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A NEW ADMINISTRATION TOWARDS THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

The 110th Provincial Chapter of San Nicolas de Tolentino held in Monteagudo, Spain on May 19-30, 1997, in full Council elected Fr. Victor L. Lluch as Vicar Provincial of the Vicariate of the Philippines and China. Also elected during the same Council was Fr. Rene F. Paglinawan, OAR (Fr. Lluch's immediate predecessor) as Provincial Councilor. Supporting the newly elected Vicar Provincial for this triennium are his councilors, namely, Fr. Emeterio Buñao, OAR, Fr. Joseph Philip Trayvilla, OAR, Fr. Samson Silloriquuez, OAR and Fr. Dionisio Selma, OAR. The Councilors will also head the main secretariats of the Vicariate, that is, of the Educational Apostolate, Pastoral Ministry, Spirituality and Formation.

At the threshold of the 3rd Millennium, the new administration is beholden to the

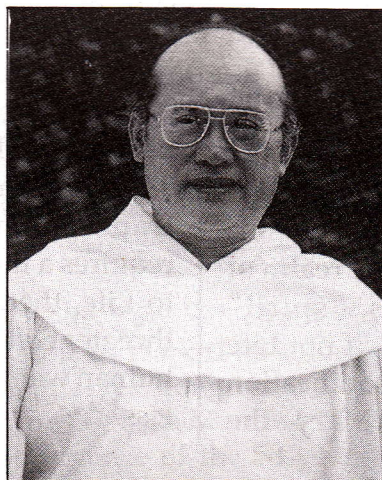
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educational institutions, parishes, missions and houses of formation so that "the option for the poor" takes an irreplaceable priority in their endeavors.

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signs of the times" (*Vita Cons.*, #81).

Towards the Third Millennium, the New Administration looks forward to "a period marked by sustained personal and communal generosity and commitment, and assiduous prayer and fidelity toward that one common goal of making our consecrated life a eucharistic leaven of the Kingdom of God here and now."

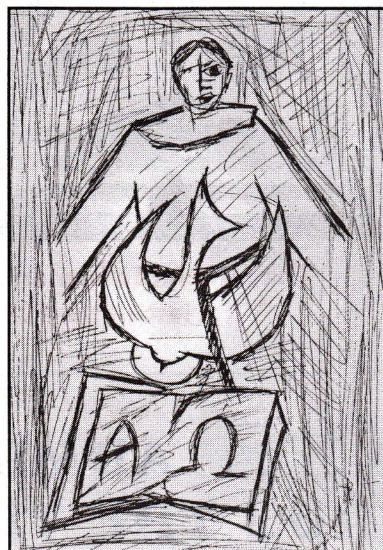


Rev. Fr. Victor L. Lluch, OAR
the new Vicar Provincial

From Word to Life

A conundrum of sort in human life - religious life included - is the matter of how man is able to relate with some great Other, even beyond the measure of the tangible. Yet for all that appears as sheer human effort of reaching out to the world of transcendence, our faith itself alerts us to the fact that it is this great Other, this God, who has made and continues to make the first move, after all. This is what makes Christmas mysterious, and therefore meaningful, also Christ's life can be summed up thus: "The Word more and more becomes flesh....and the flesh becomes more and more Word" (Hans Urs von Balthasar). From Word to Life, then on to a life-giving Word!

In commonplace terminology, as is also true in broad human culture, the term "spirit" always bespeaks "dynamism, enthusiasm, life." But even beyond the malleability of language and the vagaries of culture, the word "spirit" belongs to the realm of transcendence. And for us believers, "spirit" underscores a primordial element of life, if not Life itself. Indeed, the Holy Spirit is the personification of life-giving love. After all, was not Mary, the



t h e o t o k o s, overshadowed by the power of the most High? "Only when moved by the Spirit can man accept the mystery of Christ" (Juan Alfaro). That is what makes Christmas mysterious and therefore meaningful.

