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A MISSIONARY OPTION TO THE PERIPHERIES + SPIRIT OF ITINERANCY + DEEPER FRATERNAL INTEGRATION + QUALITY FORMATION

December is the Dominican Month of Peace



The Nativity Scene at Sto. Domingo Church, Quezon City, Philippines. Photo from the Facebook account of Br. John Paul A. Sontillano, OP.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

- 2 Br. Jannel Abogado, OP
- 6 Br. Gaspar Sigaya, OP
Br. Marcelino Saria, OP
- 11 Br. Marvin Obedo, OP
- 12 Br. Isidro Abaño, OP
- 13 Br. Mark Joseph Padillo, OP
- 17 Br. Dexter Austria, OP
Br. Rommel Olivar, OP
Br. Jaymar Capalaran, OP
- 19 Br. Jose Francisco, OP
Br. Rafael Lusuegro, OP
Br. Filemon dela Cruz Jr., OP
- 21 Br. Ramon Salibay, OP
Br. Jaymar Godalle, OP
- 23 Br. Art Vincent Pangan, OP
Br. Mark Philip Goroza, OP
Br. Roberto Castellano Jr., OP
- 25 Br. Pablo Encinas, OP
- 26 Br. Gerard Francisco Timoner III, OP
- 27 Br. Jeffrey Operio, OP
- 29 Br. Melchor Saria, OP
- 30 Br. Gallardo Bombase Jr., OP
Br. Jose Martin Sibug, OP
Br. Richard Ang, OP
Br. Norman Quilaquil, OP

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Prior Provincial's January Calendar

- 8 - 408th Provincial Council Meeting
- 9-13 - Visit to Pontianak, Indonesia
- 16-23 - Retreat Dominican Sisters of Trinity (Davao City)
- 23 - Rite of Admission to the Priestly Fraternity of His Excellency Most Rev. Jose Palma, DD (Cebu)
- 25 - Board of Trustees Meeting of UST-Legazpi
- 28 - Feb 2 - Asia- Pacific Meeting of Provincials and Vice Provincial (Macau)

BROTHERS ON FOREIGN TRIP

(By reason of Office)

- ☞ 8-11 Jan - *Hong Kong* - Br. Arthur Dingel, OP - To be the resource speaker and facilitator to a joint meeting of the brothers of the Province of Our Lady of the Rosary and the Vice Province of the Queen of China (Taiwan).
- ☞ 14-25 Jan - *Myanmar* - Br. Christopher Garinganao, OP; Br. Carlo Rey Canto, OP; and Br. Rommel Olivar, OP - To attend the Thanksgiving Mass of Br. Stephen Mari La Ja, OP.

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**CONTINUING FORMATION PROGRAM FOR THE YOUNG DOMINICANS IN THE MINISTRY
MAY 19-23, 2018**

**RETREAT OF THE BRETHERN OF THE DOMINICAN PROVINCE OF THE PHILIPPINES
OCTOBER 22-26, 2018 * ST. PAUL RETREAT HOUSE, ALFONSO, CAVITE**

A MISSIONARY OPTION TO THE PERIPHERIES

(as a Priority of the Province)

A JOINT MEETING OF THE DOMINICAN FRIARS IN INDONESIA AND THE VISION-MISSION STATEMENT FOR DOMINICAN MISSION IN INDONESIA

By Br. Valentinus Bayuhadi Ruseno, OP

After more than 10 years of being in mission in Indonesia, we felt that it was the right time to set a clearer and yet attainable direction that could inspire and guide both our two houses in Indonesia. Thus, driven by the sense of common purpose towards a better future, the two Dominican Houses in Indonesia, Rumah Santo Dominikus in Pontianak and Rumah Santo Thomas Aquino in Surabaya had a momentous joint meeting in Redemptor Mundi Parish, Surabaya on December 19-20, 2017 to formulate the vision-mission statement for Indonesia. Recognizing that this will touch directly the lives of all our Indonesian brothers, those in attendance were not only the solemnly professed members of both communities but also our Indonesian brothers in formation both in Indonesia and the Philippines in all stages of formation, with the exception of the novices. This joint meeting focused on the theme, "Dominican Friars at the Service of the Church in Indonesia: 2018 Onwards".



In order to achieve this goal, some important personalities representing our key partners were invited to share their thoughts on the mission and roles of Dominicans. In the morning of the first day, the leaders of the two local Churches where we are present, expressed their own hopes and vision with regard to our presence. As our first sharer, we had the Most Rev. Agustinus Agus, DD, the Archbishop of Pontianak. He reminded the brothers that it was through the initiative of the eight Bishops of Kalimantan (the Indonesian part of Borneo) that the

Dominicans were able to restart our mission since the Portuguese Dominicans left Indonesia in the 17th century. We were invited especially to help in the intellectual formation of the local clergy and people initially through our involvement in the major inter-diocesan seminary of Kalimantan. For our second sharer, Most Rev. Vincentius Sutikno Wisaksono, DD, narrated how his devotion to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Manaoag has led him to a decision to bring the Dominicans to his diocese. Like Archbishop Agus, Bishop Sutikno also believed that intellectual mission has to be the major contribution of the Dominicans both in Surabaya and Indonesia. Both local ordinaries expressed their unwavering support for the Dominican communities in their respective dioceses.



In the afternoon, Fr. Siprianus Hordat, the Executive Secretary of Indonesian Bishops Conference (KWI) gave a talk on the current situation and the challenges that the Church in Indonesia is facing. He emphasized Indonesia's context as a pluralistic society in which in many areas the Catholic Church remains a minority. He challenged us to contribute in making the Indonesian Church ever vibrant and significant by our Dominican charism. The brothers also listened to other members of the Dominican family. Sr. Anna Marie, OP, the Provincial of the Dominican Sisters of Indonesia, recounted briefly the beginning of the Dominican sisters in Indonesia, and she wished that stronger collaboration between the brothers and sisters be achieved in the future. Mr. Welem Elimkusuma, OP, president of the Dominican laity of Surabaya, narrated his personal story of how he became involved in the activities of the Dominican family, and wished that a stronger support for the formation of the Dominican laity from the brethren be carried out if we are to become partners in mission. The first day was capped by the Eucharistic celebration presided by Br. Jose Martin Sibug, OP, the Promoter of Mission. He reminded us in his homily that every mission is, in the final analysis, God's own mission.

On the second day, we shifted our focus from insight from our partner-friends to "inter nos" fraternal



discussion. After Lauds, Br. Sibug helped us focus on DPP's understanding of mission, the various missions areas, and his role as Promoter. He gave also the brothers some important guidelines on the formulation of a vision-mission statement. After the insight from the Promoter of Mission, the brothers updated one another on the progress on the various apostolates in both houses.

