



Sr. Letta Mosue, superior general of the Congregation of St. Brigid in the Rustenburg Diocese, South Africa

Just to be in the presence of the pope was awesome. What struck me first was his request for the same size chair as Sister Carmen. Secondly, asking her to share the microphone with him. This man, for me, lives what he preaches. There is no pretense about him.

Another thing that from now I shall always expect of him is his desire to communicate intimately with people, to dialogue rather than deliver speeches. This is the second time that he put aside what he prepared to engage with us. The first time, in 2016, we had prepared questions, and he had responded to them in writing, but he preferred that the questions be asked again.

True to his word, he brought us feedback on the issue of diaconate for women. He promised that he will set up a commission and has done so. Despite the fact that the media had asked for his response, he showed us respect by responding to us as he promised.

Pope Francis affirmed and encouraged us to be proud of who we are, the consecrated of Christ and not of the clergy. This was a second reminder. I was delighted to hear him promise that in 2022, he will join the UISG plenary meeting if he is still alive. I am dead sure he will do so. We just have to pray that God preserves him for us.

I felt so privileged that I could hold his hands as one of the delegates. That was a cherry on top.

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