



International Symposium of Young Lasallians in 2006

A Summary of Comments Most Frequently Appearing in the Evaluations

1. A very strong general satisfaction with the Symposium experience and strong sense of gratitude to the organizers was frequently expressed.
2. A general appreciation of the prayer experiences during the Symposium, although a few observations for improvement were also offered (too long for some, too few Masses for others, more quiet time, sensitivity to other faith groups...).
3. A general desire for more time for exchange among the participants was expressed.
 - a need for more direct dialogue and serious interaction among participants.
 - longer presentations should have been more interactive and allowed for direct questions and answers.
 - fewer witness talks by Young Lasallians, which were overly similar, would have allowed for more concrete sharing.
 - more time in language groups, inter-language groups, or Regional group meetings.
 - some time in general assembly for questions and answers on topics.
4. A desire, on the part of some, for more time to share concrete and practical information about Young Lasallian structures and about future orientations for the evolving Young Lasallians Movement was expressed.
5. A more substantial interaction with the International Council of Young Lasallians would have been preferred by some.
6. A desire, on the part of some, that the focus of the Symposium would have been clearer.
 - a lack of clarity about whether this was a Young Lasallians gathering or a Partial Assembly in preparation for the International

Assembly of 2006 or an Assembly of the Young Lasallians Movement or some combination of these was noted.

- a better unifying of themes and a more clear effort to tie activities and days together more explicitly was needed.
7. A desire to have all participants receive a collection, by electronic means, of all Symposium materials (including photographs) was expressed a number of times.
 8. A number of other comments each surfaced a few times in the evaluations, without having the same weight of support as the preceding observations.
 - a suggestion that the 3rd International Symposium of Young Lasallians might be held in the Americas (RELAL or USA/Toronto).
 - a suggestion that the workshops might have been organized differently.
 - a suggestion that the evenings after supper were a bit too busy.
 - a suggestion that a better choice of participants (some were too young) or a better preparation of participants (by some Districts) should be assured.
 - a suggestion that a few more days would have been helpful.
 - a few references were made to the unpleasant climate (heat and humidity) in Rome in July.