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New Father Vicar Takes Over

By this time, the new Father Vicar Provincial, Fr. Rene F. Paglinawan, OAR, shall have visited all the houses of the Vicariate of the Philippines and China. He has not only taken over the formidable task of guiding these communities, he has also begun to reset the direction of life in many of them.

The new Father Vicar was elected by the 109th Chapter of the Province of St. Nicholas of Tolentine held in Monteagudo (Navarre), Spain from May 16 to 26 of 1994. At the time of his election, he was serving the Recoletos Formation Center at Mira-Nila, Quezon City, as its Procurator, Dean of Studies and Vice-Rector. He was holding professorial jobs at the same center.

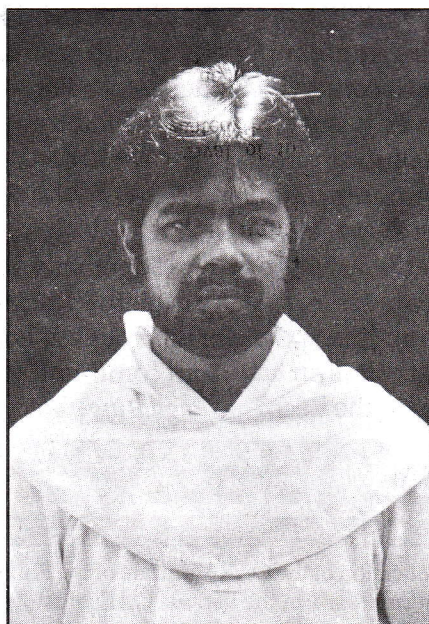
Fr. Rene was born in 1956 in Cebu City. He celebrates the same birthday as the Blessed Mother Mary, that is September 8. Since high school, he was with the Recoletos until his ordination to the Priesthood on July 10, 1982 in Marcilla, Navarre, Spain. He holds a Licentiate in Church History from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome where he studied from 1982 to 1984.

In his administration for this triennium, he is ably assisted by his councilors, namely, Fr. Victor Lluch, OAR (his immediate predecessor), Fr. Lauro

Larlar, OAR, Fr. Antonio Ramon Palacios, OAR, and Fr. Raul Buhay, OAR, who also acts as secretary of the Council. These Councilors head the main secretariats, that is, of the Educational Apostolate, Pastoral Ministry, Spirituality and Formation, respectively.

The thrust of the triennium? The new Fr. Vicar affirms that the "policies and plan of action of this triennium will be aligned with the Provincial chapter resolutions and the Congress recommendations," specifically, the "direction... will center on the strengthening of the internal life of the communities." To this end, the "ordo domesticus" and the local chapter will play a great role. As to the external apostolate, Fr. Vicar "expresses his satisfaction." The active involvement of the Vicariate will still be guided by the above-mentioned documents.

Fr. Rene is 38 years old at the assumption of his office, the second Filipino Recollect to hold this vital post. For physical fitness and relaxation, he takes on basketball and *pelota* among other sports. He has put up a two-man show (with Fr. Clemente Jubera, OAR) of his drawings and sketches at the gallery of Bulwagang Recoletos last February 1994. He may not have much time for his art now, but he certainly finds moments to unwind with his flute and guitar.





Welcoming the New Father Vicar (or Welcoming the Vicars...)

The Staffers of RECOLETOS OBSERVER heartily welcome the new major superior of the OAR Vicariate of the Philippines and China!

Fr. Rene's presence in a new office brings out if not spurs some daring hope for better things to come. It is with this hope that the Recoletos Observer wishes to serve the Vicariate. We know of Fr. Vicar's full support for this common effort toward open communication within the vicarial community.

Welcoming the new Vicar Provincial is a way of welcoming each other within the Vicariate in a new optimism. It is a way of embracing our common responsibility within the Church in a new strength. It is an act of involving ourselves in a fresh challenge for the Recol-

lection in the years ahead with a new enthusiasm.

