



## ELECTED PRIORS PROVINCIAL THROUGH THE YEARS



**1999**  
Fray Emeterio Buñao, OAR



**2003**  
Fray Lauro Larlar, OAR



**2006**  
Fray Lauro Larlar, OAR



**2009**  
Fray Regino Bangcaya, OAR



**2012**  
Fray Lauro Larlar, OAR



**2015**  
Fray Dionisio Selma, OAR



**2018**  
Fray Dionisio Selma, OAR



**2022**  
To be elected at the beginning of the Provincial Chapter.



Fray Victor Jose Lluch, OAR was the vicar provincial of the then Vicariate of the Philippines and China. When this vicariate was elevated into the Province of Saint Ezekiel Moreno in 1998, he was appointed as prior provincial by the 52<sup>nd</sup> General Chapter.

## Blazing the trail for 8<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter

**CEBU CITY** - As the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno of the Order of Augustinian Recollects get set for its quadrennial fraternal gathering namely, the 8<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter, beginning May 16, 2022, the Provincial Council mustered individuals to comprise a seven-member secretarial team.

In view of accomplishing their tasks and paving the way for the Chapter proper, the Secretariat convened at the Chapter's venue, the Talavera House of Prayer-Recoletos in Cebu City, on May 11, 2022. They are to conduct prior preparations related to their primary Chapter-related responsibilities, which include doing technical works, editing, communications, transcriptions, translations, layout designs, photography, videography, and publications, before, during, and after the Chapter. Fray Jose Ernill Almayo, the incumbent provincial secretary, serves as the chairman.

The appointed committee members are Frays Leander Barrot, Reynaldo Jaranilla, Robin Ross Plata, Julius James

Tinapao, and Jhyryx Vincent Gamulo, and Ma'am Brenda Saliendra, a Sister-General of the Order.

More than their duties, unique experiences await the group as many firsts festoon this Chapter.

The Provincial Council has decided that this Chapter go paperless. Thus, the team has to go through the nitty-gritty of technology to accomplish it. It includes composing a manual to guide the capitulars in utilizing the media platform that the team has employed and designed for them.

Another first is that the Province is holding this Chapter in the month of May. The very first Provincial Chapter was in November of 1999. From 2003 up to 2018, the Chapters had always been *cont. p. 3.*



(left) Members of the Secretariat pose as they prepare for the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter. (top) A "paperless" provincial chapter by using tablets and virtual cloud. (bottom) The Chapter Hall is ready for the commencement of the 8<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter.



## Seven first-timers among 28 Capitulars

**CEBU CITY** - For the first time in their religious life as Augustinian Recollects, seven delegates are among the 28 capitulars or participants to the 8th Provincial Chapter of the St. Ezekiel Moreno Province which will open today, May 16, at the Talavera House of Prayer-Recoletos in Cebu City.

These seven delegates, or elected capitulars, represent the five of the 11 key areas (or sectors) previously determined by the 7th Provincial Chapter in 2018: James Castelo (Formation), Roderick Deguit and Jay Parilla (Ministerial Apostolate), Romeo Ben Potencio and Rafael Pecson (Educational Apostolate), Prudencio Castillo (Sierra Leone mission), and Allan Jacinto (Vocations and Youth Ministry).

The other key sectors represented by at least one delegate are: Religious Brothers; local priors of Manila, Cebu, Bacolod, Cavite and the Provincial Curia; local priors of seminaries; mission of Taiwan and Rota; mission of Indonesia; and the ministries of

Palawan, Tambo, Surigao, and Pangasinan.

The OAR Constitutions 384 states: "Of those attending the chapter, some do so *a iure*, others by election. The latter are referred to as delegates."

According to the same constitutional provision, the "a iure" capitulars, or those who participate the chapter by virtue of their offices, are "the president of the chapter, the prior provincial, the provincial councilors, the ex-prior provincial who served the previous ... term of office, the provincial secretary, the vicars provincial, and the provincial-elect, should there be one."

