



# PROVINCE OF ST. EZEKIEL MORENO Chapter CHRONICLE

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**O CONSELHO PROVINCIAL** O Conselho Provincial é composto de Prior Provincial e os quatro Conselheiros. Frente(esquerda à direita): Frei Dionisio Selma, e Frei Ian Anthony Espartero. Atrás(esquerda à direita): Frei William Emilito Villafior, Frei Edgar Tubio, e Frei Amado Emmanuel Bolilia.

## Finalmente O 7º Capítulo Provincial Foi Concluído, Os Conselheiros Eleitos

**C**IDADE DE CEBU—Na noite do dia 23 de fevereiro, o histórico 7º Capítulo Provincial foi encerrado com a eleição dos quatro conselheiros provinciais e o delegado para 560 Capítulo Geral em 2022.

O novo conjunto de Conselheiros Provinciais:

- Frei Ian Anthony Espartero  
*o Vigário da Província/ 1º Conselheiro*
- Frei William Emilito Villafior  
*2º Conselheiro*
- Frei Amado Emmanuel Bolilia  
*3º Conselheiro*
- Frei Edgar Tubio  
*4º Conselheiro*

Frei Leander Barrot foi eleito como delegado da Província ao Capítulo Geral de 2022 e Frei René Paglinawan foi eleito como o substituto.

Todo mundo esperou a conclusão do 7º Capítulo Provincial, quando os Conselheiros Provinciais terão de ser eleitos. E foi assim que aconteceu, um dia antes do dia previsto. Realmente, a expectativa de todos era de que todos os procedimentos do Capítulo estejam encerrados bem mais cedo.

Porém, devido as muitas correções e integrações que levantaram quando trataram do Diretório da Província o encerramento foi adiado. Entretanto, ele foi aprovado com unanimidade.

Mais cedo, durante a sessão da manhã, Frei Leander Barrot leu a mensagem do Capítulo. Alguns delegados deram suas sugestões antes de fazer a votação para a

determinação do Capítulo. O Frei Leander recebeu um ressoante aplauso. Depois disso foi a leitura e aprovação das Atas das

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### IN THE KNOW

The Life and Mission Project (LAMP) crafted by the 7<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter for the quadrennium has a total of 80 decisions. Listed below are the number of approved decisions per Chapter commission:

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# Começando com a Renovação de Nós Mesmos

**C**IDADE DE CEBU—“A renovação da Província começará com a renovação de cada membro” foi a abertura do convite do Frei Dionisio Selma para os capitulares na sua primeira Missa depois que ele foi reeleito como Prior Provincial de Santo Ezekiel Moreno durante o encerramento do 7º Capítulo Provincial.

Esta renovação, destacou o Frei Dionisio, só é possível se os capitulares voltariam ao verdadeiro motivo no qual eles professaram os votos e entregaram-se durante a ordenação. E a razão é Jesus mesmo e a missão que ele confiou a nós. Conseqüentemente, cada religioso deve se esforçar para serdes como Jesus e espalhar Jesus, e deste jeito eles sereis os verdadeiros criadores de comunhão, homem de esperança, e profetas da vida cotidiana.

Frei Dionisio continuou falando que esse Jesus, a quem queremos seguir, pode-se encontrar na Eucaristia e na Palavra de Deus porque Estas são as Fontes da Renovação. Depois ele compartilhou sua reflexão do evangelho do dia reiterando que para ser

renovado e revitalizado tem necessidade de aceitar o pecado da humanidade e só Jesus pode limpar o homem. Ele acrescentou que sendo religiosos eles devem reconhecer suas falhas e infidelidade em algumas observâncias e pedir perdão do Senhor.

Ele também desafiou os capitulares para serem melhores do que os escribas e fariseus no evangelho do dia que eram muito legalistas na observância das leis de Moisés. Porém, o convite de Jesus é para ir mais profundo do que a legalidade dos fariseus buscando o rosto de Jesus em cada um. “Deixado a nós mesmos nos conseguimos ver somente as fraquezas e limitações de cada um mas nos sabemos que a Graça Deus está acima de tudo isso.”

O reeleito Prior Provincial encerrou sua homilia salientando que todas as decisões e ordenanças criadas e aprovadas do Capítulo Provincial seriam inúteis se eles não levam o religioso para a santidade e eventualmente para a salvação. Ademais, é um fracasso se o foco é somente na mera legislação e normas. Pelo contrário, estes deveriam levar o religioso para ser a verdadeira testemunha de Jesus.

“Através disso nos podemos atrair os outros para ajuntar a nós porque eles podem ver o amor compartilhado por cada um e eles podem ver Jesus em nos,” foi o último desafio do Frei Dionisio para os capitulares.



*Frei Dionisio Selma celebrando sua primeira Missa como o Prior Provincial reeleito.*

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sessões de ontem. Para a complementação do restante das Atas, o Frei Almayo, o secretário do Capítulo foi dado o voto de confiança para integrar todas as sugestões feitas nos procedimentos.