Welcoming in the present is not forgetting the past but hinging on it. We wish to remember the previous term with gratitude. We acknowledge Fr. Victor Lluch's delicate job of steering the vicarial community through a so-called transition period.

Together with the whole Filipino nation, the whole Recoletos Vicariate joyfully welcomes the Vicar of Christ, His Holiness Pope John Paul II — into our hearts, into our communitarian spirit and into our hopes. *Maligayang Pagdating! Maligayang Paglabbay!*



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FORMATION

Baguio City

Rally Time

Being concerned with the future of beautiful Baguio, the SM-Rians, except those of the first year, participated in a rally denouncing the proposed Tuntex development of Club John Hay on July 2, 1994. The Bishop had earlier supported this mass action joined in by a host of civic and religious organizations.

The next day, the community was out again for a Family Rally to celebrate the International Year of the Family. Msgr. Ernesto Salgado, D.D., presided the Mass on Melvin Jones grandstand at Burnham Park.

Clean and Green Day

August 27 was chosen as the day for ecological consciousness when seminarians cleaned and planted trees in several areas outside the Seminary. These sites will be adopted and turned into mini-parks by SM-R.

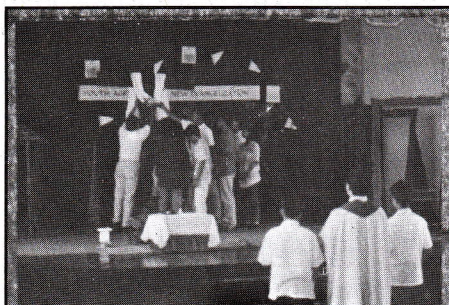
Environment also includes people and persons influencing our lives. In the evening, the formators held a meeting with the parents and guardians of the Junior seminarians with the hope of clarifying with them their influential role as "co-formators".

The next day, August 28, feast of the great St. Augustine, twenty-two (22) Juniors excitedly received their habits making their postulancy official.



Antipolo, Rizal

Youthful Apostolate



The Youth for Christ

The Novices of St. Ezekiel Moreno Novitiate-Recoletos moved to bring the youthful group of the surrounding Sra. de la Paz Subdivision closer to the Church by linking them with the Parish Youth Ministry of the Antipolo cathedral. The immediate aim really was to prepare them for participation in the X World Youth Day. The SEMN-R community offered accommodations for a half-day orientation-seminar for these young men and women on September 18, 1994.

Visiting an Important Sick

The sick religious is always important especially if he is Most Rev. Gregorio I. Espiga, OAR, D.D. The Novices with Fr. Rex Bangcaya, OAR and Bro. Ago Culaton, OAR, greeted the Bishop on his birthday, September 20, at his sickbed. With prayers and songs they thanked God for this natal day and shared in some way his pain of confinement for four years. Msgr. Espiga could only flutter his eyelids to acknowledge their grateful presence.



Mira-Nila, Q.C.

Congress on Contemplation

The OAR theologians attended the National Prayer Congress on Contemplation held on July 1 and 2 at the PICC Plenary Hall. With the theme, "Holiness, A Call to Wholeness", the talks were interlaced with prayer, worship and the Eucharist. Numbered among the participants were bishops, priests, men and women religious and lay persons. The Recollect Novices were spotted among the crowd, too.

Pro-Life Prayer Rally



Pro-lifers all!

In response to the invitation of Jaime Cardinal Sin, D.D., the RFC community wholeheartedly joined and marched with close to a million Filipinos to the Rizal Park in order to raise their indignation against the abuses allowed by the government on the family and children, and protest against the agenda of the Cairo Conference. With the OAR Novices, they donned t-shirts printed with "Protect the Family, Protect the Human Life" slogan.



