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The challenges that YouFra and the OFS have to face in Europe.

It is a great joy and a great opportunity to be together at this congress. We cannot and we should not refuse to accept the challenges with which we are confronted today, otherwise they will destroy us.

The best way to react to them is to live our faith in Jesus-Christ.

Experience an encounter with God
Know his Word
Prayer and worship him

Christ releases us from our chains and gives us strength and confidence.



So what should we do when we are alone in our personal situations?

What should we do together, in our fraternities?

In the summaries of the discussions of the working groups, the possibilities are explored.

But we are still “paddling” a little in the mud as we advance towards deeper waters.

Perhaps the cultural and linguistic differences between us do not help us to leave behind this mud which sticks to our feet.

Let us not forget that Europe is the cradle of Christianity, but Europe suffers from a loss from direction and values.

We lack energy, faith, and courage to bring the Christians to return to the hope that is in Christ.

It is up to us Franciscans to go advance together.