In the context of preparing ourselves for the Jubilee Year 2000, we welcome the year 1998 as a year

dedicated to a deeper reflection on the Holy Spirit. The OAR Vicariate of the Philippines and China warmly enjoins each *RECOLETO* to heed the challenge of the Third Millennium: "that one common goal of making our consecrated life a eucharistic leaven of the Kingdom of God here and now" (Statement of the 2nd Vicariate Congress). To relentlessly pursue such a goal, we need to go beyond the rhetorics of mere religious conundrum, including the conundrum of human life and a transcendent Other. The Third Millennium requires a more relevant religious life: from Word to Life, then on to a life-giving Word! A society threatened by the immediacy and superficiality of human wants can hardly be satisfied with anything less. ❄



The **RECOLETOS OBSERVER** is a quarterly publication of the OAR Vicariate of the Philippines and China which aims "to provide the religious a regular, updated and systematic information... in the various OAR apostolates" (Vicariate Circular Letter, July 3, 1989).

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SCHOOLS

Cebu City

USJ-R celebrates 50 Years of Recollect Education

The University of San Jose-Recoletos celebrated its fifty years of fruitful existence- keeping the life mission to provide Catholic education to the youth. Highlights of the year-long celebration included the ground breaking of the retreat house site at Quiot, Pardo and a cultural presentation entitled, "USJ-R Through the Years" depicting the many memorable and historical events of the school as it strived to achieve its mission as an Augustinian Recollect institution. Part of the celebration was the Reco-Workshop wherein the school's top and middle level administrators convened in Bohol and articulated the new vision, mission and goals of the university which will set the direction of the university in the next millennium.

Adelante!!!! ♣

Bacolod City

UNO-R turns 50

The University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos (UNO-R) marked its 50th (Golden) anniversary. The year-round celebration featured varied activities reflecting the objectives of the celebration.

UNO-R was originally called Occidental Negros Institute (ONI) founded in 1841 by Dr. Antonio A. Lizares and Dr. Francisco Kilayko in Talisay, Negros Occidental, offering only first and second year education. It later transferred location in

Bacolod after the war where the elementary, high school and tertiary degree programs were offered.

ONI became University of Negros (UNO) on May 15, 1957 as the first university in the province and was handed to the Recollect Fathers in May 1962.

What makes UNO-R the center of education in town is its learning resources which include a modern library with 81,736 book collections, the computer science technology, and the instructional media. ♣

Manila

San Sebastian College- Manila Marks Golden Year



Opening rites of SSC-R Golden Year

The San Sebastian College-Recoletos marked its golden jubilee with a year-long celebration from June 1996 to March 1997, in the observance of the 50 years of the institution since it was established in 1947.

The progress of the school since 1947 has been remarkable. Massive concrete edifices have been constructed to meet the growing needs of its populace and to cope with the temper of the times. It has evolved into a beautiful campus with three gothic style buildings topped by the San Sebastian Basilica, a national landmark and national shrine and the only all-steel church in Southeast Asia.

Indeed San Sebastian College-

Recoletos has gone a long way. At 50, SSC-R is still that restless as it pursues its mission and commitment for a quality Christian education! ♣

Cavite City

San Sebastian-Cavite Offers New Courses

Early last year, steps were taken by the SSC-Cavite administration to offer engineering courses. The application received approval from the Department of Education and Sports last May 1997. Working plans are being finalized so that by next school year, students wishing to take engineering subjects may be admitted.

