Definitory notes from October 3rd through November 2nd, 2017

St. Joseph of Cupertino Friary, Castro Valley, CA.

- Approved the proposal of the SJC Friary for the purchase of a car for no more than a total expenditure of $20,000.00.
- Received the Petitions of Friars John Baptist Đoàn Cao Thuấn and Joseph Cupertino Phạm Văn Nhương for admittance to the Order of Acolyte. Both Petitions received a positive vote. **Congratulations John Baptist Thuấn and Joseph Cupertino!**
- Met with our Province Treasurer Br. George Cherrie and our Province Business Manager Marie Exberger and discussed various issues:
    - Reviewed the most recent Financial reports of the Province
    - Discussed an update on our Retirement and Vietnam Delegation accounts, which we now have at Chase Bank and Bank of the West respectively.
    - Reviewed all of the Friary budgets for the 2018 year. For those Friarys that it was felt some change should be made, Ms. Exberger was tasked with communicating them to the respective Friar Procurators.
    - Discussed the progress Social Security account, and noted that most Friars receiving Social Security or Disability income have switched over to having these payments electronically deposited into this account.
- John Heinz gave an update on the progress of our consultation program for all Friars with Christian Brothers Services. Those Friars who have not yet responded are asked to submit their initial questionnaires as early as possible and are encouraged to ask questions of our contracted Social Workers.
- Discussed several personnel opportunities and situations.
- Received updates on the sale of the Bello house and on the Viva Francis Foundation from Victor Abegg.
- Received an update from Jacob Carazo and Joseph Kim on the Strategic Planning committee they are on with Friars of the St. Bonaventure and Our Lady of Consolation Provinces.
- Next Definitory scheduled for December 31st at the St. Francis retreat center at the beginning of our Province annual retreat.