### *A iure* Participants



**FRAY MIGUEL ANGEL HERNÁNDEZ**  
*Prior General / Chapter President*



**FRAY DIONISIO SELMA**  
*Prior Provincial (outgoing)*



**(yet to be elected)**  
*Prior Provincial-elect*



**FRAY IAN ANTHONY ESPARTERO**  
*Vicar of the Province*



**FRAY WILLIAM EMILITO VILLAFLORES**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor*



**FRAY AMADO EMMANUEL BOLILIA**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Councilor*



**FRAY EDGAR TUBIO**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Councilor*



**FRAY JOSE ERNIL ALMAYO**  
*Provincial Secretary*

## Delegates

### *Local Priors*



**FRAY LEOPOLDO V. ESTIOKO**  
*Local Priors of Manila, Cebu,  
Bacolod, Cavite, Provincialate*



**FRAY PAULINO H. DACANAY**  
*Local Priors of Seminaries*



**FRAY FELICIANO C. CAMPOMANES JR.**

### *Religious Brothers*

### *Formation Apostolate*



**FRAY JAMES C. CASTELO**



**FRAY JOSEPH PHILIP  
I. TRAYVILLA**



**FRAY KENNETH JOSEPH  
L. ONDA**

### *Ministerial Apostolate*



**FRAY RENÉ F. PAGLINAWAN**



**FRAY NIÑO  
CESAR R. RUIZ**



**FRAY RODERICK  
T. DEGUIT**



**FRAY JAY M.  
PARILLA**

#### *Blazing the trail... (from page 1)*

in February. Moreover, this eighth chapter is the first one right after the Order's 56th General Chapter, and the first one that the newly-elected Prior General, Fr. Miguel Ángel Hernández, is presiding over.

The special roles of the Secretariat are grounded on the belief that setting things on their right track beforehand brings about a sense of breakthrough in accomplishing the planned activities of this Province's highest governing body — the Provincial Chapter.

But like St. John the Baptist, the Secretariat simply does its mission as trailblazers, and fade in the background.

# Official Logo and Motto of the 8<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter



The **motto and logo** for the 8th Provincial Chapter of the OAR Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno were approved during the Provincial Council meeting on October 14, 2021.

“**Walking together**” as motto follows that of the Order’s 56th General Chapter. It is essentially aligned with Pope Francis’ emphasis on synodality, a specific *modus vivendi et operandi* of the Church as communion, whose members journey together and take an active part in her evangelizing mission.

In the logomark, **the Cross** in rough strokes takes the central icon symbolizing the transversal message of the Gospel and of the synodal path. It also depicts the only source of power through which Christ’s disciples would be able “to cross the sea of this world” (St. Augustine, *Io. Ev. tr. 2,2*). Although the ugliness of the cross reveals the monstrosity of evil in its various forms that currently beset the world, we see in that same cross the immensity of God’s mercy.

**The heart** reminds us of our restless heart that finds its rest only in God. It symbolizes the three-fold expression of perfect charity (contemplative, communitarian, apostolic) that marks our Augustinian Recollect charismatic identity.

The **tri-colored persons walking together** signify the core triadic actors of reflection process (community, church-people, and responsible leaders). They also represent oneness amidst diversity, forging a style of communion and participation directed to mission.

## *Educational Apostolate*



FRAY HENRY H. SANTIAGO



FRAY CRISTOPHER C. MASPARA



FRAY ROMEO BEN A. POTENCIO JR.



FRAY ANTHONY A. MORILLO



FRAY RAFAEL B. PECSON

## *Vocation and Youth Ministry*



FRAY ALLAN M. JACINTO

## *Ministries of Palawan, Tambo, Swigao and Pangasinan*



FRAY REGINO Z. BANGCAYA

## Mission Apostolate



**FRAY CORVIN R. MATURAN**

*Mission of Taiwan and Rota*



**FRAY JOSE PRUDENCIO G. CASTILLO**

*Mission of Sierra Leone*



**FRAY RUSSELL C. LAPIDEZ**

*Mission of Indonesia*

## For Your Info

Provincial Chapter	Inclusive Dates	Total No. of Days	Number of Capitulars	Chapter President
I	November 8-21, 1999	14	25	Javier Desiderio Guerra
II	February 10-21, 2003	12	22	Javier Desiderio Guerra
III	February 13-25, 2006	13	22	Javier Desiderio Guerra
IV	February 9-21, 2009	13	25	Javier Desiderio Guerra
V	February 13-27, 2012	15	26	Miguel Miró
VI	February 17-26, 2015	9	26	Miguel Miró
VII	February 12-24, 2018	13	27	Miguel Miró
VIII	May 16-?, 2022	?	28	Miguel Angel Hernández