A five-story annex building is also being completed to cope with the ever-increasing student population. Blessing is scheduled on January 12, 1998. ♣

1998 ANNUAL RETREAT

April 19-24

Casiciaco Recoletos Seminary
Baguio City

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

REV. FR. SAMSOM SILLORIQUEZ, OAR

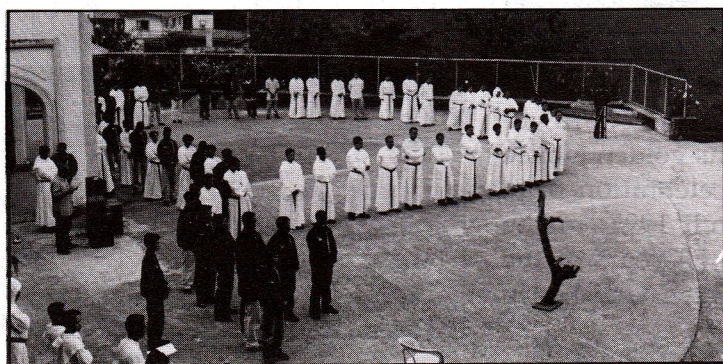
Appointed by His Eminence
Jaime Cardinal Sin, D.D.
as VICAR for RELIGIOUS
MEN and WOMEN
Manila District
Archdiocese of Manila

FORMATION

Baguio City

1st OAR Formands' Convention

A three-day gathering of OAR Formands was held in Casiciaco Recoletos Seminary, Baguio City last October 28-30, 1997. Three (3) Minor Seminarians, Ninety-two (92) Philosophers, Ten (10) Pre-Novices and Thirty-four (34) Theologians attended the convention. "OAR Formands: Journeying Together Towards the Third Millennium" was chosen as the theme with the following objectives: a) that the Recollect formands from all levels of formation get acquainted with one another; b) that the Recollect formands share with each other their experiences arising from their own formation; c) that the Recollect Formands with one mind and one heart journey together towards the Third Millennium facing the challenges of formation specified as community life, human development and ecology. Capping the activities was a concelebrated mass with Fr. Victor L. Lluch, OAR, Vicar Provincial, as main celebrant. ❀



Mira-Nila, Quezon City

Joy and Sadness
at RECOFORCE

The acronym, RFC, has given way to RecoForCe. This expresses the dream of making the Recollect major seminary a center of recollection and rest, a community where brothers burdened with the apostolate can find renewed strength to continue the work, a powerhouse of future Recoletos. So as to touch the ground, so to say, and within this triennium, the ideal is concretized in a two-part goal: Focus One is on furthering the consolidation of the community of brothers assigned as formators. The Team is composed of six religious, two are in the parish and four are directly involved with the formation of thirty four professed and a group of "extern" theology students. Focus Two is on the re-organization of the Team of Formators in such a manner that the overall obligation of "accompanying and animating" the formandi in their Augustinian Recollect and theological formation be done in accordance with the OAR Plan of Formation. Strategies have been designed and implemented within the last six months: From the revision of the Ordo Domesticus and Statutes to the re-definition of roles and jobs; and the opening of "intra" and "extra" communications to avail of formation-related linkages. Slowly, provision no 281 of our Studium Sapientiae on "bene vivere" is coming to life, and this we hope will soon include the structure and environment of RecoForCe.

We are happy with the progress we are observing in the seminary. Just as we are saddened by the news of the departure of four young religious who have graduated from this institution. Some of them are already out of religious life or may be contemplating on seeking dispensation from priestly functions. Such departures make us reflect on what could have happened had..., they make us ask, how can we help? In the language of our Father St. Augustine, the departure of our brothers, whether in the past or future, is part of our very consciousness. Efforts in formation necessitate that we consider such an event. St. Augustine reminds us we cannot stop asking and searching, , if we want to reach and become what we are not yet. ❀

MISSIONS

Taiwan Missions

"Emptiness as regards to self is balanced by compassion for others. The less stress on the ego, the more care there is care for others."

Motivated by this saying and the great demand for missionaries in Asia, three young religious of the Philippine Vicariate left the country for a missionary work in Taiwan last November 10, 1997. While still struggling to understand and speak the language, Frs. Maturan, Morillo and Villaruel have to confine themselves in doing pastoral work with the Filipino migrants.

To date, there are seven parishes in Taiwan being administered by the Augustinian Recollects with eleven religious (6 Filipinos and 5 Spaniards) under Fr. Manuel Pierola as Delegation Superior.