After the lunch break, the brothers once again convoked to tackle the main agenda of the meeting, the formulation of the vision-mission. After much discussion in a cordial atmosphere, the brothers produced a first-ever common vision-statement for the Indonesian Dominican mission.

Vision – On the silver anniversary of the re-foundation of the Dominican friars' presence in Indonesia, we envision the establishment of a faithful, relevant, and stable Indonesian Dominican presence.

Mission – Inspired by Dominic's love for the Church, we, as a community of Indonesian Dominicans, ardently contemplate and preach the Truth within a pluralistic society, and strive towards an integral advancement of the Church and people of Indonesia.

(The vision-mission statement is originally formulated in Bahasa Indonesia.)


Truly it was a God-given milestone. The entire activity finally came to a fruitful conclusion, and there was no better way to express our gratitude than the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Br. Edmund Nantes, OP, Vicar of




the Prior Provincial for Indonesia, as the main celebrant. He pointed to the availability of Mary as the pivotal point of salvation history, and thus, we were reminded to be fully available to God's call in doing God's mission in Indonesia. Agape with the Dominican Laity and some Dominican sisters was held at the Parish hall as a simple way of extending our gratitude to the entire Dominican family.

ITINERANCY (as a Priority of the Province)

ASSIGNMENT AND APPOINTMENT

 Br. Jose Martin L. Sibug, OP, is appointed substitute Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication for a period of one year (January 8, 2018 to January 8, 2019).

 Br. Delfo C. Canceran, OP, is assigned to the House of San Lorenzo Ruiz and Companion Martyrs (Navotas) on January 12, 2018.

DEEPER FRATERNAL INTEGRATION (as a Priority of the Province)

FEATURED BATCH



In the course of their Dominican formation, these two brothers shared something in common together:

Entrance to the Novitiate: **3 Mar 1976**

Simple Profession: **28 May 1977**

We pray as they journey together in heeding God's call!



First Name: **JOSE ANTONIO**
Middle Name: **ELEAZAR**
Surname: **AUREADA**
Nickname: **"Fr. Tony"**
Birthday: **2 Feb 1954**
Solemn Profession: **28 May 1980**
Ordination: **30 Apr 1983**
DPP ID No.: **197701**
Current Assignment: **Priory of St.**

Thomas Aquinas (since Apr 1994)

Previous Assignments: Studies in Rome (Oct 1990-Apr 1994); Convent of St. John Lateran (May 1988-Sept 1990); Sto. Domingo Convent (May 1977-May 1988)



First Name: **CONRADO**
Middle Name: **NEVADO**
Surname: **MARRA**
Nickname: "Fr. Bogs"
Birthday: 13 Oct 1957
Solemn Profession: 28 May 1981
Ordination: 4 May 1985
DPP ID No.: 197702
Current Assignment: **Convent of**

St. John Lateran (since Oct 2011)

Previous Assignments: Priory of Our Lady of the Rosary (Jun 2007-Oct 2011); Convent of St. Albert the Great (Jun 2006-Jun 2007); Sto. Domingo Convent (1997-May 2006); Convent of St. John Lateran (Mar 1993-1997); Priory of Our Lady of the Rosary (Mar 1989-Mar 1993); House of St. Albert the Great (Apr 1987-Mar 1989); Sto. Domingo Convent (Nov 1986-Apr 1987); Priory of Our Lady of the Rosary (Jun 1986-Nov 1986); Sto. Domingo Convent (May 1977-Jun 1986)



First Name: **GALLARDO JR.**
Middle Name: **ASOR**
Surname: **BOMBASE**
Nickname: "Fr. Butch"
Birthday: 30 Jan 1958
Solemn Profession: 28 May 1980
Ordination: 29 Jun 1984
DPP ID No.: 197703
Current Assignment: **Convent of**

St. Raymond of Peñafort (since Feb 2013)

Previous Assignments: Priory of Our Lady of the Rosary (May 2008-Jan 2013); Sto. Domingo Convent (Nov 2002-May 2008); Convent of St. Raymond of Peñafort (Feb 1997-Oct 2002); Priory of Our Lady of the Rosary (Mar 1993-Feb 1997); Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas (Jun 1984-Mar 1993); Sto. Domingo Convent (May 1977-Jun 1984)

BAHAY DOMINIKO COMMUNITY VISITS FR. SIBUG'S FAMILY

By Br. Jose Martin L. Sibug, OP

In one of its recent community chapter meetings, the members of Bahay Dominiko community agreed to visit the families (parents) of each of the brethren to be scheduled each year within the duration of their 4-year assignation. This is in view of deeper fraternal integration, one of the thrusts of the Eleventh Provincial Chapter.

Last December 13, 2018, the community visited the bedridden mother of Br. Joemar Sibug in Malabon City.

Nenita Lorenzo Sibug, Br. Joemar's mother, suffered a stroke almost 2 years ago. She was confined at the ICU for a few days, and stayed at the hospital for a couple of weeks before she was discharged from the hospital. Because of the stroke, the right half of her body was immobilized and she could not swallow nor speak. She is fed with food processed from a blender through a Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tube (PEG tube) which is attached to her stomach. The Sibug residence is a one room apartment within the Sacred Heart Parish in Tugatog, Malabon. Nenita, an active member of Lay Missionary Associates of Mother Francisca del Espiritu Santo (LMAMFES) is 89 years old.



All the members of Bahay Dominiko community, except Br. Erasmo Ramirez (who was sick), joined the home visitation, sang Christmas carols and brought gifts for Mrs. Sibug. Afterwards, Br. Joemar administered the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to his mother. Emilia, Br. Joemar's sister, who lives nearby, was present to welcome the brethren.

Then the community dropped by at the popular stores in Malabon to buy Pancit Malabon, Sapin-Sapin (Kakanin) and Crsipy Pata and proceeded to San Lorenzo Ruiz and Companion Martyrs community in Dagat-Dagatan Navotas. Br. Roger Quirao, Br. George Moreno and Br. Hilario Singian were all present to welcome the brethren from Bahay Dominiko. The brethren of both communities had lunch together and spent time for fraternal sharing.



QUALITY FORMATION

(as a Priority of the Province)

CHRISTMAS DECOR CONTEST FOR THE CORISTAS!