Chegando ao final das atividades do Capítulo, Frei Miguel Miró Miró deu sua mensagem de gratidão e desafio para os oficiais eleitos e para todos os capitulares.

Logo depois, ele declarou oficialmente o encerramento do 7º Capítulo Provincial as 18:49h. Em seguida, teve a Celebração Eucarística que foi presidida pelo Frei Dionisio Selma. Frei Dionisio, na sua homilia, exortou os religiosos da Província para fazer parte da responsabilidade coletiva e tornam-se agentes da Comunhão e Perdão.

Durante o jantar, também foi revelado

que o Conselho na sua totalidade, ou a reunião do Prior Geral junto com o eleito Prior Provincial e os conselheiros seria do dia seguinte, 24 de Fevereiro, para a designação do secretário Provincial assim como dos Priores e Vice-Priores do Domus Formatae tais como as comunidades dos quatro grandes escolas, dos quatro casas de Formação, e do Provincialato.



# Message of the 7<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter

The twenty seven capitulars of the 7<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter of St. Ezekiel Moreno, headed by the Prior General Fray Miguel Miró, OAR as president, greet all members of the Augustinian Recollect family throughout the world from the mountainous site of Talavera House of Prayer. “My whole hope is in thy exceeding great mercy and that alone. Give what thou commandest and command what thou wilt.”<sup>1</sup> These words of our Father St. Augustine inspired the religious to work with love, discuss with passion, and deliberate with earnestness what is best for the Province today and in the next four years.

## Trust in God’s Mercy

The capitulars, grateful for the trust given to them by the confreres and awed by the huge responsibility of crafting a life and mission project for the next quadrennium, sought the loving mercy of God. With God’s compassion and mercy, all human efforts done in sincerity and candor reach fruition. Where is your heart? What makes you happy? Who really are you?—these probing questions of the good Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan, Socrates Villegas D.D. became no personal queries but a solemn command to love not self but God, to prioritize nothing less than the needs of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno, and to serve the Mother Church more than anything else. These, the capitulars, took to heart as the 7<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter unfolded.

The Talavera House of Prayer, a convenient residence of all provincial chapters, was at its usual welcoming and friendly self. The little-black image of La Salud, like a mother hen that gathers her brood under her wings, (cf. Mat 23:37) loomed large in the conference hall guiding her beloved children toward a maturing life process. Likewise, St. Ezekiel Moreno, our patron saint, silently stood by the side looking at his cherished brothers and sons crafting a path of life for the youngest Province of the Order dedicated to him. The prayers and greetings from the Augustinian Recollect communities of the nuns, sisters, priests and brother religious, the Secular Augustinian Recollect Fraternity (SARF) and friends of the Recollect family added to the convivial and openhearted discussions among the friars. The recollect movement is indeed a living testimony of a life lived in “one soul and one heart intent upon God.”<sup>2</sup>

## Creators of Communion

This 7<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter echoes the slogan of the 55<sup>th</sup> General Chapter, to be “Creators of Communion”<sup>3</sup> which had been the challenge posed by Pope Francis to the capitulars in the said General Chapter.<sup>4</sup> To become creators of communion is a living and continuing imperative to re-interpret our very own charism within the social, political, and religious context in this part of the world and in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is likewise an alternative and relevant articulation of what Recollect holds dear to his heart, memory and conscience—fraternal life in community.

This challenge to be creators of communion compels every religious community to become locus of prayer, houses for accompaniment and active-spaces for discernment. It commits the province to establish a center of spirituality becoming the font of spiritual enrichment of our charism, the source for the study of St. Augustine, and a learning space for an enhanced understanding of our history and legacy to the church and society. To become creators of communion also means to look into our processes and standards of formation from the initial to permanent stages developing a seamless and integrated flow of spiritual, intellectual, human, professional and pastoral growth with a view to have models of the Augustinian life and Recollect spirituality among the sons and daughters of St. Ezekiel Moreno in the immediate future. It also demands to take care of our sick and elderly brothers and learn from their wisdom earned through years of experience, penance, and life of contemplation.

## Consecrated Life: A Witness of the Gospel

On the third year of the quadrennium, the Philippine Church will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entrance of Christianity to the Philippine shores (March 16, 1521-March 16, 2021). This will “be a grace-filled blessing for the church”<sup>5</sup> as she rekindles the very roots of her faith. A faith that helps her

1 St. Augustine, Confession, 10.29.40.

2 St. Augustine, Rule, 1.1.

3 *Augustinian Recollects Life and Mission Project* (2016-2022), 1. p.7.

4 Francis, “Address of His holiness Pope Francis to Participants in the General Chapter of the Augustinian Recollects,” Thursday, 20 October 2016.

5 Jose Palma, “CBCP Pastoral Letter on the era of New Evangelization: Live Christ, Share Christ, Looking Forward to Our Five Hundredth,” January 9, 2012.

