



IN THE SERVICE OF FORMATION. Members of the Commission on Initial and Permanent Formation discuss the proposals covering the programs to be implemented for the formation of present and future Augustinian Recollects.

On the dot!

Deliberation on some proposed determinations commenced in the afternoon session of the 10th day of the Provincial Chapter. The capitulars are on the dot!

At 8:30, the morning rituals proceeded as expected: the session began with a prayer, Fray René Paglinawan, the assigned moderator, read the messages from well-wishers for the Chapter, the capitulars responded with an applause.

The technical team, headed by Fray Reynaldo E. Jaranilla, prepared a video summary of the fourth to seventh day of the chapter. This was played and given a go signal for broadcasting.

The review of the *actas* (minutes) of the Chapter dated May 22 and 23 followed

with some slight corrections. Father General moved for their approval to which the Capitulars gave a unanimous vote.

The moderator asked for an update on the status of the Commissions' determination proposals to which the majority sought for some time to go over their works and review the proposals of the other Commissions.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the presentation and deliberation of the proposals commenced. It was the first presentation. Two commissions made

their presentations in this afternoon's session: The Commission on Governance and Economy having twenty-nine proposals and the Commission on Initial and Permanent Formation with eleven proposals. The proposals were presented by their respective secretaries, Fray Romeo Ben Potencio and Fray René Paglinawan, respectively.

In the following days ahead, we look forward to reading the determinations of the 8th Provincial Chapter.



SHOW OF HANDS. The capitulars raise their hand as they unanimously approve the minutes of the previous chapter sessions.



LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD. The participants stand as they listen to the proclamation of the Holy Gospel.

Listening ...

"I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you to bear now." (Jn 16:12)

These words, forming part of the final discourse of Jesus addressed to his disciples in the gospel of John, was the focus of the reflection of Fray Amado Emmanuel Bolilia. Fray Manny, the main celebrant and homilist on the 10th day of the provincial chapter, hovered over the Jesus's thought on the "many things to say" He wanted tell his disciples. Only

that, his disciples were not ready, were not disposed, or simply could not bear them. Surely, the teachings of Jesus during his earthly life on mercy, goodness, kindness, charity and still others were more than enough for the disciples to live the very life of Jesus. But there were still more that the disciples would have to discover as they moved on to a life of commitment, sacrifice, and service.

For the preacher, listening is the key attitude. The disciples needed to be creative listeners in order to be able to understand, bear, and become obedient to everything the Lord wanted them to know. There are three attitudes of listening, the preacher points out. First, attentive listening. This kind of listening happens when one is in communion with God, when one listens in silence, in solitude, and in contemplation. This

kind of listening is achieved if one puts on humility. Attentive listening is hearing God's words and ways with a humble heart. Second, is listening to God through the present circumstances, realities, and experiences. Even in the moments of brokenness in our consecrated and religious life, God speaks out loud and clear. The third, is an outflow the latter—listening as obedience. As Augustinian Recollects, we need to listen to God speaking to us through our vows. Obedient listening leads to the fulfillment of God's plans in our life.

At the end of his reflection, Fray Manny prayerfully exhorts the capitulars: "Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us into truth and to help us to trust that what Jesus wants will always be life-giving to us." AMEN.



THE HOMILIST. Fray Amado Emmanuel Bolilia preaches in front of the capitulars.

LIST OF MESSAGES RECEIVED FOR THE 8TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

- Colegio de Santo Tomas-Recoletos
- Comunidad San José
- SARF de CST-R
- ARCORES Internacional
- OAR Vicariate of USA
- SARF de Provinciate