Clustered into 5 areas, the student-brothers worked collaboratively and creatively to make festive this 2017 Christmas season. Herewith are the winners with their obra maestras:

First Place: VISAYAS-MINDANAO



Second Place: MANILA-TARLAC



Third Place: NORTH LUZON



Fourth Place: BULACAN



Fift Place: SOUTH LUZON



❁ GENERAL NEWS ❁

AQUINAS UNIVERSITY OF LEGAZPI NOW UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS-LEGAZPI

By Melissa R. Mesias

After five years of preparation, the integration of Aquinas University of Legazpi (AUL) to the University of Santo Tomas tradition was made official on Sep. 12, 2017 when Atty. Marylou Duka-Castillo, Regional Director of Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Region V, signed the Certificate of Amendment changing the name of Aquinas University of Legazpi (AUL) to University of Santo Tomas-Legazpi (UST-Legazpi). The name change was officially announced to the public on Dec. 7, 2017, dubbed as *University of Santo Tomas-Legazpi: The Inaugural*.



The Tenth Provincial Chapter of the Dominican Province of the Philippines in 2012 has ushered the integration of all its schools into two traditions, namely, UST and Letran. Aside from UST-Legazpi, Angelicum College in Quezon City and Angelicum School in Iloilo are also part of the UST tradition. Meanwhile, the Letran tradition is composed of Colegio de San Juan de Letran in Intramuros, Manila; Calamba, Laguna; Abucay, Bataan; and Manaoag, Pangasinan.

UST-Legazpi Rector and President Rev. Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo, OP, in a mobile correspondence, stated that

the extent of the UST integration would focus on the strengthening of the University's academic programs, faculty and instruction, community extension services, and research. Furthermore, competitive accreditation and excellent licensure examination performances are also important objectives of the University.

Furthermore, in the newsletter issue of Aquinian Herald, the Father Rector stated: "UST-Legazpi will remain as an institution whose value is connected with the value of every Bicolano and the tradition that is inculcated herein. However, as part of the change, the intensity toward academic excellence will be highly expected,"

Even though the University is now part of the UST Integration, it retains its administrative and fiscal independence from UST Manila. Simultaneous with this UST Integration is the merger of the UST-Legazpi and the UST-Legazpi Hospital (Formerly known as the Aquinas University Hospital Foundation, Inc. or AUHFI). The hospital is no longer a separate and independent corporation. It is now part of the University of Santo Tomas-Legazpi Incorporated.



DOMINICAN JPCC HOLDS CHRISTMAS SOLIDARITY WITH FAMILIES, RELATIVES OF EJK VICTIMS

By: Ms. Jasmin A. Victoria (UST SIMBAHAYAN)

In solidarity with the families and relatives of the victims of extrajudicial killings (EJKs) in Dagat dagatan, Navotas City, the Dominican Family for Justice Peace and



The Prior Provincial, Fr. Napoleon Sipalay Jr., OP, while giving his opening remarks to families and relatives of EJK victims

Care for Creation (JPCC) organized a Christmas gathering at the San Lorenzo Ruiz and Companion Martyrs Parish last December 15, 2017. Gracing the activity with their presence were Rev. Fr. Victor Calvo, OP, the promoter of JPCC – DPP, Prior Provincial Rev. Fr. Napoleon Sipalay, OP, Rev. Fr. Delfo Canceran, OP and Rev. Fr. Patricio Hiwatig, OP. The personnel of the University of Santo Tomas-Simbahayan Community Development Office (UST SIMBAHAYAN), led by their Director, Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, facilitated the program and games for the said event. The Christmas gathering culminated with a sumptuous lunch, a simple gift-giving activity, and a discussion on ways forward and upcoming activities to address the injustices they have experienced.

Since the Duterte administration has taken its office last July 2016, its flagship program on the “War on Drugs” has led to the deaths of over 12,000 to 13,000 Filipinos as claimed by human rights groups and various media organizations, such as the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA) and the Human Rights Watch (HRW). Most of those who were killed were suspected drug users and peddlers in urban poor communities. Such killings were done during *Oplan Tokhang* operations done by police groups and by vigilantes.



Volunteers from San Lorenzo Ruiz Parish with the JPCC Provincial Promoter, Fr. Victor Calvo Jr., OP.

The Dominican Family for JPCC joins the call for an end of “War on Drugs” and in upholding human rights and sanctity of life in the country. Last December 2, members



Personnel of UST SIMBAHAYAN with volunteers from San Lorenzo Ruiz Parish and Fr. Patricio Hiwatig, OP.

of the Dominican family kicked off the celebration of the Dominican Month of Peace by holding a Mass, a group discussion session, and a candle lighting ceremony in commemoration of the victims of EJKs in Dagat dagatan, Navotas City. As follow up activities, UST SIMBAHAYAN will tap various community development units of the University to provide counselling sessions with the families and relatives of EJK victims and assist in the legal documentation of murder cases to be turned over to groups of human rights lawyers.

LETRAN CALAMBA TIES UP WITH INDONESIAN INSTITUTIONS

By Br. Art Vincent M. Pangan, OP

On 4-11 December 2017, Br. Jeremy E. Realubit and Br. Art Vincent M. Pangan visited Surabaya, Indonesia to make formal ties thru Memoranda of Engagements (MoE) for Colegio de San Juan de Letran Calamba with Fei Siang School and Universitas Katolik Dharma Cendika (UKDC). The Colegio made a commitment to help Fei Siang improve its quality management and curriculum thru programs to be developed by the Colegio.



The Colegio also made a commitment to pursue joint researches and publications with UKDC especially in the engineering disciplines. The weeklong visit of the brothers in the said institutions in Indonesia was spent in discussing the details of engagements culminated with the signing



of the memoranda with the respective administrators. The visit was also a chance for the brothers from Letran Calamba to experience the hospitality, mission, and ministry of the brothers in Surabaya.

January in DPP History (Culled from the Archives of the Province)

- ✉ **2016 January 28** – (Studium Day) A heritage tour, “*El Camino Dominicano*,” was organized by the DPP Archives in cooperation with the Philippine Dominican Center of Institutional Studies (PDCIS) with the theme: “*Lakbay Dominiko: Remembering the Footsteps of the First Dominicans in the Philippines.*”

PC Notes...

Notes from the 407th Provincial Council Meeting
on 4 December 2017

- ✉ The renovation/revarnishing/refurbishing of the pews and kneelers of Sto. Domingo Church with the total cost amounting to 1.6 million pesos (going beyond the prescribed 1.5 million peso coverage) to be financed by generous donors was approved.
- ✉ The reports in relation to the 4 year Apostolic Plan (Stat 40, II) of the Provincial Council of Formation and the Promoter of Continuing Formation were approved.
- ✉ The final drafts of the *Ratio Formationis Particularis* and the *Ratio Studiorum Particularis* reviewed side by side were approved for eventual forwarding to the Curia for final approval.
- ✉ Update on the Application of Route 5 as proposed by the Commission (IP Director, Provincial, Dean of UST Theology) for the Implementation of Act 249.

