

## Definitory notes from September 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5th, 2017

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

- Met with our Province Treasurer Br. George Cherrie and discussed various issues
  - Reviewed the most recent Financial reports of the Province
  - Discussed the progress of our bookkeeper Marie Exberger and the new bookkeeping system.
  - Discussed the timing of our Provincial budgeting for 2018 and decided upon a Friary budget due date of October 23, 2017 in order that we could review them at the next Definitory.
  - Discussed a change in policy for retirement income and subsidies for 2018. We will begin directing all incomes from our Social Security/Disability account and all Friarys into a separate Retirement account. In addition, each Friary will receive a monthly subsidy for each retired/infirm Friar.
  - Gave permission to John Heinz and James Reiter to open bank accounts on behalf of the Mission and for Retirement.
- John Heinz gave an update on the Delegation based upon his visit in August.
- Elected Paul Raphael Lê Đức Chánh as Director of Postulants, beginning immediately. Congratulations Paul Raphael Lê Đức Chánh.
- Reviewed and approved for another year our Memorandum of Understanding with the Philippine Delegation for our Delegation Novices to attend there.
- After consultation with Friar Jude Winkler and the General Curia, decided upon having two separate election Committees for our next Provincial elections. The Delegation Committee will distribute, collect and tabulate ballots, then communicate to the Province Committee who will have done the same. The Province Committee will then publish the results.
- Elected Friars to serve on the respective election Committees:
  - Delegation: Friars Tammylee Ngo, Paul Raphael Lê Đức Chánh, and Dominic Hoàng Thành Nghĩa.
  - Province: Friars Kevin Schindler-McGraw, Tom Czeck, and Paul Gawlowski.

- Discussed the Minister Provincial visitation. John Heinz has already met with most of the Friars of the Delegation, and will visit Van Mon and Tagatay in December. The Province visitation is scheduled for January
- Discussed several personnel opportunities and situations.
- Received an update on the health care consultation for all Friars of the Province by Christian Brothers from John Heinz
- Received an update on the sale of the Bello house from Victor Abegg.
- Received an update on the Viva Francis Foundation from Victor Abegg.
- Having received the approbation of the Archbishop of San Francisco, voted to petition the General Curia to suppress the Friary of St. Francis (St. Paul of the Shipwreck Friary).
- Next Definitory scheduled for October 31st through November 2<sup>nd</sup>.