

January 4, 2010 - Italy – The new council of the CDBs

(ANS – Rome) – As the Fourth General Assembly of the Volunteers with Don Bosco (CDB) was drawing to a close on January 2, the moderator general and the new council were elected for four-year terms, 2010-2013.

During the morning the members of the assembly were engaged in the work of discernment, led by the former central assistant Fr. Julio Olarte, in preparation for the elections of the moderator general and the central council. The reflection and discussion culminated in Mass, at which Fr. Francesco Cereda, councilor for formation of the Salesians, presided. He invited the members to be docile to the promptings of the Spirit at such an important occasion for the life of the institute, as the elections are.

Early in the afternoon the electing process began. The votes reconfirmed Liborio in the role of moderator general.

The day ended with the traditional Salesian Good Night, given by Fr. Natale Vitali, councilor for the America Southern Cone Region, who spoke about his experience in the area entrusted to him.

The Fourth General Assembly of the CDBs concluded on January 4 with a Mass at which Fr. Adriano Bregolin, vicar of the Rector Major and first guide of the Salesian Family, presided and at which one of the brothers took his perpetual vows.

Begun officially on September 12, 1994, in the course of an assembly at which seven young men took part and looked at their own lives' experience, the CDBs were officially recognized as a public association of lay faithful on May 24, 1998, by the then archbishop of Caracas, Ignazio Velasco Garcia, SDB. Their Constitutions specified that in view of a future recognition the members of the association would live as a secular institute. On May 24 2006, Cardinal Jorge Urosa Savino of Caracas signed the document of the ecclesiastical approval of the Constitutions. In the course of this assembly the text of the Regulations was approved.

There is one CDB member in the U.S. He and Fr. John Puntino, ecclesiastical advisor, took part in the general assembly.