The 399th Provincial Council meeting (dated 3 April 2017) approved the possible application of Route 5 for the implementation of Act 249 presenting the measures for the possible “affiliation of the Master of Arts in Preaching of the Institute of Preaching with the Faculty of Theology of UST and the Graduate School in view of offering a dual degree in Licentiate in Sacred Theology and Master of Arts in Preaching”.

While Br. Cabading was appointed as the representative of the Philippine Province, Br. Miranda represented UST. As an update, in their initial meeting, earning STL-MA in Preaching seemed viable; however, certain measures in relation to the Graduate School to be able to earn plain Master’s Degree still have to be done for those who may not qualify to study at the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties for Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

The Committee is still in the process of coordination with the UST Graduate School.

The Council resolved that the Committee present a timetable of their plan of actions for the implementation of Act 249 before the Provincial Council meeting in February 2018.

- ✉ Presentation of Developmental/Feasibility Study of the Tertiary Education in Pontianak, Indonesia.

Part of the resolutions of the 400th Provincial Council meeting dated 2 May 2017 in relation to the establishment of an educational institution by the Pontianak group was to come up with a feasibility/developmental study. Dr. Adrianus Asiasidot, together with Br. Johanes Robini Marianto, OP, and Yohanes Iwan Baskoro gave a powerpoint presentation with proper documentation regarding the possible establishment of a College of Education in Ngabang, Kabupaten Landak. However, some issues were raised by the Council members:

- low economic standing of the area
- topography, being distant from the main city
- why not strengthen the 4 existing Catholic institutions instead of building a new one

The Council resolved that the Pontianak group extend their research to cover more areas in the internal and external factors.

- ✉ Fr. Herminio Dagho, OP, Rector of the University of Santo Tomas, presented before the Provincial Council an annual report on the state of the University prior to its submission to the Holy See and to the Chancellor (UST GS 2014, article 10, #2, letter O).

SPECIAL GUEST VISITS BAHAY DOMINIKO!



Br. Gaspar Sigaya, OP, (in the middle) Archivist of the Order, visited Bahay Dominiko.

BROTHERS ON FOREIGN TRIP (By reason of Office)

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- ✉ 17-19 Jan – *Singapore* – Br. Arthur Dingel, OP – Invited by the administrators of the National University of Singapore to discuss the possibility of establishing academic and research linkages.

☞ 17-23 Jan – Myanmar – Br. Ramon Salibay, OP; Br. Rudolf Steven Seño, OP; Br. Romulo Rodriguez, OP; Br. Greg Gregory, OP; Br. Manoj Rasanjana, OP; Br. Jamie Alamillo, OP – To attend the Thanksgiving Mass of Br. Stephen Mari La Ja, OP.

DEATH IN THE FAMILY

We pray for the eternal repose of the soul of:

- † **SR. MARIA ROSA B. GO, OP**, of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena Philippines, who passed away on January 8, 2018.
- † **SR. MARY PAULINE F. SAZON, OP**, of the Dominican Daughters of St. Dominic, who passed away on January 10, 2018.
- † **GALLARDO BOMBASE SR.**, the father of our Br. Gallardo A. Bombase Jr., OP, who passed away on December 29, 2017.

FOR OUR DECEASED BROTHERS

Per mandate by the Eleventh Provincial Chapter Statute 26, V, we kindly request all communities to include in the intentions of their Conventual Mass and Evening Prayer our deceased brother during the anniversary of his death in the month of January.

January 17 + Br. Benito Vargas, OP

*We in the secretariat will do our best to publish the PHILDOM newsletter monthly for all the readers. **We apologize for any inadvertent mistake in the content of this newsletter.***

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- » **Creative comments**
- » **Articles and news**
- » **Thoughts to ponder**
- » **Suggestions for improvement**

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All articles sent to the Secretariat/Phildom shall be given due consideration. Due to some limit in space however, we may not be able to print them all at once. It may come out at the forthcoming issues. Just the same we are grateful for the articles and newsbits. Please continue sending them; they will be most welcome.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE PROVINCIALATE

(Editor's note: We are running a series of introduction of our personnel at the Provincialate for the brethren to know them.)



First Name: **ARNEL**
Nickname: "Nel"
Middle Name: **HERNANDEZ**
Surname: **SISIT**
Birthday: 6 Dec 1985
Civil Status: Married
Hometown: Maragondon, Cavite
Educational Attainment: B.S. Criminology
Date of Employment in the Provincialate: Oct 2015

Current Position: Driver

Milestone/Highlight of being with the Province: Yong makilala at makasama ko sa Isabela ang pinaka-guwapong pari, si Fr. Pedro Salgado, OP.



My wife, Rochel.

Thanks to our Brothers and friends who contributed articles and pictures for Phildom.



Advent Recollection of Bahay Dominiko Staff December 20, 2017



Gathering of PHILDOM Student-Brothers Contributors December 21, 2017 at Café Inngo 1587





Outreach of Bahay Dominiko Community
Preparing the Christmas give-aways to the indigents along the surrounding streets in Brgy. Sto. Domingo.
December 21, 2017



A Night of Fellowship

Members of the *Filii Sancti Dominici* under the leadership of Atty. Anju Castigador
Bro. Mike Plana's Residence, Quezon City, 23 December 2017.



TOUGH GUYS

By Br. Rolando V. de la Rosa, OP

Some men put up a front that's based on an extreme notion of masculinity, emphasizing toughness, brutish power, and machismo. They elicit respect and admiration from others by an implicit threat of violence. They project themselves as tough guys who will not run from a fight or balk at a challenge, even if this involves great risk to their life and reputation.



Br. Rolando V. de la Rosa, OP

These machos go to great lengths to defend their masculinity so that it is never contested. But in doing so, they unwittingly admit that they show only certain parts of themselves that the dominant culture has defined as manly or masculine. Despite their aggressive stance at being machos, they are passively submitting themselves to a sociocultural norm that requires men to always assume the posture of a tough guy. In effect, they personify a distorted understanding of male sexuality based on caricatures and stereotypes.

One characteristic often associated with tough guys is the blatant coarseness of their language. One macho government official, for instance, constantly indulges in profanity while delivering speeches or conducting interviews. He seems to embellish his monologues with curses to bring home his point. One may rightly infer, however, that he does that to hide his inarticulateness or to distract us from his many *non sequiturs*, sometimes enough to make a tossed salad. His lengthy soliloquies usually amount only to this: "I've already made up my mind. Stop confusing me with the facts!"

