Inspired by the Spirit

SRL & BAGAMOYO GENERAL CHAPTER

- We meet regularly as a community to discern what God’s will for us is (SRL 44). To ensure that our discernment is in conformity with the Spiritan calling, we endeavor to be receptive to the Holy Spirit as he speaks to us through the local Church, the universal Church, our human environment and through the world we are living in (SRL 44.1).

- Called by the Father and made Disciples of Christ by the Holy Spirit, we are “set apart” to proclaim the Good News (SRL 1). We are a community in constant discernment, attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit (Bagamoyo 2.2).

PRAYER
Life-giving God of Love. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that we may know the way you want us to follow. Incline our hearts to do what is good and to turn away from all that is evil. Direct us in the mission you have entrusted to us so that we can remain true to our vocation as Spiritans, and loyal to the founding inspiration of Claude Poullart des Places and Francis Libermann. This we ask through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
(4:32-35)
The group of believers was one in mind and heart. No one said that any of his belongings was his own, but they all shared with one another everything they had. With great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God poured rich blessings on them all. There was no one in the group who was in need. Those who owned fields or houses would sell them, bring the money received from the sale, and turn it over to the apostles; and the money was distributed to each one according to his need.

FRANCIS LIBERMANN
We were not in the desired state up to now in order that the divine charity could unite us perfectly; our spirits were not disposed sufficiently for the Spirit of God to be able to communicate perfectly to one another his light
and coordinate well our views... It has always appeared to me that in the designs of God we would do things together, that we would direct ourselves by the sole Spirit of God, the Spirit of prudence and wisdom. To do that our union needs to be perfect, and thus united, forming one sole spirit and one sole heart, animated and directed by the Spirit of light and charity, we will direct the work towards the goal that God intended in uniting us and we will give it the form that his divine will imposes on us.

Letter to Fr. Levavasseur April 27, 1847.

PRAYER

O Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with noble desires and make our lives wise with knowledge, beautiful with love, and useful in service. Inspire our minds and guide us to know always what is good and true and the will to do it. Amen.