

## **INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 6**

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### ***CONSUMATUM EST!* PROVINCIAL CHAPTER CLOSES**

The Provincial Chapter closed at noontime of Friday—August 28. In the afternoon, the Superior General and the new Provincial Government would have an audience with Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle. In the evening, the Provincial Government would be installed by the Superior General during the Eucharistic celebration to be attended by members of the Pauline Family.

As Mass had been scheduled in the evening, the Capitulars prayed together the Lauds at the Queen of the Apostles chapel. At the start of the session, Fr. Gil Alinsangan presented Information Bulletin No. 5 that headlined that the Chapter was preparing the Priorities and Guidelines. This was approved for dissemination. Fr. Khris Llacer next presented the Minutes of the January 28 sessions, focusing on the formulations of, and discussion on, the Priorities in the morning session and the Guidelines for the Apostolate in the afternoon. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

It was clarified that the Minutes would be polished by Fr. Gil Alinsangan before they are signed as official documents.

The Guidelines on Vocation Promotion and Formation prepared by Group B were presented by **Fr. Alan Gamutan**. After close scrutiny, the Capitulars voted the Guidelines touching on making St. Paul Seminary the center of studies of communications, preparing members as formators of communication and of the Bible, programs for the study of Italian language, and appointment of a full-time Vocation Director.

Next to be deliberated upon were the Guidelines on Community and Spirituality prepared by Group C and presented by Fr. Gil. The approved Guidelines touch on the strengthening of local communities to make them “canonical,” the visitation and animation on the part of the Provincial Superior, the role of the Center of Pauline Spirituality and Animation (CPSA) vis-a-vis animation of SSP communities, the presence of the Association of Pauline Cooperators of the Society of St. Paul, and the ways members can deepen their “Pauline color.”

With the Priorities and Guidelines approved, the Superior General suggested that they be introduced by a “Preamble.” The Capitulars took the one of the 10<sup>th</sup> SSP General Chapter with some modifications to fit the reality of the Province. In his closing remark, **Don Valdir** thanked the Capitulars for their hospitality to him and their work in the entire Chapter. His participation was not easy because he is still new in his job as Superior General and he is not yet at home in the English language. Nonetheless, he was glad to come to the Philippines, to have a deeper knowledge of the reality of the Province, and to feel the hopes and vitality of the members.

The Provincial Superior, **Fr. Jose Aripio**, had some words of thanks and declared the 7<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter officially closed. There followed taking of photos and community lunch.

On a personal note, this ends my communication as Information Officer. Thanks for the prayers and interest in following the developments of the Provincial Chapter.

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