His brutal onslaught against social refinement and elevated language has become fashionable, a fad reinforced by film, television, and music celebrities who cannot finish a sentence without peppering it with a cuss or obscenity. While they enjoy the pleasures and privileges of an amoral existence, these celebrities pretend to be society's conscience.

Christian Nestell Bovee writes, "bad taste is a species of bad morals." By this he means that the reversal of standards, in which gutter language and ignoble conduct are imitated and even promoted by political, social, or economic leaders, is a sign of moral depravity and cultural decay. A clear indication that this is happening is the loss of our sense of shame.

Today, being shameless has become fashionable. Many people spit, urinate, or dump their garbage anywhere they please. Motorists violate traffic rules with impunity. The elite dress shabbily and tell others that this is socially chic and thoroughly intellectual.

With the gradual disappearance of our sense of shame, many people are no longer bothered by the possibility of being exposed for crimes they commit. In fact, like self-confessed exhibitionists, they delight in seeing their faults, defects, or crimes broadcast by the media.

Don't you notice, most of the controversial or prominent politicians and government officials are steeped in the machismo culture? After seizing power, they consolidate their wealth and brush off like flies those who dare ask "what happened to your election promises?" Some of them shamelessly bleed us dry of our resources, robbing the country's coffers, without even bothering to wear a ski mask.

The major stinker is, they have no intention of giving up their positions of privilege and power, so we must be prepared to hold our noses for a very long time.

REDEEMING FACTOR

Mt 11:16-19

December 15, 2017, 6:00 am Conventual Mass

Santo Domingo Church, Quezon City

First Homily of Rev. Hilario V. Sicat Jr., OP, as a Deacon



Br. Hilario V. Sicat Jr., OP

There are thousands of reasons to give up humanity from generation to generation. When you look around, you cannot but be like Jesus in the gospel, utterly disappointed. Our society and the entire humanity may seem to be hopeless and giving it up is the only option left to us.

But despite this seeming our hopeless condition; our disappointing actions,

God never gave us up. Even though we disobeyed His commandments with much gusto, God continues to exert effort to redeem us, to save us. He does so because He

sees in us hope. He could have destroyed us and simply create a new creation, but He opted not. God sees in us a redeeming factor.

Truth be told, there are no hopeless cases in this world. There are only people incapable of seeing hope and opportunity in every crisis in life. In us, hope springs eternal (Alexander Pope in *An Essay on Man*, 1732). We can always find fresh causes for optimism, as God can. Let us not give up on each other because the moment we give up on us is the moment we lose hope in our capacity to change for the better.

Isn't this is the very reason why Jesus came to this world?

God sees hope in each of us. Everyone has a redeeming factor worth holding on. From this redeeming factor, hope may spring forth and salvation will be at hand.

What is your redeeming factor?

“PAPA GANDONG EMBRACING GOD”

Jesus said “Rejoice and be glad”.

By Br. Gallardo A. Bombase Jr., OP



Br. Gallardo A. Bombase Jr., OP

If I have to let you know how I feel at this moment, I feel sad. But what makes me also happy was the transformation of my father. I journeyed with him especially in his last months on earth so personally and closely that he heard my voice everyday by phone and felt my presence everyday and every weekend during my home visit. You know what makes me grateful and happy is the fact that we do

not have regrets because we did what we have to do for Papa. And that was why, when he left this world, Papa was smiling, sleeping and resting in peace.

Did you know what happened to Papa Gandong that night before he died? He raised up his hands as if he was reaching up and as if someone was extending one's hands invisibly to him. Someone must be embracing him and extending his hands to him. Then, afterwards, he clapped his hands three times. Then he had a smile on his face. How would I interpret it? If he was seeing something bad

he would be crying and trembling with fear; God must be welcoming him in heaven and telling him: rejoice and be glad for your reward is great.

That night, after my sister Beget gave papa Gandong Ensure for a drink, Papa Gandong told her to sleep so he could also rest and sleep. That night my youngest sister Beget, who lovingly cared for Papa, slept so sweetly and restfully much different from all other nights. However, in the morning when Beget was about to wake up Papa and give him breakfast, Papa, with smile on his face but no longer breathing, was sleeping so peacefully.

I am a living witness of Papa Gandong. I journeyed with him even before his last days in this world. He died peacefully and happily. I believe it is because he had a change of heart. There was a conversion and transformation. After the death of Mama Esting, Papa humbled himself by submitting to the path of righteousness. He would go back to the Church. What matters most with him is love. No more materialistic and worldly concerns but only spiritual and godly matters, like doing right and amending his ways. He had change of heart and mind. For those whom he offended by hurtful words, he would say “*salamat po ha di ninyo ako iniwan at pinabayaan*”. All words of gratitude. Yes, I may not hear him say “*I'm so sorry*” but his words of gratitude were best

enough to express his sorry. Words of gratitude are even better than words of sorry. All he would say was thank you to all who cared and forgave him. I have witnessed the sudden change of Papa's health getting weaker and but his relationship was getting better in winning everyone's heart to care for him. He was getting ready for eternal life. He became a changed person.

I have come to believe that my Papa Gandong must have really missed my Mama Esting. That's why, he immediately followed Mama after six months.

Last September 8, 2017, during the birthday of Mama Mary, three months after Mama's burial, we went to the cemetery to visit the tomb of Mama Esting. While we were there, Papa told my sister Beget something like this "*naglumoy su puso ko*" (my heart feels her presence). That was for his realization that mama is really gone. All the while he was still at the denial stage. There and then, Papa felt an internalization and realization of the care and love of my Mama Esting. Then, while we were still at the tomb of Mama, he pointed the tomb beside where Mama Esting was buried and said "Beget I'll soon follow and occupy that empty tomb". Afterwards, Papa dreamed about Mama and Gil in heaven, they were so happy".

I personally know my father very much. I have witnessed the conversion and his change of heart. That was why I would always visit him at home and get in touch with him. Everyday I would communicate through the phone that he may feel my presence electronically, I would say "Papa, I love you." He would also respond by telling me "I love you too, son." That was why I know what happened at home by my constant monitoring of his condition.

Before, when he was then strong and was living a different kind life, we would argue from time to time. I was actually supporting and defending my Mama Esting, because they would always quarrel at home for some reasons that some of you might have known. And after the heated arguments, I would beg for his forgiveness. When I asked for forgiveness or I'm sorry for the words I said, he would tell me "ok kc aki taka" (ok lang you are my son). Papa knows how to forgive and understand. Papa is a deep thinker and silent type unlike me, talkative and expressively dangerous. Papa accepted me as I am. He is my inspiration and I learned a lot from his experiences and teachings. Papa has a gift for listening because he is a learned person. Yes, he is also a spiritual person. In his testimony that I published in the YouTube (search Papa Gandong Testimony), you will find that his relationship with God is internal and spiritual. He is also a religious person.

