

The Center for Spiritan Studies. Meeting of the Rome Committee. Chevilly. July 18-20, 2017

The Torre d'Aguilha general chapter was concerned about promotion of the Spiritan charism and the training of Spiritan experts. The general council created for this purpose the Center for Spiritan Studies (CSS) at Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit in 2005. CSS has a Duquesne Board and a Rome Committee.

An enlarged meeting of the Rome Committee met at Chevilly, France, July 18-20, 2017. The superior general was in attendance, so were the correspondent for CSS, Maurice Shortall, the coordinator for formation and education, Florentine Mallya, the promoter of the cause of the founders, Orlando Zanovelli, the director of CSS, and eleven Spiritan experts. Ms. Marielle Beusmans of the Dutch Province represented the Lay Spiritan Associates. Representation from across the Congregation was intentional.

The broad goal of the meeting was review of CSS after ten years of existence and the discernment of new challenges, needs, and possible future directions for CSS and its Rome Committee.

Topics deliberated upon included

- a second volume of *Spiritan Anthology* and promotion of research on, and devotion to, the Holy Spirit.
- the animation of the entire Congregation on the Spiritan history and charism, the training of new experts on Spiritan Studies, the Spiritan Scholar Program, ongoing formation of formators, and the promotion of the journal, *Spiritan Horizons*, for which an editorial board of Spiritan experts was suggested.
- suggestions as to how CSS might collaborate with the Unions of Circumscriptions and the other Spiritan Centers in promoting Spiritan spirituality.



Photo: left to right – front steps at Chevilly
Front: Gerard Nnamunga, Eduardo Miranda, Jose Costa, Bonaventure Ugwu, Yves M. Fradet, Orlando Zanovelli
2nd row: Pedro Fernandes, Raymond Jung, Marielle Beusmans, Jean-Pascal Lombart, Paul Coulon
Back: Marc Whelan, Maurice Shortall, James Okoye, Florentine Mallya, John Fogarty

The attendees enjoyed the hospitality of the French Province and appreciated the guided visit of the library and archives at Chevilly and Eucharist and lunch with the retired Spiritan missionaries.

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