Four New Deacons



Promising to serve the Church

"Only those who have committed themselves to the Lord are ready to say YES anytime..." were the words of Most Rev. Crisostomo Yalung, D.D, Auxiliary Bishop of Manila, in ordaining four young Augustinian Recollect theologians to the order of Deacon. The rites within the Eucharist were held on September 10, 1994 at the OLCP church, witnessed by a numerous congregation. The new Deacons are: Rev. Antonio Zabala, OAR, Rev. Jose Florizel Dabalos, OAR, Rev. Hernan Cañete, OAR, and Rev. Reynaldo Jaranilla, OAR. To them, our prayerful congratulations!

PARISHES

Tondo, Manila:

Another Installation

Besides being St. Augustine Day, August 28 was a red-letter day for the Parish with the installation of the new parish priest, Fr. Casiano Cosmilla, OAR, more fondly known as "Fr. Kizzy". With eagerness, Msgr. Ted Bacani offered himself as the

installing prelate. The occasion turned out to be a reunion of former classmates. The OLPGV parishioners, of course, are getting accustomed to a quick series of installations. Fr. Cosmilla takes the place of Fr. Loreto Dacanay, OAR, who earlier left for the Recollect missions in Brazil.

Quezon City (Vicariate):

Launching Site, WYD '95

On July 17, 1994, the SNTD Parish was chosen as the site for launching World Youth day '95 for the Vicariate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The affair, opened in the afternoon, was attended by roughly 200 delegates. The festive occasion ended with a "Jerusalem Mass".

Farewell and Welcome

August 17 of 1994 - Fr. Domingo Saladaga, OAR, assistant parish priest of SNTDP for more than half a decade, bade goodbye as he moved on to mission work at the Amazon district of Brazil. He also served as secretary to the Vicar Provincial. To fill up his position came Fr. Jorge Peligro, OAR. Fresh from his studies in Rome, Fr. Jorge is now the assistant parish priest and takes care of the Legion of Mary, Music Ministry and Vocation Promotion of the parish, aside from his being a member of the faculty of the Recoletos Formation Center.



SCHOOLS

Bacolod City

UNO-R's Community Development Project Marches On

A two-storey building now stands amidst Barangay Handumanan called St. Ezekiel Moreno Health Center. Inaugurated on April 3, 1994, it serves four barangays of Handumanan, Cabug, Mañilingan and Felisa, offering complete health services. The second floor has a public library, office, dormitories, and other function rooms that will serve as venue for seminars, skills training and organizational meetings.

The UCDO (University Community Development Office) of UNO-R implements the whole project with the funds provided by the Gobierno de Navarra (Spain). UNO-R's concern has certainly changed the lives of these poor but lucky communities.

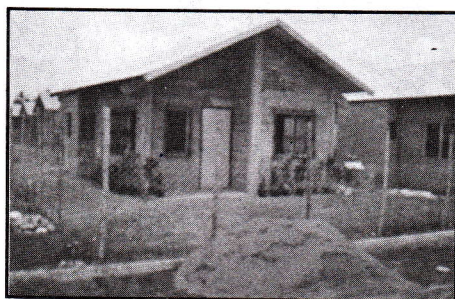
Knights of the Altar in the University

Nine high school students were invested as full-fledged Knights of the Altar last September 8, 1994, after passing the rigid training and theological examinations conducted by Fr. Leopoldo Estioko, OAR, and Miss Erlinda Balberona. Selected from among first and second year students, they were given a cassock and a belt to symbolize their commitment and responsibility. Other aspirants witnessed the affair held within a concelebrated Mass.

Medical Technology Topnotchers

Among all Med-Tech schools in the country, UNO-R has occupied the 15th place in the Professional Licensure Examination as disclosed last April 1994 by the Professional Regulations Commission. In the recent board exam, two UNO-Rians landed on the top ten as 10th placers, namely, Ms. Rowena Abeto and Mr. Jerry Banguanga. To date, UNO-R has 15 topnotchers in this field, from 1985 to 1994.