Term of Office	Elected Prior Provincial	Provincial Councillors	Provincial Secretary
1999-2003	Emeterio Buñao	Lauro Larlar, Samson Sillorriquez, Bernard Amparado, Leopoldo Estioko	Joel Naranja
2003-2006	Lauro Larlar	Regino Bangcaya, Constantino Real, Bernard Amparado, Paulino Dacanay	Jose Fortunato Garces
2006-2009	Lauro Larlar	Constantino Real, Regino Bangcaya, Paulino Dacanay, Leander Barrot	Jose Fortunato Garces
2009-2012	Regino Bangcaya	Bernard Amparado, Emeterio Buñao, Raul Buhay, Leopoldo Estioko	René Paglinawan
2012-2015	Lauro Larlar	Dionisio Selma, Bernard Amparado, Leopoldo Estioko, Julius Marcos	Arnel Diaz
2015-2018	Dionisio Selma	Julius Marcos, Ian Anthony Espartero, Amado Emmanuel Bolilia, Edgar Tubio	Jose Ernil Almayo
2018-2022	Dionisio Selma	Ian Anthony Espartero, William Emilito Villafior, Amado Emmanuel Bolilia, Edgar Tubio	Jose Ernil Almayo
2022-? <sup>a</sup>	- <sup>b</sup>	- <sup>c</sup>	- <sup>d</sup>

### Notes:

<sup>a</sup>The term of office will depend on the Provincial Chapter's decision which will then be reflected in the Provincial Directory (cf. Const. 382).

<sup>b</sup> One of those in the ternary (composed of Leander Barrot, Bernard Amparado, and Ian Anthony Espartero) will be elected "at the start of [the 8<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter]."

<sup>c</sup>The four Councillors will be elected towards the last day of the Provincial Chapter. (cf. Ordo Capituli).

<sup>d</sup> He will be appointed by the Full Council (cf. Add. Code 399).

## THE CAPITULARS

Total: 28 (8 *a iure*; 20 delegates)

ACCORDING TO PROVINCIAL CHAPTERS ATTENDED	
Prov. Chapters attended	Capitulars*
7	Bangcaya
6	Selma, Trayvilla
5	Estioko, Paglinawan, Santiago
4	Almayo, Bolilia, Dacanay, Maspara, Morillo, Tubio
3	Campomanes, Villaflor
2	Espartero, Lapidez, Maturan, Onda, Ruiz
1	Castelo, Castillo, Deguit, Jacinto, Parilla, Pecson, Potencio

ACCORDING TO AGE BRACKET (as of May 16, 2022)	
	No. of Capitulars*
70 years old & above	2 (7.41%)
60 – 69 years old	4 (14.81%)
50 – 59 years old	9 (33.33%)
40 – 49 years old	10 (37.04%)
30 – 39 years old	2 (7.41%)
	<b>27 (100%)**</b>

\*The 28<sup>th</sup> participant (i.e., Prior Provincial-elect) is not yet determined  
 \*\*Mean Age: 51.85 years old. The oldest capitular is Fray Bangcaya (73) and the youngest is Fray Castillo (37).

\*The 28<sup>th</sup> participant (i.e., Prior Provincial-elect) is yet to be determined on May 17.

\*The Chapter President (Hernández) is excluded here.



The Chapter Hall is ready.

### WHAT IS A PROVINCIAL CHAPTER?

The provincial chapter—convened every three or four years—is the highest authority of the province (cf. *OAR Constitutions*, no. 380). It is responsible to examine the state of the province; to evaluate the actions and performance of the previous administration; to study the ordinances of the previous general chapter and its implementation at the provincial level; to draw up the programme (Life and Mission Project) for the next period of office; to elect a new prior provincial, provincial councilors, and delegate to the next general chapter; and revise the Provincial Directory. (cf. *OAR Const*, no. 381)

### WHO ARE THE A IURE CAPITULARS?

The *A iure* capitulars are members of the provincial chapter who are designated by the Constitutions to participate in such a chapter. They are the chapter president (prior general), the prior provincial, the provincial councilors, the ex-prior provincial who served during the previous term of office, the provincial secretary, and the provincial-elect, should there be one. (*OAR Const.* no. 384)

### WHO ARE THE ELECTED CAPITULARS?

Another group of capitulars is the elected representatives from different communities, ministries, and apostolates of the province. They are referred to as delegates.