

Definitory notes from February 20, 21 & 22, 2017

Holy Family Friary – Castro Valley, CA.

- Received a financial report from Br. George Cherrie indicating that for the fiscal year of 2016 the Province experienced a net loss of \$21,348.
- Met with Fr. Jude Winkler at the beginning of his General Visitation to the Province.
- Discussed a number of personnel issues and opportunities.
- Received an update on the Delegation from Friar Luke Vu in a conference call.
- John updated the Definitory about his meeting with Friar David Gaa, O.F.M., Minister Provincial of the Santa Barbara Province. It was decided to accept an invitation to meet with the and the SB Province Definitory on May 24, 2017.
- Received an update on the Viva Francis Foundation from John, Victor and Jim.
- It was decided that in light of the preparations for Community week, that the Pastor's/Guardian's/Director's workshop planned for May 30th & 31st will be cancelled.
- Discussed the need for both an updating of our 2015 Provincial Statutes and the creation for a long term strategic plan for the Province.
- Received a petition from the Vietnam Delegation for permission to expend \$100,000.00 in order to purchase a property adjacent to the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friary. This petition received a positive vote and permission for this purchase is given.
- Received a petition from the Vietnam Delegation for the sale of a property in the Tay Ninh province. This petition was not voted upon pending a valuation of this property.
- Voted to change the name of the St. Joseph of Cupertino Friary in Arroyo Grande to the St. Francis of Assisi Friary and Novitiate. Jim was delegated to inform the Minister General.
- Began a review of the Province car insurance coverage.

- Regretfully received the resignation of Friar Tom Czeck as Guardian of the Holy Family Friary. It was noted that Tom's service on behalf of the Friars of this Friary was both extraordinary and appreciated.
- Elected Friar Jams Reiter Guardian of the Holy Family Friary. Friar Jim's election needs to be confirmed by the Vatican.
- As per the timeline of the Province "Finding Opportunity in the Midst of Financial Crisis" plan adopted July 2, 2015, discussed the implementation guidelines for February 1, 2017. It was decided that while a deficit of \$21,348 is not acceptable, the shortfall was not sufficient to initiate the planned action. The Definitory will continue to monitor our financial situation and implement should we not move towards solvency.
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- The next Definitory will be held at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Friary in Hermosa Beach from March 14th through the 16th.