Homes for UNO - R's Teachers and Employees



*Housing project for
UNO-R faculty and personnel*

The UCDO has added another feather in its cap with the successful UNO-R Homeowners Association Housing Project. Situated at Bakyas, Mansilingan, Bacolod City, the project will benefit 91 families of teachers and families of UNO-R in Bacolod and UNO-R in Talisay. In a total area of 19,678 square meters, each average lot occupies 140 sq. meters. At the moment, there are already more than 20 families staying in the site. Thank you, UCDO, thank you UNO-R!



BIRTHDAYS

October

- 02 - Fr. Leonardo Pauligue
- 15 - Fr. Danilo Diana
- 20 - Fr. Jose Fortunato Garces
- Fray Chito Atibagos (N)
- 22 - Fr. Alejandro Ramirez
- 23 - Fr. Hernando Coja
- 24 - Fr. Rafael Cabarles
- 25 - Fr. Manuel Pierola
- 26 - Fr. Dionisio Selma
- Fray Renie Villalino (N)
- 27 - Fr. Antonio Limchaypo
- 30 - Fr. Cristituto Palomar
- 31 - Fr. Nemesio Tolentin
- Fray Reggie Placido (N)

November

- 09 - Fr. Emilio Jaruda
- 11 - Fray Edwin Macmac

- 15 - Fr. Pedro Co
- 17 - Fr. Pedro Tung
- 23 - Fr. Euben Clemente
Capacillo

December

- 06 - Fr. Manuel Lipardo
- 07 - Fray Jose Jaazeal Jakosalem
(N)
- 10 - Fr. Melquiades Mondequillo
- 12 - Fray Lope Rama
- 14 - Fray Charlito Orobias
- Fray Arvin Portuguez
- 16 - Rev. Hernan Cañete
- 19 - Bro. Severino Cuesta
- 28 - Bro. Santos Serrato
- Fr. Joel Naranja
- Fr. Russel Sungcad
- 30 - Fray Joseph Girasol
- 31 - Rev. Antonio Zabala

MILESTONES

Ordained: Deacons, Sept. 10, 1994, OLC-P-Rev. Antonio C. Zabala, OAR (Parañaque, Metro Manila), Rev. Jose Florizel Dabalos, OAR, (Baclayon, Bohol), Rev. Hernan Cañete, OAR (Toledo City) and Rev. Reynaldo E. Jaranilla, OAR (San Carlos City, Negros Occ.)

Silver Anniversary: Priesthood, August 13, 1994, St Rita College Auditorium, Manila- Fr. Jesus Pastor E. Paloma, OAR.

WARM CONGRATULATIONS

To Fr. Joseph Philip I. Trayvilla, OAR, the first Filipino Recollect to be appointed one of the Provincial Councilors of the Province of St. Nicholas of



Tolentine. Fr. Joefel was Rector of Seminario Mayor-Recoletos, Baguio City at the time of his appointment. We accompany him with our warm prayers!

APOLOGIES

To: Fr. Cornelio Moral, OAR, whose name was omitted from the list of those who delivered position papers during the Vicariate's First Congress (2nd quarter 1994 Issue).

To: Fray Chito Atibagos (Palanas, Masbate) whose name was left out from the group of new Novices (2nd quarter, 1994 Issue)

TOWARDS ONE HEART AND ONE SOUL



UNO-R's concern for the poor



Latest "interpretation" of St. Ezekiel (donor: SAR)



Congratulations, Fr. Pastor!



25 years of Priesthood: Fr. Pastor Paloma with the Recoletos community



Novices celebrating Fr. Paloma's silver anniversary

Theologians at Fr. Paloma's anniversary



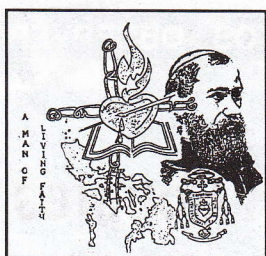
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New Recollect Deacons



The making of Deacons



ST. EZEKIEL MORENO CORNER

(Note: St. Ezekiel Moreno Center at RFC, Mira-Nila, Q.C., now accepts reports of any favor received through the intercession of St. Ezekiel for filing and publication purposes).



