66) - God bless the land and its people; Reading book of Ben-Sirac (Sir 3.3-7, 14-17a); Reading the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians bet (Col. 3, 12-21) and the Gospel of Matthew (6, 7-15). Groups to analyze and reflect on the texts of the Bible and also think, in the motto of the group was asked, *"Lord, show me how to do all the good possible!"*.

At the end of reflection, Bartholomew also Spiritual accessor of the Apostlope of Prayer, socialize and wanted to share the learning's for the mission that biblical texts offer us. The groups led as homework produce another text on the reading of biblical texts read to analyze for publication in Booklet which will be published in July, God willing. After the thematic part. Came the turn of the new members 27 who made commitment to work together in the pastoral mission. Thus became the Promise Ceremony of the new Members and Associates Renewal of Promise to Members.



Members of the groups making promise as Associates them to work together in mission



Associates renewing their promises to continue the work of the Pastoral Mission



After the ceremony of promise from members, was placed the **medal and cross** all Associates as badge group prayer / reflection of St Augustine - Members / of the Congregation of Our Lady Canonesses of St. Augustine, achieved with the help of sisters of the Vicariate of Brazil. Completed this moment, followed the work of pastoral planning mission.



In small groups, prepared the **Action Plan¹, with their activities and tasks** to be completed in 2014. This work also put some challenges , prospects and draft that need to be rethought to give greater dynamism and individual development , personal, family and community creating spaces for reflection and tasks of spiritual , cultural , artistic nature , and above all social and economic . Planned activities and tasks were socialized and held in small groups. In the end, was sought cooperation from all, and are necessary and essential to its operation. Some include : search space for activities of the group ; searching for tables and chairs for the space activities , training and courses to deepen the practice of Spirituality in Mission (continued during the year) ; courses in music - Flute and guitar - (July to September) ; courses sewing (July to September) ; course crafts, theatre and dance (July to September) , etc. . Mobilize partnerships and participation in carrying out these projects work (tools and materials necessary and fundamental to their achievement).

To streamline the meeting, birthday Associate who has 79 years on this day January 26, 2014 was concluded.



¹See end of this minute.

The birthday man is Hipólito da Veiga (Nhu Chini) our eldest Associate. The candle which he held in his hands, this was a gift of the sisters. The thirds he also held, symbolizes the work that he is house-to-house, praying with the elderly, sick and bedridden. Also celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony done by our two partners. Everyone sang “Congratulations” and was also given wedding keepsakes.

Continuing our activity animation, it was the turn of Draws with some gifts offered by the sisters of the Congregation of Our Lady Canonesses of St. Augustine - Vicariate of Brazil - and other 'own members and guests.

This was followed by presentation of **Maria das Neves (Tuca) and Matilde, who would participate in the formation of CEBI** in Parnaíba - Brazil, at the invitation of Sister Maria Teolinda, advises Bible. Participation of associates through great effort of the sisters of the Vicariate of Brazil.

To end the meeting did a little review of Assembly giving the deepening and active participation in pastoral work, and especially in fulfilling activities and tasks planned for this purpose. They also requested that we sought in conjunction spaces and material conditions for the implementation of planned works and especially in paying **monthly QUOTA (50\$00 - fifty escudos - more or less - One Real)**. The collaboration of associates has been requested to strengthen the team in charge of whose responsibilities are:

1. Prepare and conduct meetings (2 people)
2. Participation and **Management Quota** (Sleeps2)
3. Preparation of **Minutes** of meetings (2 people)

All and all were in charge of reminding people to the dates of the meetings, and socializing the issues addressed in meetings with people who may not be present. And to boost the achievement of challenges, activities, tasks and mission of the group.

Constraints and difficulties: lack of **space** for carrying out the activities of the group, **printer and paper** to print the texts that are used in meetings. Lack of **projector (data show)** for use in the work of the topics / contents of the meetings.

The **next meeting** was scheduled for **last week of August 2014**. At this meeting it is expected the presence and participation of the Sisters and Associates from other countries. The meeting ended with prayers, Closing Prayer and Song. 79 people attended the meeting, with 72 Associates and 7 the guests from other parishes and communities.

By group leaders,.

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