

## First MI Elective Assembly in the USA

On June 3-5, 2016, in an atmosphere of prayer and harmony, the First Elective Assembly of the MI in the United States was held at Marytown, Libertyville, Illinois (near Chicago). In addition to reviewing the journey of the past years and looking to the future, the participants elected the President of the Association in the USA in the person of John Galten. He will be assisted by the Presidential Council made up of the following members: Michael Wick (Vice President), M. Kathleen O' Brien (Secretary), Antonella Di Piazza, Juliann Elkinton and Roy Samson (National Director of MI Youth and Young Adults).

The work of the Assembly was presided over by the International President, Fr. Raffaele Di Muro, who thanked Fr. Patrick Greenough (International Vice President) for the important work he carried out for many years to make the MI grow in the USA. At the same time, Fr. Di Muro "passed the baton" to the new Council, which intends to set out on a Kolbean journey characterized by manifest missionary traits, with a significant youth ministry. Many times dedicated to recollection and prayer ensured an atmosphere of listening and serenity. At the end of the Assembly, everyone's great joy and willingness to work to the best of one's ability for the Kingdom were unmistakable.

Fr. Raffaele Di Muro, OFM Conv.  
MI International President

The National Spiritual Assistant and the Treasurer will be appointed in the near future. [John Galten, MI National President]

