



SM bulletin

Friday, 25 January 2019

General Administration

All members of the General Administration are in Rome again. A meeting of the General Council took place on Thursday.

The councillors will spend three days together in Umbria in preparation of the plenary session starting next week.

EUROPEAN CONFRESSES CELEBRATE YEAR OF COMMUNITY LIFE



*Painting by confrere Gianni Colosio
in occasion of
the Year of Community Life.*

The European province has decided to celebrate this year "the year of community life", as the gift of joy as experienced through the fraternal life, a characteristic of a Christian life. By doing this our European confreres wish to seek to rediscover that loving others, showing concern for others, being in solidarity with the suffering of others, and the prayers of others are a gift, a gift of the Spirit. A special Year Book ("Livre d'Or") will be circulated from community to community, and into its blank pages confreres share the joy of living together the fraternal life - reflections, quotes, prayers, poems, photographs etc. There will also be journeys to pilgrimage destinations, gatherings of confreres with shared interests, and fraternal visits from one community to another. One confrere formulates it this way: "We especially rejoice in the gift of our

brothers and sisters, men and women who also answered the call - the call to serve, and to love! An often-overlooked gift is that of Community Life. Sad to say, we are often more aware of our failings in its regard. Now is the opportunity to let my spirit rejoice in the fraternal bond as I look into the eyes of my confrere to be in solidarity with him in his joys and sorrows. Then community becomes communion."