



Capitulars on a day-off



TABLE OF PLENTY. Participants of the 8th Provincial Chapter celebrate Mass with the faithful of Our Lady of Consolation Parish-Recoletos, Laray, Inayawan, Talisay City. Fray Raul Buhay presides and gives the homily in Cebuano.

After an exhausting first week of reporting and discussion, the capitulars had a day off. They visited pilgrim places and had a relaxing afternoon in Moalboal, a coastal municipality in the southern part of the province of Cebu.

The day of the Lord, for the capitulars, started with a 6 o'clock morning concelebrated mass at a recollect owned and administered parish, Our Lady of Consolacion, Inayawan. Since the faithful filled the church to the brim, Fray Raul Buhay, the main celebrant, told the Prior General that it was a regular Sunday church attendance as is usual in many churches in Cebu. Fray Constantino Real, the prior of the said community, welcomed the Prior General and capitular delegates. They also had their breakfast in the same parish.

The capitulars proceeded to visit pilgrim sites. First was the shrine of Venerable Bishop Teofilo Camomot. It was a blessed moment since the day prior to their visit, Pope Francis, through the Prefect of the Congregation of the Causes for the Saints, promulgated a degree on the heroic virtues of the late Archbishop Teofilo Bastide Camomot conferring on him the title of "Venerable." The visit became doubly significant



INTROIBO AD ALTARE DEI. (above) The priests-participants enter the parish church of the Recoletos community of Laray. (below) Fray Raul Buhay distributes Holy Communion to the faithful of Laray.



A DAY OF REST. (clockwise from top left) Fray Miguel Hernández kneels with the Mass goers at the Venerable Teofilo Camomot Shrine. Many devotees fall in line just to enter the Monastery of the Holy Eucharist, shrine of Birhen sa Simala (Lindogon). Some capitulars listen to the instructions given by the diving coach prior to their dive. Afterwards, the capitulars-turn-divers enjoyed the sea.

since Fray Samson Silloriques, a recollect canon lawyer, worked as one of his postulators. The Capitulars spent time praying before his tomb and viewing the relics of the Venerable.

Second, they proceeded to visit the Monastery of the Holy Eucharist, the renowned *Birhen sa Simala* (Lindogon). Due to the almost one-kilometer line of pilgrims queuing to visit the shrine and the ongoing maintenance inside the church resulting in temporary closure of the other entrances, the Capitulars decided to peek from a view deck to view the sacred place and then, proceeded to the next itinerary.

Traversing the rolling mountainous southern part of Cebu, the capitulars reach Moalboal, a coastline municipality to take an afternoon dip in the placid waters of the place. Lunch, prepared by the Recollect Sisters of the Talavera community, was served. The afternoon fun (also in the Philippines) culminated with their long journey back to Talavera. They needed to be ready for a grueling week ahead.



VITAMIN SEA. Capitulars enjoy their day of rest in the beautiful white sand beach of HK Resort, Basdako, Moalboal, Cebu.