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## Echoes from the Congregation Council

### 1st July 2025

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On this fourth day, the Congregation Council continued with a sharing of the elements that constitute the identity of the Assumption woman of prayer and formation in the service of the charism.

The various reports from the entities revealed a progressive understanding of our identity, which is visible through our efforts to be faithful in our daily lives: simple living, the twofold life of prayer and work (*Ora et labora*).

The emphases of our identity focus essentially on our roots in faith through prayer and contemplation, our consecrated life in Augustinian sisterhood, and our contemplative presence in the world. The communities celebrate their local chapters with this strong core of our charism in mind. Likewise, the formation process is built around these main axes.

To this end, the Council of the Congregation invites all communities to become places of formation to foster the maturation of each sister on the path laid out by our founders and invites each sister to seek ways of living a coherent life (balancing prayer, work, fraternal life, study, etc.).

Vocational ministry was also high on the Council's agenda. It is important that we become more involved in activities that bring us into contact with young people within our Churches and the Assumption family. We will be able to offer them insights into the differences between active religious life and contemplative life. This will be our contribution to awakening vocations for the Church and for our congregation.

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