

# **FDNSC INTERNATIONAL BURSARS' MEETING**

**ROME: December 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>**

## **Theme: Economy at the Service of Charism and Mission**

### **Day 6: Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>**

In the morning we continued our group work, reviewing the Administration of Temporal Goods Handbook. The participants are divided into four small groups according to language. Three groups are using English and one group is using French. Our translators, Sr Renisa, Sr Elly and Paula also joined the small groups as translators. As on the previous day, each group reported back to the large group, providing comments, questions and suggestions.

Following lunch we were free to rest or to go out to see different sights until we met again at the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Piazza Navona. Here we joined our MSC brothers and the parish congregation for Mass at 6.30 pm. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Giuseppe MSC, Provincial Leader of Italy. Also present were the MSC students and other MSC. We rejoiced at the opportunity to be with them on December 8<sup>th</sup>, their Foundation Day.

After Mass, Fr Giuseppe invited us to go to the community room, where he presented each one of us with a beautiful statue of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. We were able to choose a "piccolo or grande" (small or large) size. For most of us, the choice depended upon the space and weight available in our luggage for the trip to return home! Following our time with Fr Giuseppe we sang the Ametur to bring our visit to a close.

During our days there has been an informal "book shop" at the back of our meeting room, displaying Congregational books which we were free to take. We thank the Province of Ireland and the Generalate for the opportunity to have these additional resources for our Province or Region or Country.

Tomorrow, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> is a free day to rest or to go out and see different sights in Rome. The Nativity Scene in St Peter's Square is complete, so many of us will go there to see it.



This photo shows us at Mass at Piazza Navona You can see Fr Giuseppe in the photo at the bottom left and in the centre photo.