The Center that will be

plan that the SAR will eventually manage the place. In fact, the members have recently added a beautiful wood sculpture of the Saint in the Center. The interim "staff" is still hoping for the day when this center will be a real "center" of meaningful activity.

Inactive Center

The proposed St. Ezekiel Moreno Center is located at the ground floor of Bulwagang Recoletos, Mira-Nila, Quezon City. It is simultaneously used as the national center for the Secular Augustinian Recollects with the

On-Going Exhibits

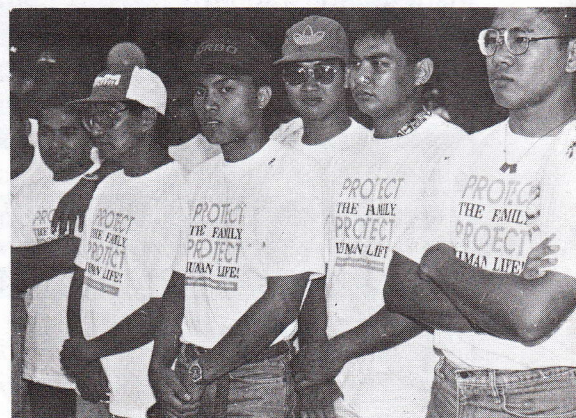
The wide gallery of Bulwagang Recoletos continues to show the informative exhibit on St. Ezekiel entitled "The Saint Among Filipinos." Among the prized objects is a pair of gloves authenticated as those of St. Ezekiel.



Novices marching with the Filipino nation



Let's not DOH it!



One sacred family with humanity



Preparing for X World Youth Day



The sign of the future: Fr. Vicar with the novices, theologians, a Brother

From the
A.R.
CONTEMPLATIVE NUNS...

St. Ezekiel Moreno Monastery in Progress

Here are other interesting details of the Monastery under construction. It is located at Barangay Tangub, Bacolod City in a lot area of 2.1 hectares. The building has a floor area of 2,250 square meters distributed in two floors. The ground floor will include a multi-purpose center, a chapel, bakery and a printing press besides the usual communal facilities. The second floor will comprise 28 cells (bedrooms), four big worship rooms and libraries. Another expected source of income will be the fishpond to be laid out in a riprapped area of 6,800 square meters near the sea. Watch out for the inauguration... soon?

From the
SECULAR
AUGUSTINIAN
RECOLLECTS...

Newest Chapter

Silently but perseveringly, our communities, especially the parishes, have been building Secular Augustinian Recollect groups among the faithful they serve. Recently, the list of more than 500 promised members in the Vicariate was sent to the Provinciate's Secretariat on Pastoral Ministry in Madrid, Spain, for formal affiliation to the Order. As of writing, the newest Chapter erected is that of the San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish in Talisay, Negros Occidental under Frs. Bebot Avanzado, Delfin Castillo and Butch Dosdos.

SAR Couples

Of interest and emulation are couples who made the promises as Secular Augustinian Recollects together. We congratulate the following husband-and-wife members from San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish chapter in Quezon City (Vicariate): Mr. Henry and Mrs. Luz Ramos with 9 children and 12 grandchildren; Mr. Mel and Mrs. Flor Atienza with 2 children; Mr. Rene and Mrs. Fely Cruz with one child and 3 grandchildren; Mr. Jimmy and Mrs. Connie Manrique who have 5 children and 3 grandchildren; Architect Armand and Mrs. Norma Commandante with 3 children and one grandchild; and Mr. Narding and Mrs. Hermie Axalan who have 7 children and 4 grandchildren. May their tribe increase!



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