A center for Filipino Migrants has been reopened in Fan Hua. For the first time after so many years, a Mass was celebrated with several Filipinos working in nearby places attending the celebration. The chaplaincy of Fan Hua was given by the Bishop to the Augustinian Recollects. ♣

Ordinations

Sacred Order of Presbyterate

REV. FR. EDWIN G. MACMAC, OAR

REV. FR. JOSE ERNIL F. ALMAYO, OAR

and

to the Sacred Order of Diaconate

REV. GENARO V. MONZON, OAR

REV. CHARLITO A. OROBIA, OAR

REV. RANDOLPH CASTULO P. CASTILLO, Jr., OAR

REV. AMADO EMMANUEL A. BOLILIA, OAR

REV. JONATHAN G. CABALLERO, OAR

Ordaining Prelate

MOST REVEREND JESSE MERCADO, D.D.

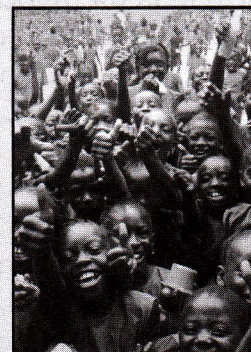
Auxiliary Bishop of Manila

September 13, 1997 at Our Lady of Consolation Parish Church
81 Alondras St., Mira-Nila Homes,
Tandang Sora Ave., Quezon City

Sierra Leone, Africa

...the general situation of the country is very volatile. The coup, staged by junior military officials, took place last May 25.

...the Xaverian House in Kissy Road received the unwanted visit of the soldiers during the coup asking them to lend 2 cars. They took away the two and asked for cash. The Archdiocesan house was also ransacked. Businesses have been looted, not only in Freetown but also in two other cities- Bo and Kemena.



... Many religious joined during the evacuation of Westerners done by the US Navy and later by the French Navy. All the communities of sisters are gone, so too the Josephites. Of the Xaverians, only three parish priests are left.

...rice is now scarce. Before it was at Le. 17,000/bag. The last time we bought 4 days ago, it was Le. 32,000. Now they say there's no more supply. Fuel is also scarce.

...our fear is that if the ECOMOG (Economic Monitoring Group) attacks and surely the rebels and soldiers will scamper to the rural areas and the best target for provisions will be the Mission Houses, including ours!

...we are in that uncertainty. Meanwhile we always pray for peace.... and we are determined to stay! ♣

(excerpts from Fr. Buhay's letter)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Silver Anniversary
Sacerdotal Ordination
of

Fr. Delfin A. Castillo, OAR
Ordination: June 15, 1972

Fr. Hernando D. Coja, OAR
Ordination: July 15, 1972

Fr. Pedro A. Escanillas, OAR
Ordination: July 15, 1973

RESOURCE

(Recoletos Social Outreach Center)

The center was organized after the take-over of the Vicar and his Council of all community outreach projects in Barangay Handumanan, Bacolod City. The site is the relocation area of more than 15,000 families from Bacolod City. The center serves as a venue for all OAR outreach programs in the island province of Negros.

Major objectives of the RESOURCE:

- a) Draw and implement a well-programmed, effective and organized community outreach for all OAR schools and parishes in Negros;
- b) To facilitate the Vicariate's preferential option for the poor;
- c) To extend assistance on housing cooperatives for teachers, employees and community beneficiaries and assist them in fund sourcing;
- d) To assist the Recollect Apostolates in Negros in their community outreach program implementation, monitoring, and evaluation;
- e) To strengthen the social consciousness and community involvement of all OAR communities and apostolates in Negros;
- f) To improve the quality of life of our community beneficiaries by teaching them the strategies on how to develop themselves socially, economically, spiritually, and other aspects of life thus become molders of their own destiny.

