

Definitory notes from November 30th and December 1st

Holy Cross Retreat Center – Messilla Park, New Mexico

- Met with the combined Definitories of St. Bonaventure and Our Lady of Consolation Provinces. It was mutually decided to create a combined interprovincial strategic committee in order plan and coordinate possible future activities among the three Provinces.
- John presented the petitions of Friar Dominic HOÀNG THÀNH NGHĨA, Friar Joseph NGUYỄN CHÍNH LUẬN and Friar Peter NGUYỄN NGỌC DUY for reception of the Order of Lectors. The three petitions all received a positive vote. The conferral of these ministries will occur in December, 2016.
- John had received a petition from John Baptist NGUYỄN NGỌC ĐIỀN but withheld presenting it pending further information, which John will gather on his upcoming visit to Vietnam.
- John presented the petition of Friar Paul Raphael LÊ ĐỨC CHÁNH for ordination to the transitional Diaconate. This petition received a positive vote. Bishop Michael Barber will preside at this ordination on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 6 PM, at St. Pauls Parish in San Pablo.
- Discussed several personnel issues and opportunities.
- Discussed the termite situation at the common Novitiate at Arroyo Grande. Pending some further investigation, the Definitory voted to give permission to expend \$13,000.00 for termite extermination.
- Discussed the situation of the Delegation of Vietnam.
- Voted to elect Friar Jacob Carazo and Friar Joseph Kim to represent the Province on the Interprovincial Strategic planning Committee.
- The next time the Definitory will meet will be during the Province Retreat on January 2nd through the 6th.