God bestows a special blessing on this gathering, assembled to reflect on matters which affect our service. You must first of all examine the goal of all your actions, the glory of God. After that, you must consider the interests of this group and the good of those whose lives will be affected by your decisions. For although we are many, we must have but one heart and one spirit. Just as the Spirit proceeds from the total union of the Father and Son, so the works of Charity, attributed to the Spirit, will result from a union of hearts and minds. You see, God is Charity, you must, therefore, do all in your power to be formed in the image of God. What do we find in God? We see the dignity of persons and the unity of essence. Cherish the gifts and dispositions which God has given you. By God’s grace, you will be able to do whatever is asked of you.

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