My Papa Gandong among his siblings was the only one who has finished his studies. He worked hard to pursue his dreams. He got what he wanted in life. My Lolo Fermin Asor made him in charge of the 100 hectares in Tinambac, Camarines which he legally continued to settle in court. He was so responsible and a dedicated person. He made it happen by his dedication and intelligence. The first word that he taught me when I was a child was the word

"dedication". He was the financial secretary of the Knight of Columbus for several years; twice as an acting mayor of Tigaon Camarines Sur.

On the first week of November I witnessed his change of heart. Days before we brought him to the hospital he would say to us, "SALAMAT PO SA ALAGA SA AKIN". Salamat Joseph. Salamat Salve. Salamat Landre. Salamat Beget. Salamat Shine. Salamat sa inyong lahat at di ninyo ako iniwanan at ako'y inyong inalagaan. Ang huling salita ni Papa Gandong ay ang salitang SALAMAT PO SA INYONG LAHAT.

Last December, I had a feeling that my father would be leaving us soon. That was why, lately I told Beget, Gley, Ada, Sarah and Carmela and my other cousins to really do everything for Papa because he would not last long. I told them to give all the best that we could give for Papa. I coined the word PET. P stands for Prayerful Presence, E stands for Expressing Efforts and T stands for Thanking Time. If we can PET Papa, we will have no regret. Neglecting PET may cause us to be sorry, not happy.

That was why, I was with him every now and then especially this last Christmas. It was a perfect Christmas to spend time with him. Beget and I were always present for Papa even when he was operated in his retina and when Papa needed blood for transfusion several years ago. She really would express efforts for Papa though she was suffering from her arthritis. Beget would sing a love song to Papa while feeding and doing something for Papa. Beget fed Papa not only with food but with grateful love because he would always ask Papa to repeat words like "I love you" to tickle the mind of Papa. We did the best gift we could help prepare our father leave this world ready. I would hear his confession, give him communion, administer him with Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick and pray and bless him. All we could do was to let him be prepared and ready to meet the Creator. Beget and Landre were always with Papa. Paulo and Otep, the two children always accompany Papa at night.

Last September when I attended the United Nation Session on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland, I visited him to pay respect and say goodbye. He told me «God be with you, Son» «Take care of yourself». Now my farewell words to Papa are the words he told me when I left him for the United Nations in Geneva. «God be with you Papa Gandong. God will take care of you in heaven.» Thank you for being Papa Gandong: a person of gratitude and a changed person before leaving this world. You left us a legacy and a happy memorable remembrance.

We will always remember you in our prayers and your picture will be hanged at our house that both Papa Gandong and Mama Esting would remind us that we were dearly loved and are always cherished by your presence. You are always present in our minds and hearts. Forever you will be our Papa Gandong and Mama Esting. Eternal rest grant unto them. May they now rest in peace with our Loving Creator God!

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(Second part of a series in publishing the Apostolic Plan of the Province)

Evangelization through Social Communication

Four-Year Development Plan Office for Evangelization through Social Communication

Provision/Output	Specific Objectives	Budget/ Strategies	Time Frame/ Person/s Responsible
<p>#132 We recommend that the Promotion of Evangelization through Social Communication be a separate office from the Institute of Preaching in order to optimize its function. It shall be headed by a full-time promoter.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implemented - Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication - Director of the Institute of Preaching
<p>#141 We commission the Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication to implement programs and projects that will strengthen the Dominican preaching ministry through various media of social communication.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To strengthen the presence of DPP in social media as the new platform for preaching. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To maintain an active DPP accounts in Facebook, Tweeter, YouTube and Instagram - To establish linkages with the different entities of the Province - To tap the student-brothers to help maintain the accounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December 8, 2017 - Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication - Dominican Student-Brothers
<p>#142 We commission the Office of Evangelization through Social Communication to have its own studio equipped with technical and recording facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To empower the office to have its own equipment and to produce more materials for evangelization purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To coordinate with the Provincial Syndic regarding the availability of funds and to have a meeting with the brothers to assess the various equipment needed. - To employ the help of technical experts who could help create the needed studio. - To suggest for the sharing of resources between the office and DSMC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December 8, 2017 - Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication
<p>#143 We commission the Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication to manage the website and social network sites of the Province with the assistance of the Student-Brothers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To maintain an online presence that provides basic information and news about the province and her ministries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify possible improvement of the website. - On-going meetings for the content, creatives and the programming with the student-brothers. - To create an effective system that will ensure regular updates on the content of the website - Monthly professional/retainers' fee for the technical administrator (There was a suggestion during the meeting to adapt a program that will be easily to navigate and to maintain even by the staff of the office and the brothers. No need to tap for an administrator) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of the New Website: December 8, 2017 - Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication & Dominican Student-Brothers
<p>#144 We commission the Provincial Economic Council to assist the Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication in raising funds for the "Siete Palabras".</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To create a marketing committee who will raise the funds needed for this project and to monitor the allocation of funds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To identify and tap our regular patrons and benefactors - To look for other possible sources of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January 2018 - Provincial Economic Council - Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication



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Provision/Output	Specific Objectives	Budget/ Strategies	Time Frame/ Person/s Responsible
<p>#145 We recommend that the Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication together with the Promoter of the Missions enrich the programming of the radio station "Spirit of Calayan."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To produce radio materials that will be useful and relevant to our mission stations and to other entities in the Province who are engaged in radio apostolate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To coordinate with the Promoter for the mission to assess the needs. - To propose some possible projects that will cater to needs of the mission. - To create a production team composed of professionals who can help produce useful and inspiring radio materials for the target audience. - To request for the needed budget for this project. - (The Promoter should man the operation and programming of the station in Calayan. The station needs an updated program matrix. The Radio Manaoag matrix can be shared to Calayan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January 2018 - Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication - Promoter of the Missions
OTHER PROJECTS			
<p>iLUMEN: Sharing the Light of Faith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To continue the production of catechism video that can be used for evangelization by the different entities of the Province and the Dominican Family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To create a production team for this project - To identify the most effective and creative way of presenting the video that will cater to the needs and preference of the target audience - To allot budget for the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October 2017 - Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication - Dominican Family Commission on Social Communication
<p>Creative Preaching Styles and Strategies (3.0)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To provide a social media literacy and training program for the members of the Dominican Family in the Philippines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To identify relevant and useful topics that will help the members of the Dominican Family understand the reality & the potentials of the new media/social media as tools for preaching. - To create a team who will organize and manage this two-day event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication - Dominican Family Commission on Social Communication
<p>OPM – Order of Preachers Music, Phil.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To have an office in-charge of Dominican talents and the music they produce for liturgical and inspirational purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The idea of organizing the OPM was inspired by the revival of INGGO 1587. - Consultations with the experts are on-going. - This office will facilitate the over-all production of a music album and the handling of talents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December 8, 2017 - Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication
<p>Office Equipment Upgrade</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To purchase some office and media-related equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make a list of equipment needed (new laptops, telephone unit, camera, etc.) - Consult the Syndic for the availability of funds. - Search for the prizes, after the approval of the authorities, make the purchase. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October 2017 - Promoter of Evangelization through Social Communication



