



Community Meeting

Reflection 2

“Whatever the outcome, the Congregation needs to spend a lot of time on its knees now, preparing for some kind of death out of which it can be born again reclaiming the innocence and the powerlessness of its servant-leader, Jesus.”



During his lifetime, Albert Einstein stated two pertinent truths, namely,



“The surface is the last thing to collapse.”

All can seem to be going well. We are holding it together during this bad patch. God will give us the strength to see us through. Then, one day the surface collapses because its hidden support turns out to be rotten. The Ryan Report in Ireland marks the collapse of the religious surface in Irish life.

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“The mindset that caused its own inner collapse can never carry the seeds of its own renewal.”

“What is impacting us from outside? Do more of what we have been doing is not the solution.

A new source must be found for a new start, a new hope and a new healing.”

(Excerpt: Father Daniel O’Leary entitled Painful, Slow Redemption in The Tablet, 6 June 2009)



Questions to Ponder

1. Could it be sharing our stories, developing a heart-centered spirituality, going to the margins, living out of the four directions and the seven insights be the slow redemption for us as Brothers in the 21st century?"
2. What emotional reaction(s) did I have when I read this excerpt?
3. Is there a new theological/spiritual paradigm shift occurring in our Congregation right now? Can you articulate it? Is it happening in you as a Brother?
4. Where do we go or what do we do as Brothers to understand what is happening?
5. What is the Holy Spirit creating in us personally and in the community now? What is being born?
6. What new behaviors, attitudes and actions have you experienced lately that has led you to believe that something new is springing forth among us?

Reflection Time 10-15 minutes



Community Sharing

Closing Prayer