Thirty two housing units for the poor were already completed as a result of this program. Seventy families are living in the community with a total population of 482 persons. The Health Center started its operation with an average of 40 patients daily. To date, more than 15,000 patients have been treated in that center. ♡

OAR Theologate launches official Journal

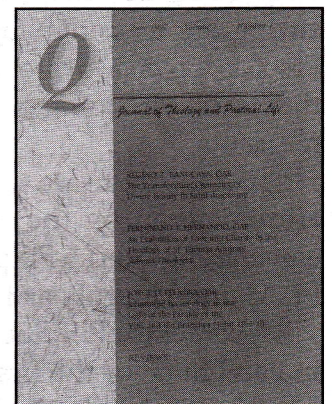
The major seminary of the Order of Augustinian Recollects has recently launched its official semestral journal just in time for the celebration of the Feast of St. Augustine.

Entitled, *Quaerens* (Latin for "quest"), the theological and pastoral review seeks to promote scholarly theological discourse that addresses the specific pastoral needs and questions of our time.

The current editor believes this is the first time a Filipino theological review opens itself to contributions from five official languages (English, Spanish, German, Italian and Spanish). This multi-language policy of the journal emerges from the need to dialogue with cultures and religions throughout the world in general and throughout Asia in particular.

In his congratulatory message to the Faculty of Theology of Recoletos Formation Center, the world-renown American Jesuit theologian John O'Donnell insists that this "quest is not an abstraction but takes place in concrete cultures. It is therefore especially opportune that you are launching this new theological project in the Philippines. For centuries the gospel of Christ has penetrated your culture.... The launching of your new journal *Quaerens* offers you a new and unique opportunity to make the gospel of Christ credible and to give a cogent account of the hope which is in you." O'Donnell has expressed confidence that this project will grow and have "such rich possibilities for the mission of the Church as we enter the next millennium."

Quaerens holds office at the Faculty of Theology - Recoletos Formation Center, 81 Alondras St., Mira-tila Homes, Tandang Sora Ave., Quezon City. The journal aims to draw contributions from other Recollect-run schools and universities. Style sheet for contributors is available upon request. All subscription-related communications are to be addressed to the Editor, *Quaerens*, RFC Faculty of Theology, U. P. P. O. Box 206, U.P. Diliman, 1101, Quezon City. ♡



OAR VICARIAL CENTER

The vision was to have a Vicarial House, with an office and residence, with feasibility to an apostolate for the Parish. And so in 1969 a house, appropriately ideal for this purpose, was bought in Quezon City. But just as we are to end its third decade of existence and with the Vicariate growing into a bigger family with a more complex needs of the personnel, apostolates, demands for expansion, amelioration and *otros que hacedes*, we find our actual Vicariate office and residence inadequate and insufficient not only in terms of rooms and accommodations but especially in its structure and functionality as office and residence of the Vicariate.

The Vicar and the members of his Council think that out of so many alternative solutions, the most expedient one would be to construct a building that would serve to accommodate the offices of the Vicar, Procurator, office of the secretariats, accounting, parish office, visitors' rooms, vicarial library, archives, communication center, conference and function rooms. The location is at the back of San Nicolas Parish church based on a ground of 332 square meters. The proposal has been forwarded to the Major Superior for approval. ♣

San Sebastian Golden Stags Shine in Appointment with History

San Sebastian College Golden Stags scored an unprecedented fifth straight championship of the NCAA Tournament.

Displaying sustained awesome firepower throughout the double round tournament, the San Sebastian hard-court heroes went on to sweep all its assignments, via 81 to 71 conquest against San Beda Red Lions.

The five-straight championship is unmatched in the annals of Philippine Amateur Basketball. UAAP counterpart, University of Sto. Tomas could have duplicated the feat but Far Eastern University spoiled their bid by snatching the 1997 tiara.

The San Sebastian Stags were actually installed as heavy favorites to win the crown by the oddsmakers in predestination-tournament predictions but not in such convincing fashion. They rode methodically from one victory to another, each time reducing whatever doubt was left about their winning ways.

