

FDNSC INTERNATIONAL BURSARS' MEETING

ROME: December 3rd to December 14th

Theme: Economy at the Service of Charism and Mission

Day 4

Today was a very good day of sharing, listening, reflecting and learning.

During the morning there was a time of personal reflection during which we were asked to consider the following:

“In your current mission, what are your joys, your sorrows, your challenges? What inspires you? What sustains you through difficulties? Where do you draw your strength?”

Each of us then had the opportunity to share the fruit of our reflection with one other person.

Following this sharing, we had an activity to close this part of the day. We were asked to draw a **symbol** of ourselves in our own context, considering our work, personal experience, joys, sorrows, challenges, difficulties, relationships and networks. We were not allowed to use any words in our symbol. Each of us then shared our symbol and the drawings were placed on the walls of the meeting room.



Drawing our symbols and speaking about our symbols





In the afternoon we heard from lay partners in mission: Corine Craje-Harskamp, the Business Manager of the Dutch Province, and Mary Kelly, an advisor to our Irish Province. We are privileged to have Corine here for the whole time of the Bursars' Meeting, and Mary for some days. We listened attentively to them as they shared their experience with us, and after this Corine and Mary answered questions which we posed.



Here we see Mary and Corine sharing their experience with us

Following this, we worked in our four groups to develop ideas on topics which had been raised earlier in the day. Reporting back from our group ended our busy day at 7.00 pm.