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Theological Reflection applied to the religious and cultural, social, economic, labor and political, technological and scientific situations of the Philippines and Asia;

OPERATIONAL PLAN COMMISSION ON INTELLECTUAL LIFE

PERTINENT ACTS OF THE 2016 PROVINCIAL CHAPTER	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIME FRAME
158. We commission the Regent of Studies and educational institutions of higher learning of the Province "to organize workshops, presentations or colloquia that foster dialogue between scientists and theologians" (ACG 2016 Bologna 144).	To organize workshops, presentations or colloquia that foster dialogue between scientists and theologians.	1. Partner with UST CRSE through its faculty researcher, Assoc. Prof. Agnes Ponsaran, PhD in holding the international conference on the interface between Science and Theology at UST in 2017. 2. Partner with UST in the implementation of the AIRES (Aquinas Initiative on Religion, Environment and Science) project sponsored by ECUSTA.	Regent of Studies, Director of UST CRSE	A.Y. 2017 to A.Y. 2020
159. We commission the UST Center for Religious Studies and Ethics (CRSE) to research on how to engage the "culture of indifference" and other current religious and ethical issues (cf. ACG 2016 Bologna 149).	To research on how to engage the "culture of indifference" and other current religious and ethical issues.	Commission a research project that will make an in-depth study of these issues	Regent of Studies, Director of UST CRSE	A.Y. 2018-2019
160. We direct the Commission on Intellectual Life and the UST Center for Religious Studies and Ethics "to identify friars and other scholars able to be involved in a reflection on digital technologies" (ACG 2016 Bologna 155).	To identify friars and other scholars able to be involved in a reflection on digital technologies.	1. Fr. Jeremy Realubit to involve himself in the study of the pastoral – ethical component of digital technologies. 2. Co-organize the Conference entitled "Ethics and Information Technology: Back to the Beginning" with Prof. John Weckert, PhD as speaker.	Regent of Studies, COIL Regent of Studies, Director of CRSE	A.Y. 2019-2020 Feb. 8, 2017
		3. To invite professors of IICS to be part of OPTIC – invitation has been forwarded to Fr. Pama, OP, Regent of IICS of UST.	Regent of Studies, Regent of IICS	
161. We recommend that the Regent of Studies identify brothers able to undertake special studies on Islam and spiritual direction.	To identify brothers able to undertake special studies on Islam and spiritual direction.	1. Br. Simon Peter Ramos to take-up specialization in Islamic studies. 2. Br. Robert Castellano to study and specialize in Spiritual Guidance and Counselling. 3. Devise a program to give formators opportunity to undertake short courses in spiritual direction locally or abroad.	Regent of Studies, COIL	A.Y. 2017 to A.Y. 2020 A.Y. 2019-2022 A.Y. 2017-2020



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PERTINENT ACTS OF THE 2016 PROVINCIAL CHAPTER	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIME FRAME
162. We recommend that the articles related to the 800 th Anniversary of the Order of Preachers serialized in the <i>Philippiniana Sacra</i> be published as a book.	To publish as a book the articles related to the 800 th Anniversary of the Order of Preachers serialized in the <i>Philippiniana Sacra</i> .	Fr. Jannel Abogado will edit and publish the mentioned articles into a book under the academic publications series of CRSE.	Regent of Studies, Director of CRSE	December 2017
163. We declare that as part of our Dominican charism, we seek to develop centers of specialized studies pertinent to the region wherever we are present (cf. ACG 2013 Trogir 85).	To develop centers of specialized studies pertinent to the region wherever we are present.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the structure and the activities of the Institute of Preaching. 2. Collaborate with the project of the General Curia with the other Regent of Studies in the Asia-Pacific Region to put-up a center for Interreligious Dialogue. 	<p>Prior-Provincial and his council, Regent of Studies, Director of the Institute of Preaching</p> <p>Regent of Studies in collaboration with the Curia and the Regents of the Asia-Pacific Region</p>	<p>A.Y. 2018-2019</p> <p>February 2019</p>
164. We declare that in the Province, the Center of Institutional Studies (LCO 233 § 1 and LCO 92 § 1) shall be the Ecclesiastical Faculties of the University of Santo Tomas, which provide the philosophical and theological formation according to the tradition of the Order. The Philippine Dominican Center of Institutional Studies shall continue to be the Center of Institutional Studies for the Province until the integration of the philosophical formation of our student-brothers is completed by A.Y. 2018-2019.	To transfer the philosophical formation of the student-brothers from the PDCIS to the Faculty of Philosophy of UST.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have the batch of 2018 as the last group of philosophers to finish their philosophical formation in PDCIS. 2. Start the transfer of the philosophical studies of the student brothers to the UST Faculty of Philosophy starting with the incoming student brothers (i.e., Novitiate Batch of 2017). 	Regent of Studies/Moderator of PDCIS, Dean and Faculty Council of UST Faculty of Philosophy	<p>A.Y. 2017-2018</p> <p>A.Y. 2017-2018</p>
165. We declare further that in the Province, the Regent of Studies (LCO 93 § 1) shall assume the functions of the Moderator of Studies once the aforementioned full integration is attained.	To assume the functions of the Moderator of Studies by the Regent of Studies after the PDCIS shall cease operations.	The Regent of Studies assumes the duties of the Moderator of PDCIS.	Regent of Studies	November 2016
175. We recommend that the Regent of Studies encourage and support the brothers who specialize in the fields of bioethics, environmental ethics and social ethics (cf. ACG 2010 Rome 158).	To encourage and support the brothers who specialize in the fields of bioethics, environmental ethics and social ethics.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fr. Pablo Tiong will be encouraged to finish his dissertation on environmental ethics. 2. Fr. Roman Santos will be encouraged to complete his licentiate degree in Bioethics. 3. Br. Jayson Gonzales will be asked to do his doctoral 	Regent of Studies, COIL	<p>A.Y. 2017-2020</p> <p>A.Y. 2017-2019</p> <p>A.Y. 2019-2022</p>
		<p>studies in Bioethics preferably in the Regina Apostolorum University in Rome.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Fr. Rodel Cansancio will be asked to specialize for his doctoral degree in the field Social Ethics 		A.Y. 2018-2020



