



VERDICT IN A CLICK. Capitulars cast votes through a modified voting app to approve determinations for the LAMP of the 2022-2025 triennium.

## Determinations *almost* completed

On the eleventh day of the Chapter, the capitulars needed to extend late in the evening—all for the love of the Province.

At 8:30 in the morning, the capitulars convened at the plenary hall. Fray René Paglinawan, the moderator, led the prayer and read the new messages for the Chapter.

During the first and second sessions of the morning, all commissions completed the first reading of their proposed determinations. Fray Rafael Pecson, the secretary for the Commission on Education and Social Apostolate presented six prepared proposals of their commission; Fray Jay Parilla, on behalf of the Commission on Mission, Ministerial, and Social Apostolate, shared their eleven proposals; Fray Jose Prudencio Castillo introduced the eighteen proposals of the Commission on Vocation and Youth Ministry; the last group, represented

by Fray Jose Ernil Almayo read the nine proposed points of the Commission on Spirituality and Charism. At noon time, the capitulars needed a good meal and favorable rest to be up and about for the afternoon workload.

The afternoon session began at 3:00 moderated by Fray Romeo Ben Potencio. Two important readings were lined up. Fray Ian Anthony Espartero read to the capitulars the proposed message of the Chapter and the Commission on Governance and Economy presented for examination a draft of the Province's organizational chart. Clarifications and suggestions for improvements followed.

The second half of the afternoon session was devoted to new proposals

for first reading. Three commissions still needed to present additional determination: The Commissions on Governance and Economy, on Educational and Social Apostolate, and on Vocation and Youth Ministry.

At 4:50 the second presentation and voting of determinations commenced. The momentum was put to halt, due to the pre-scheduled photo-ops of the capitulars at 5:00 in the afternoon. Determined to deliver the needed service to the province the capitulars decided to continue the process at 8:30 in the evening.

At 10:15, Jesus's words to Peter became true to the capitular, "the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."



# A joyful walk

*Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices you will grieve, but your grief will become Joy.” (Jn 16: 20)*

The mass celebrant and homilist not only re-echoed the scriptural promise of transition from pain to joy and from suffering to bliss but also looked beyond to the time when capitulars would come down from the mountains of Talavera and get to brass tacks to help carry the cross for the province and the new prior provincial.

Following the thought patterns of the Lord in the gospel of John, Fray Edgar Tubio, underscores a very significant promise of the Lord to his disciples—pain and suffering will cease; sadness will be

turned to gladness, and heartbreaks to joy. For Fray Egay, as his confreres call him, suffering has an expiration date. In the same manner that the mother’s pain in child bearing is forgotten when the beautiful child is already in her arms, so too, pain and suffering, due to being in this earthly valley of tears, fizzle out at the encounter of the glorious resurrection of Jesus and the resurrection of believers in Christ.

As the decision phase of the chapter closes in, the roadmap for the province comes to light, tasks and responsibilities

become clear cut, programs and plans turn into obligations, life projects and institutional goals develop into commitments. Turning the capitulars, Fray Egay encouraged them not only to walk together but also to work together. In this way, the burdens ahead become a joyful walk with the Lord. He ends his sharing prayerfully,

“Almighty and eternal God, make us rejoice with the inner joy of your word, so that purified by it we may joyfully contemplate the glory of your works.” AMEN.



SACRED ASSEMBLY. (Top left) Fray Edgar Tubio delivers homily. (Top right) Capitulars sing the Lord’s Prayer. (Bottom) Concelebrants queue for Holy Communion.

## LIST OF MESSAGES RECEIVED FOR THE 8<sup>TH</sup> PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

- Recoletos de Manila
- SARF de Provincialate
- RAY de Talisay
- St. Ezekiel Moreno Spirituality and Development Center-Palawan
- Prof. Emmanuel Luis A. Romanillos, HEL
- Sis. Yeng Galang, SAR