

Definitory notes from March 6th through 8th, 2017

St. Francis Novitiate, Arroyo Grande, CA.

- Received financial reports for January and February of 2018.
- Met with the Board of the Viva Francis Foundation
 - Mr. Mike Molina was nominated and elected as a member of the Board.
 - Gave input on the new booklet being prepared by Mr. Chris Garza for promoting the Foundation.
 - Reviewed the finances of the Foundation.
 - With the generous matching grant for our Friars in Formation that was promoted in the “Friar News”, the Foundation will make a donation of \$60,000.00 this year to our education fund.
- Discussed the progress of our Christian Brothers Services consultants in working with each Friar to create an individualized program for receiving health care and social security.
- Discussed several personnel issues.
- John gave an update on his visit to our Friars in Formation at the Silver Springs and San Antonio Friaries.
- Reviewed the preparations and logistics for the next Provincial Chapter set for April 9th through the 13th for the first session and the second session scheduled for June 11th through the 15th.
- Reviewed the plans for the workshop for our visiting Vietnamese Friar Delegates set for April 4th through the 7th on norms for ministry to vulnerable children and adults.
- Discussed possible plans for our visiting Vietnamese Friars for their time between the Chapter sessions.
- Discussed the progress of the project to build a Postulancy house on the Cu Chi property in Vietnam. Friar Luke Vu hopes to bring preliminary plans for this to the first session of Chapter.
- Decided to write a petition to the General Definitory on behalf of Friar Dominic Hoàng Thành Nghĩa for a scholarship to do work on a Licentiate at the Seraphicum.
- Victor gave a report on his efforts to facilitate the sale of the Bello street house, and also on our Dale street rental property. He was thanked for all his efforts in regards to these time consuming projects.

- John thanked all of the Definitors for their extraordinary service to our Fraternity these last four years.