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PERTINENT ACTS OF THE 2016 PROVINCIAL CHAPTER	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIME FRAME
189. We commission the Prior Provincial and his Council to study the proposal of Most Rev. Agustinus Agus, Archbishop of Pontianak, to involve ourselves in educational ministry by putting up a seminal institution of higher learning.	To be involved in the educational ministry of the archdiocese of Pontianak by putting up a seminal institution of higher learning	Indonesian brothers to obtain higher degrees in preparation for their future involvement in the educational ministry of the Archdiocese of Pontianak.	Prior-Provincial and his council, Regent of Studies, Bothers assigned in Indonesia	A.Y. 2017-2020
190. We commission the Promoter of the Missions, in coordination with the Commission on Theological Reflection, to produce ethnographic studies of our missions in Calayan and Camiguin and publish these in the Justitia journal.	To produce ethnographic studies of our missions in Calayan and Camiguin and publish these in the "Justitia journal."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fr. Pama will help coordinate making an ethnographic description of our ministry in the islands of Camiguin and Calayan. The missionaries themselves will document what they are doing in the missions. 	<p>Promoter of Missions, Regent of Studies, Fr. Pama</p> <p>Missionaries</p>	<p>August 9-12, 2017</p> <p>2017-2020</p>
223. We commission the Prior Provincial and his Council to appoint a Prefect of Studies who will be in charge of the intellectual formation of the student-brothers.	To appoint a Prefect of Studies who will be in charge of the intellectual formation of the student-brothers.	Fr. Rudolf Seño has been appointed as Prefect of Studies.	Provincial and his council	November 2016
248. We commission the Prior Provincial, the Regent of Studies and the Rector of University of Santo Tomas to undertake the necessary steps for the integration of the philosophical formation of our student-brothers to the Faculty of Philosophy of UST, in such a way that by AY 2018-2019, PDCIS shall be fully integrated with the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Santo Tomas.	To integrate the philosophical formation of our student-brothers to the Faculty of Philosophy of UST, in such a way that by AY 2018-2019, PDCIS shall be fully integrated with the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Santo Tomas.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have the batch of 2018 as the last group of philosophers to finish their philosophical formation in PDCIS. Start the transfer of the philosophical studies of the student brothers to UST Faculty of Philosophy starting with the incoming student brothers (i.e., Novitiate Batch of 2017). 	Regent of Studies/Moderator of PDCIS, Dean and Faculty Council of UST Faculty of Philosophy	<p>A.Y. 2017-2018</p> <p>A.Y. 2017-2018</p>
249. We commission the Prior Provincial, the Dean of the Faculty of Theology and the Director of the Institute of Preaching to undertake the necessary steps for the affiliation of the Master of Arts in Preaching of the Institute of Preaching with the Faculty of Theology of UST and the Graduate School of UST in view of offering a dual degree in Licentiate in Sacred Theology and Master of Arts in Preaching. The process of affiliation shall be fully completed by A.Y. 2018-2019.	To undertake the necessary steps for the affiliation of the Master of Arts in Preaching of the Institute of Preaching with the Faculty of Theology of UST and the Graduate School of UST in view of offering a dual degree in Licentiate in Sacred Theology and Master of Arts in Preaching.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Director of IP will work on the adoption of the MA program of IP by the Graduate School of UST. The Director of IP will work on the integration of the MA program of IP to the Faculty of Sacred Theology that its graduate may likewise receive an STL degree from the same faculty. 	Director of the Institute of Preaching, Regent of Studies	To be fully completed by A.Y. 2018-2019
252. We recommend that the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties and the Institute of Preaching complete the institutionalization of evaluation of professors and to find ways and strategies to	To complete the institutionalization of evaluation of professors and to find ways and strategies to teaching methodologies,	1. Support the conduct of student evaluation of professors initiated by the office of Ecclesiastical Faculties of UST.	COIL, Deans of the Ecclesiastical Faculties, Director of Institute of Preaching	Every end of the A.Y. from 2018-2020



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PERTINENT ACTS OF THE 2016 PROVINCIAL CHAPTER	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIME FRAME
update their teaching methodologies, classroom management and test and measurement.	classroom management and test and measurement.	2. Adopt the same practice of student evaluation of professors in the Institute of Preaching		
253. We recommend that UST Ecclesiastical Faculties be diligent in the promotion and classification of the Dominican professors and encourage research and publication among the brethren (MO 2012 Letter of Visitation).	1. To recommend that the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties be diligent in the promotion and classification of the Dominican professors. 2. To encourage research and publication among the brethren	1. Propose to the Council of the Ecclesiastical Faculties the regular evaluation of professors for the purpose of promotion 2. Invite Dominican professors to undertake research projects under the CRSE of UST for publication in <i>Philippiniana Sacra</i> or in other peer-reviewed journals. 3. Provide support, through the office of the Ecclesiastical Faculties, to the brothers who participate and deliver lectures in academic conferences locally and abroad.	Regent of Studies, Deans of Ecclesiastical Faculties and their respective Faculty Council, COIL Regent of Studies, Director of CRSE Regent of Studies, Deans of the Ecclesiastical Faculties, CRSE	A.Y. 2017-2020
254. We recommend the inclusion of school management in the approved Apprenticeship Program (2013) of the Province.	To include school management in the approved Apprenticeship Program (2013) of the Province.	Identify brothers who will work in Educational management. 1. Possible mentors: Fr. Miranda, Fr. Bautista, Fr. Redillas 2. Possible mentees: Fr. Javier, Br. Sales, Br. Goroza	COIL, Master of Students, Prefect of Studies	A.Y. 2017-2020
256. We exhort the Deans of the Ecclesiastical Faculties and the Director of the Institute of Preaching to conduct the <i>coetus professorum</i> regularly.	To conduct <i>coetus professorum</i> regularly for student-brothers.	1. Request, through a formal letter, the Faculties of Philosophy, Theology and Canon Law to conduct an evaluation of the academic performance of the enrolled student-brothers one month before the scheduled finals examinations of the semester. 2. Request, through a formal letter, the Institute of Preaching to conduct an evaluation of the academic performance of the enrolled student-brothers one month before the scheduled finals examinations of the semester.	Regent of Studies, COIL, Faculty Council of the three Faculties.	One month before every end of the Academic Year from 2018-2020



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