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Dear Voluntas sisters and brothers,

Greetings from the General Assembly!

Thank you for the support and prayers that you are sending our way from across the border in the USA.

We have completed the first week of the Assembly. We will share more details at our August Congress. For now, we will just share some of the highlights and the emotions that we are feeling .

The most moving thing for all of us is the international experience of our members from around the world. Praying in different languages, sharing meals together, and having fun trying to communicate during social times has been an enriching experience. What is amazing is that the spirit of Fr. Parent and the spirituality of the Institute is the bond that we all share in common. The Assembly is a powerful witness that the Voluntas Dei Institute is growing worldwide with many signs of life and energy.

We work hard all day listening to reports and discussing proposals and concerns from the delegates. It is a challenge to listen to other points of view and to learn how to compromise for the sake of unity. There are many proposals on the floor and we are slowly working through them. Most of the proposals are about our mission, finances, structures and spirituality.

We will vote for the Director General and the counsellors on Tuesday. The process will most likely take most of the day.

We will send a notice either on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning with the election results.

Lest you think we are working all of the time, we did have free time on Saturday and Sunday. Some of us went to Quebec City and the Shrine of St. Anne De Beaupre. We are enjoying each other's company and we are making some new friends.

Keep the prayers coming!

Tony, Andrew, Jamie, Tim, Rory, Terfa and Daniel













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