Victory was doubly sweeter, coming as it did when San Sebastian College-Recoletos was the host school of the

DEPARTURES

Fr. Rene Paglinawan, OAR - to Spain as member of the Provincial Council.

Fr. Delfin Castillo, OAR - to Marcilla, Navarra, Spain for the Archival Work.

Frs. Corvin Maturan, Joel Villaruel, Anthony Morillo for missionary work in Taiwan.

ARRIVALS

Fr. Provincial (January '98) for the Provincial Visitation.

Fr. Doming Saladaga, OAR and *Fr. Loreto Dacanay, OAR* - from Labrea, Brazil after three years of missionary work with the Amazons.

Fr. Joel Naranja, OAR - from Spain after a year-long scuffle with OAR documents, PowerMac and swampy shoes.



STAGS Capturing 5 straight NCAA title

NCAA '97 and the school just concluded its year-long celebration of its Golden Anniversary.

National Player Rommel Adducol was chosen MVP and he got very able support from equally adept compatriots like Brixter Encarnacion, Rommel Daep and the "diminutive twins" - Ulysses Tanigue and Jasper Ocampo.

Barely weeks after the NCAA triumph, a red-carpet victory was again achieved by the San Sebastian Stags. The magic wand of Coach Bay Cristobal, who took over the reins from Turo Valenzona, has really emitted a powerful venom as the Stags gained the title as the "Best Collegiate Basketball Team" in the country. The hard-earned victory against the UAAP titlist, Far Eastern University, gave the Sebastianians a morale that they are the best among the Champions.

To put into record, from the NCAA down through the recent Philippines Invitational Championship, the Stags plotted a record of 22-0 win-loss, respectively. Thirteen (13) in the NCAA and nine (9) in the Philippine Invitational Champion.

Bravo Baste! ♣

...excerpts from a homily delivered by Bishop Cirilo R. Almario, D.D. on the occasion of the 409th Foundation Day of the Order of Augustinian Recollects

It is my joy and pleasure to be invited to this celebration of the Augustinian Recollect Family commemorating the "Dies Natales" of the Order following its elevation into the Religious Orders by the late St. Pius X of happy memory on December 5, 1588.

The Augustinian Recollects in Mission

It is a tribute to the great Order of Augustinian Recollects to have accepted the missionary work in the Philippines. Although the fifth of the great religious orders who came to undertake mission work in the country, the Augustinian Recollects, joined forces with the other religious orders that preceded them, and accepted the most isolated and difficult places in the Archipelago.

Since 1606, they started their missionary work with zeal and dedication. Mission work was very difficult at that time. The friars risked their lives. Among the first casualties was Fr. Miguel de la Madre de Dios, who was stoned to death in 1607 by hostile natives. Today, Fr. Miguel is referred to as the protomartyr of the Augustinian Recollects on Philippine soil. Other priests were eventually burned at stake or beheaded because of the people's initial resistance to their mission work.

In 1769, the Recollect Fathers took charge of the whole island of Mindanao and Bohol and in 1848, they started a systematic evangelization of the entire island of Negros. Taking advantage of several factors, the Recollects transformed it socially, economically and spiritually in the short span of 50 years. Aside from mission work, they introduced in the island the lucrative sugar industry, which contributed much to the welfare of the people.

Again, they discovered the use of resin and oil called "balao" for the construction and maintenance of local ships. Silk culture was begun in Palawan. The Bamboo Organ of Las Pinas and its Church, now a tourist attraction, were constructed by an Augustinian Recollect, Fr. Diego Cera de la Virgen del Carmen. And this beautiful church of San Sebastian, a unique all-steel Gothic Church was planned by a Recollect, Brother Remigio San Miguel. Truly, the Augustinian Recollects have done a great contribution to the spiritual, cultural and social transformation of the Philippines.