## LIST OF MESSAGES RECEIVED FOR THE 7<sup>TH</sup> PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

- Colegio de Sta. Rosa Community, Intramuros, Manila
- Sr. Eva María Oiz, OAR
- St. Rita Dormitory Community, Cebu
- Recoletos de Tagburos, Puerto Princesa, Palawan
- Ms. Erlie Macaya, OLCP-Quezon City
- San Sebastian College-Recoletos de Cavite, Inc.
- Secular Augustinian Recollect Fraternity-Cavite Chapter
- Recoletos de Antilla, Holguin, Cuba
- Fray Albert Pellazar, OAR
- SSC-R de Cavite Alumni Federation
- University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos, Bacolod City
- Ret. Justice Aturo Brion
- Sisters Ministers of the Infirmary of St. Camillus-Philippine Delegation
- Fray Joseph Shonibare, OAR
- Secular Augustinian Recollect Fraternity-RFC/OLCP Chapter
- Consolatrix College of Toledo City Community
- Casiciaco Recoletos Seminary Community
- Br. Edwin and Sis. Miriam, SARF de SEMONORE
- Recoletos de Talisay Community
- Secular Augustinian Recollect Fraternity-Provincialate Chapter
- Siervas de Maria, Ministras de los Enfermos
- Franciscan Sisters pro Infante et Familia

sense the great joy of believing and renews her wonder at the vast horizons which faith opens up.<sup>6</sup>

The history of the Recollects is deeply entrenched in the succeeding years of evangelization of the Philippine society. The recollect religious labored to create settlements, organized parishes, and introduced devotions to Mary like Our Lady of Consolation, Ina Poon Bato, Our Lady of the Pillar, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and La Salud. Beyond these missionary and pastoral endeavors, they remained faithful to their consecration and lived the vows embracing the challenges and difficult circumstances of moment.

The different anniversary celebrations of the past triennium and within the next quadriennium are solemn testimonies of the Order's continuing presence and evangelical engagement with society and culture. Worth mentioning here, from among many, are the following: 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Augustinian Recollect presence in Cavite (1616-2016), 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the oldest image of Our Lady of Mount Carmel de San Sebastian in the Philippines (1618-2018), 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Augustinian Recollect presence in Cebu (1621-2021), 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Sebastian Convent (1621-2021), 600<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of San Vicente Ferrer of Talisay, Negros Occidental (1419-2019), 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Augustinian Recollect presence in Mindanao (1622-2022) and Palawan (1623-2023), 385<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of La Salud (1634-2019), 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the evangelization of Negros (1848-2018), 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Augustinian Recollect evangelization of Mindanao and Palawan (1621-2021), 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University of San Jose-Recoletos (1947-2022), 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Colegio de San Nicolas de Tolentino, Talisay, Negros Occidental (1971-2021), and 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno (1998-2018).

### **Service to Humanity**

These anniversary celebrations are not only the Order's and the Province's crowning glory of evangelization, but are also barometers through which all efforts and commitments to new evangelization will be gauged. The desire to be creators of communion impels every religious to live fully his consecration i.e. to "commit ... to the total surrender of himself to God, to the imitation and to the most radical and free following of Christ, in a life lived more for Him and for his body, which is the Church."<sup>7</sup> This consecration translates itself to the outpouring of self in pastoral ministries and service to humanity and culture in mission station. Every religious assigned to the school apostolate is to oblige himself in upgrading our learning standards, making our institutions centers of excellence, and teaching our students to be learned in the tatak Rekoleta<sup>8</sup> values and spirituality. Our pastoral care for the youth and for our Former Seminarians of the Order of Augustinian Recollects (ForSOAR) is to become avenues of life encounters, opportunities for discernment, and moments of accompaniment for those who would desire to consecrate themselves in religious or priestly life, to single blessedness or holy married life. As communities, institutions, and as individuals, our social and ecological concerns and responsibilities are to spring from an attitude of committed metanoia (a change of lifestyle) leading to an engagement with the poor, the marginalized and those victims of natural and man-made calamities. We open our life and our homes not only to become healers of pains and sufferings but also to live poverty both spiritual and in the flesh. For after all the poverty and suffering of the cross that saved us from sin purify us from apathy and indifference and enthuse us to acts of charity, graciousness in points of view, and life of virtue.

After having fulfilled the solemn mission, the capitulars entrust to every religious, to those who belong and are connected to the Augustinian Recollect family, and most specially, to those who will shepherd the Province to new horizon in the succeeding quadrennium, a pledge, a solemn promise of undertaking, a primary goal:

**Placing all our trust in God's Mercy, we, the Augustinian Recollects of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno, desire to be creators of communion and witnesses to Gospel values through our consecrated life and service to humanity.**

6 cf. Lumen Fidei, 5.

7 OAR Const. 31.

8 Accepted branding motif of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno.

