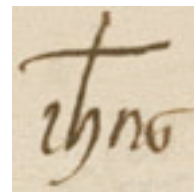


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## **JANUARY 22 2008**

With the election of the new Superior General completed, the General Congregation now takes up the second part of its duties : governance questions, postulates that have been submitted and other questions arising. To begin, the Congregation elected a Secretary and two Assistants. Father Mark Rotsaert (North Belgium) was elected Secretary with Fathers Ignacio Echarte (Loyola) and Thomas Smolich (California) were elected Assistants.

The Commission for Handling Business (*Deputatio ad negotia*) is composed of ten members representing the ten Assistancies and was elected in the morning session. The members are: Jean-Roger Pascal Ndombi (West Africa), Ernesto Cavassa (Peru), Arturo Sosa (Venezuela), George Pattery (Calcutta), Daniel P. Huang (Philippines), János Lukács (Hungary), Lluís Magriñá (Tarraconense), François-Xavier Dumortier (France), Frantisek Hylmar (Bohemia) and Thomas H. Smolich (California).

Father General announced that the *De statu Societatis* Commission will continue to function and meet as necessary even though its report has been submitted. The *De Statu* Commission wrote the report on the status of the Society of Jesus for the Congregation.

A number of appointments were made by Father General on Tuesday morning including a Steering Committee and three moderators of general sessions. The members of the Steering Committee are: Ernesto Cavassa (Peru), François-Xavier Dumortier (France), George Pattery (Calcutta), Thomas H. Smolich (California). The three moderators of general assemblies will be: Lluís Magriñá (Tarraconense), Daniel P. Huang (Philippines) and Jean-Roger Pascal Ndombi (West Africa).

## **THE VOICE OF HISTORY**

**After how many ballots were the 29 successors of Saint Ignatius elected:**

- Two were elected in the fourth ballot (Vitelleschi and Roothaan).
- Three after the third ballot (Gonzalez, Wernz, Arrupe)
- Nine after the second ballot: (Gottifredi, Nickel, Tamburini, Centurione, Ricci, Fortis, Martin, Ledochowski, Nicolás)
- The rest (fourteen) were elected after the first ballot.

**How many days into the Congregation was the new General elected?**

According to information about General Congregations in the XX century:

- One was elected after 8 days (Franz Wernz)
- Two were elected after 10 days (Wlodomiro Ledochowki and John B. Janssens)
- One was elected after 12 days (Peter-Hans Kolvenbach)
- One was elected after 16 days (Pedro Arrupe)

**Fr. Adolfo Nicolás** has been elected on the **thirteenth day** (January 19)

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***NOTIFICATION TO THE LARGE JESUIT FAMILY***

*Attached to this report, you will find an invitation to participate to the virtual "Prayer Room" of the General Congregation. Please spread the invitation around.*

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