



“It is not enough to sail securely. You must reach the harbor; otherwise, all the distance you have covered will be of no avail, because it will not be the goal you set out to attain” (164.3). When our morning prayer included this passage from one of De La Salle’s Marian meditations, I became curious. I discovered other points that spoke directly to our experience: “You have, without doubt, a need for light in this life, where you are always as if upon a stormy sea at the risk of your salvation” (164.1); “The road you must follow through this life being so dangerous, you need a guide to walk safely” (164.2).

These passages echo today’s topics of accompaniment and formation, which serve to sustain the vocational journey. Brother Jesús Rubio, Secretary for Formation, presented the second draft of the Guide for Formation with enthusiasm and intelligence. This text will be the first attempt at providing a guide for the entire Lasallian family of consecrated and educational communities. The participants responded to the following: What are the positive elements? What essential elements are missing? What non-essential elements can be omitted? Is the draft going in the right direction?

In the afternoon we met as a Region to share the fruit of our discernment from the past couple of days around the question “What are the 2 or 3 topics that deserve our attention and energies for the next three years at the District and Regional levels?” It is always tough to put a cap on energy, but we prioritized formation and accompaniment for all, accessibility for the poor and sustainability of current works, and leadership succession planning. Looks like we’re going to need all hands on deck to sail securely!

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