We cannot but also point out the efforts of the Recollect fathers in the formation of the youth, through the schools they founded: the University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos,

Bacolod City; the University of San Jose-Recoletos, Cebu City; San Pedro Academy, Valencia, Negros Occidental; Colegio de Santo Tomas, San Carlos City, Negros Occidental; San Sebastian College-Recoletos, Manila; San Sebastian College-Recoletos, Cavite.

The Church's Continued Missionary Efforts

Let us intensify our prayers for the continued missionary efforts, not only in the mission areas of the Philippines, but especially in different parts of the world: in Africa, in Asia Pacific and even in certain parts of Latin America. REDEMPTORIS MISSIO, the encyclical letter of Pope John Paul II on Missions, stress the need for "primary evangelization" (*Missio ad Gentes*), in places where the Gospel has not yet been heard, as he stressed at the same time, the need for "a new evangelization" in places where the Gospel has already been planted, but where it is not lived as it should be.

It is a consoling fact that more and more Filipino priests and religious sisters are going out of the country to do mission work in different parts of the world. The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II in his first visit to the Philippines in 1981 said: "This is my heartfelt desire and fervent prayer: *that our brothers and sisters in the Philippines may now take your place in the forefront of the church's missionary effort.*"

As we express our gratitude to the great religious orders who came from Spain and other European countries, especially the Augustinian Recollect Fathers, to do missionary work in the Philippines, it is now our turn to organize our own missionary plans to other countries. ♣

"At the Threshold of the Third Millennium"

Statement of the 2nd OAR Vicariate Congress

Casiciaco Recoletos Seminary

Baguio City

April 7-13, 1997

To the People of God in the Philippines, China and Taiwan-greetings of peace and goodwill.

We the delegates of the 2nd OAR Vicariate Congress gathered at Casiciaco Recoletos Seminary(Baguio City) on April 7-13, 1997 hereby address our message to all Augustinian Recollect Communities and constituents in our apostolates of education, mission, pastoral ministry and formation.

We have come from the various sectors of the Augustinian Recollect consecrated life and apostolic ministry to pause and reflect on our lifestyle, evaluate the tenor of our church and society, and discern the signs of renewal and hope that will accompany our life, action, and message.

Present realities have shown the growing aspirations of women and men for economic development, educational excellence as well as political stability, peace and freedom. Alongside these progressive aspirations are the unbridled search for profit in exchange for human dignity, the unyielding desire for globalization to the advantage only of a few, the utter disregard of human and spiritual values at the expense of the human family, and the rising tide of criminality in violation of many an innocent life all too often needlessly. The breakdown of moral values which emerges from and leads to the breakdown of respect for the sacredness of human life and creation has seeped into our pluralistic culture in varying degrees of subtlety and, in particular cases, has assumed unwarranted proportions. How can we not lament the breadth and depth of the consequences of this dissipated culture? Yet even more deplorable is our collective complacency in the midst of this fast-changing society.

"If the great challenges which modern history poses to the new evangelization are to be faced successfully, what is needed above all is a consecrated life which is continually open to challenge by the revealed word and the signs of the times" (Vita Cons., #8). Thus, we enjoin all our Augustinian Recollect confreres—religious priests and brothers—as well as our lay constituents to embark on this process or renewal with creative fidelity to our charism as a community of disciples—"one mind, one heart"(Acts 4:32).

"... what is needed above all is a consecrated life which is continually open to challenge by the revealed word and the signs of the times" (Vita Cons., #8).

In the light of the foregoing challenges to society in general and to consecrated life in particular we have discerned that this renewal demands the re-orientation of Recollect-run educational institutions, parishes, missions, and houses of formation in this part of the globe. Moreover, since "the option for the poor is inherent in the very structure of love lived in Christ" (Vita Cons., #82), then it must take such an irreplaceable priority in whatever forum that sets decisive goals and programs of action. Without the interplay between holiness and justice can there be peaceful social transformation? We are thus more determined to live our liberating vow of poverty as the one credible alternative to a society eaten up by an ideology of development which easily yields to consumerism.

