

## Definitory notes from August 1/2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Friary, Hermosa Beach, CA.

- Discussed the progress of our Province bookkeeper Marie Exberger in her working with Friar George Cherrie. Gratitude was expressed for the work of both in moving the Province to a new bookkeeping system.
- Had initial discussions regarding the creation of separate accounts for both Retirement and the Mission Office. Noted that the present account we have established at Bank of America for the electronic reception of Social Security, Disability and retirement benefits will not be changing.
- Discussed several personnel opportunities and situations.
- Discussed the progress of the Health and Wellness committee in completing the grant to the National Religious Retirement Office in order to contract with Christian Brothers to create an individualized health care plan for every member of the Province. The grant deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Discussed the progress of obtaining proposals for a facilities audit of the St. Joseph of Cupertino Friary.
- Received the petition of Friar Israel-Sebastian for a one year extension of simple profession. This petition received a positive vote. Congratulations Israel!
- Voted positively to elect Friar Christopher Saindon as the chair of the Province Peace, Justice, and Concern for the Environment. Thank you Chris!
- Discussed the progress of the Vietnam Delegation and the upcoming visit of Friar John Heinz there in August.
- Discussed the visit of Friars Jim Reiter, Christopher Saindon and John Heinz to the Maryknoll retirement community in Cupertino, CA. It was decided that a future Definitory meeting would be held there in order to evaluate it as a possible future retirement option for Friars who can live independently.
- Friar Victor Abegg gave an update on the work being done on the Bello street property in preparation for selling it.

- Friar Victor also gave an update the work of the Viva Francis Foundation. It was noted that Friars Victor, John and Jim would attend the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Friar John updated the members regarding our property insurance for all of our properties.
- The next Definitory will be from September 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph of Cupertino Friary, Castro Valley.

**Please keep all our Friars in transition in your prayers!**