And so, at the threshold of the Third Millennium we look forward to a new Pentecost, a new *kairos*, a season favorably marked by sustained personal and communal renewal, even as we continue to march with undaunted courage and freedom, unwavering generosity and commitment, and assiduous prayer and fidelity toward that one common goal of making our consecrated life a eucharistic leaven of the Kingdom of God here and now.

OAR VICARIATE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND CHINA PRESENT STATUS

I. Personnel

Filipino Priests.....84
 Filipino Brothers.....4
 Foreign Priests.....10
 Foreign Brother.....1
 Filipino Priests Abroad

Missions

Africa.....2
 Brazil.....2
 Taiwan.....6

On Study

Rome.....3

Ministry

Spain.....3
 USA.....2

Deacons.....5
 Theology.....34
 Pre-Novices.....9
 Philosophy.....89
TOTAL

Religious.....135
 Formands.....137

II. Apostolate in 8 Dioceses and 3 Mission Centers

1. Diocese of Antipolo
2. Diocese of Bacolod
3. Apostolic Vicariate of Baguio
4. Archdiocese of Cebu
5. Diocese of Dumaguete
6. Diocese of Imus
7. Archdiocese of Manila
8. Diocese of San Carlos
9. Missions in Taiwan
10. Missions in Labrea, Brazil
11. Missions in Sierra Leone, Western Africa

III. Formation Houses

Theologate.....34 Theologians
 Recoletos Formation Center
Quezon City
 Novitiate.....9 Pre-Novices
 St. Ezekiel Novitiate House
Antipolo, Rizal
 Philosophy.....89 Philosophers
 Casiciaco Recoletos Seminary
Baguio City
 Minor Seminary.....39 Seminarians
 (Sto. Tomas de Villanueva Formation
 House, *San Carlos City,*
Negros Occidental

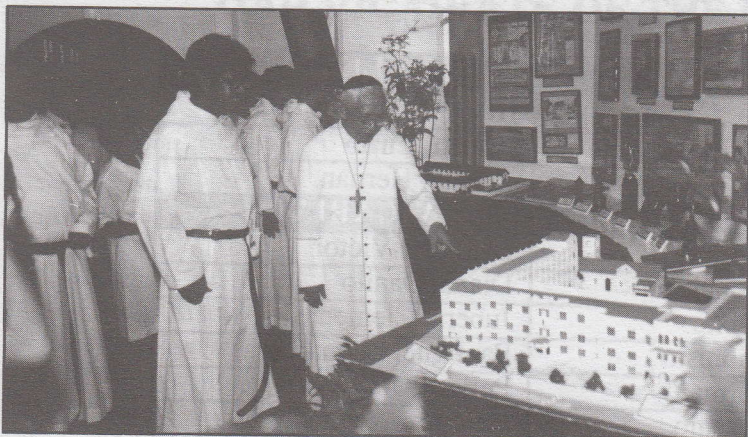
IV. Educational Apostolate

1. University of San Jose-Recoletos
Cebu City
 Enrollment.....16,000 students
2. University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos
Bacolod City
 Enrollment.....11,000 students
3. San Sebastian College-Recoletos
Manila
 Enrollment.....7,000 students
4. San Sebastian College-Recoletos
Cavite City
 Enrollment.....3,000 students
5. Colegio de Sto. Tomas-Recoletos
San Carlos City, Negros Occidental
 Enrollment.....1,000 students
6. UNO-Recoletos (Talisay)
Talisay, Negros Occidental
 Enrollment.....500 students
7. San Pedro Academy
Valencia, Negros Oriental
 Enrollment.....350 students

V. Parishes

1. Basilica de San Sebastian
Quiapo,, Manila
2. San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish
Quezon City
3. Our Lady of Consolation Parish
Quezon City
4. Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage
Tondo, Manila
5. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish
Cebu City
6. Our Lady of Consolation Parish
Laray, Talisay, Cebu
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