



## Provincial Chapter Secretariat off to Good Start



The members of the Chapter Secretariat in action.

**CEBU CITY**—With an ambitious plan to achieve success comes great preps and synergy.

“That’s why we’re here at the venue of the Provincial Chapter one week earlier so we can prepare everything,” justifies Fray Jose Ernil Almayo, provincial secretary and chairman of the Secretariat appointed to assist in the 7<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter. “Actually, we have already started working since late last year,” he adds.

The committee is composed of seven Recoletos friars—the highest number, so far—doubling as writers, translators, editors, photographers, videographers, layout artists, or IT experts. And they are ambitious to be of service to the historic celebration of the chapter, thanks to the all-out support of the incumbent Provincial Council.

The committee members are Frays Jose Ernil Almayo, Reynaldo Jaranilla, Francisco Antonio, Joel Villaruel, Jerik Troy Siozon, Robin Ross Plata, and Jessriel Marcha. But, as a matter of standard operating procedure, the

official number of the committee will still be decided on by the Capitulars.

Some of the novelties accomplished so far are: the arrangement of the official theme song, “Sharing our vision”; music video of the theme song with Spanish and Portuguese subtitles; microsite for the chapter; trilingual publication/translation of write-ups, among others.

Since February 5 when the committee members consolidated here at the Talavera House of Prayer, the work has gone smoothly. There was a re-orientation which focused on the tasks that are aligned with *Ordo Capituli* (Order of the Chapter). The Ordo covers five phases, to wit: information, discussion, commission, decision, and election.

Relevant materials, supplies and documents are also put in place in view of a successful capitular celebration. ☺

### TIMELINE OF PROVINCIAL CHAPTERS WITH THE ELECTED PRIORS PROVINCIAL

**1998** **Birth of the Province**  
Fray Victor Jose Luch, OAR was the first Prior Provincial appointed during the 52<sup>nd</sup> General Chapter.

**1999** **1<sup>st</sup> Provincial Chapter**  
Fray Emeterio Buñao, OAR was the second (but the first elected) Prior Provincial.

**2003** **2<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Chapter**  
Fray Lauro Larlar, OAR was the third Prior Provincial.

**2006** **3<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Chapter**  
Fray Lauro Larlar, OAR was re-elected as Prior Provincial.

**2009** **4<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter**  
Fray Regino Bangcaya, OAR was the fourth Prior Provincial.

**2012** **5<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter**  
Fray Lauro Larlar, OAR was elected as Prior Provincial for his third term.

**2015** **6<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter**  
Fray Dionisio Selma, OAR is the sixth Prior Provincial.

**2018** **7<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter**  
A new Prior Provincial will be elected towards the end of the current Provincial Chapter.

### WHAT IS A PROVINCIAL CHAPTER?

In our context, representatives from the different ministries and apostolates of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno gather every three years to reflect, pray, discern its Life and Mission Project, and draw up programs for the Province (Const. 381). The highlight of which is the election of the new Prior Provincial who will guide the Province for the next three-year term which is called a triennium.

# Meet the Capitulars

The chapter delegates play a vital role in the undertakings of the Provincial Chapter. They are the ones who examine the state of the Province, evaluate the performance of the administration, study the ordinances, draw up programme for the Province, and elect the Prior Provincial and his councilors.<sup>1</sup> Some of them are tagged as *a iure* capitulars, meaning, they are mandated by the Constitutions to be present in the chapter. They are the Prior General who acts as the President of the Chapter, the Prior Provincial and his Councilors, the previous Prior Provincial, the Vicars Provincial, if there are, and the Provincial Secretary.<sup>2</sup> On the other hand, some of them are elected by the members of the province who have the right to vote. For the 7<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter, let us have a glimpse on the profile of our capitulars. ☺

## A iure Capitulars



**FRAY MIGUEL M. MIRÓ, OAR**

- Prior General
- General Curia, Rome
- Has attended four Provincial Chapters



**FRAY DIONISIO Q. SELMA, OAR**

- Prior Provincial
- Provincial Curia, Quezon City
- Has attended five Provincial Chapters



**FRAY LAURO V. LARLAR, OAR**

- Former Prior Provincial
- Recoletos Formation Center, Quezon City
- Has attended seven Provincial Chapters



**FRAY JULIUS M. MARCOS, OAR**

- Vicar of the Province
- San Sebastian College - Recoletos, Cavite City
- Has attended three Provincial Chapters



**FRAY AMADO EMMANUEL A. BOLILIA, OAR**

- Provincial Councilor
- Our Lady of Visitation, Urbistondo, Pangasinan
- Has attended three Provincial Chapters



**FRAY EDGAR P. TUBIO, OAR**

- Provincial Councilor
- Provincial Curia, Quezon City
- Has attended three Provincial Chapters



**FRAY IAN ANTHONY R. ESPARTERO, OAR**

- Provincial Councilor
- Recoletos Formation Center, Quezon City
- First time to attend a Provincial Chapter



**FRAY JOSE ERNILL F. ALMAYO, OAR**

- Provincial Secretary
- Provincial Curia, Quezon City
- Has attended three Provincial Chapters

<sup>1</sup> Cf. OAR Const. 381.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. OAR Const. 384.



## Elected Capitulars

### PRIORS



**FRAY BERNABE M. DOSDOS, OAR**

- Seminaries
- St. Ezekiel Moreno Novitiate - Recoletos, Antipolo City
- Has attended three Provincial Chapters



**FRAY RENÉ F. PAGLINAWAN, OAR**

- Domus Formatae
- San Sebastian College - Recoletos, Manila
- Has attended four Provincial Chapters

### RELIGIOUS BROTHERS



**FRAY JAAZEAL ESTELOU D. JAKOALEM, OAR**

- University of San Jose - Recoletos, Cebu City
- Has attended four Provincial Chapters



**FRAY RAYMUND RUEANN G. ALCEDO, OAR**

- Casiciaco Recoletos Seminary, Baguio City
- Has attended two Provincial Chapters

### MINISTERIAL APOSTOLATE



**FRAY JOSEPH DEXTER D. PALAGTIOSA, OAR**

- San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish Talisay City, Negros Occidental
- First time to attend a Provincial Chapter



**FRAY HENRY H. SANTIAGO, OAR**

- Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Parish, Quezon City
- Has attended four Provincial Chapters



**FRAY ARNEL F. DIAZ, OAR**

- Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Quezon City
- Has attended four Provincial Chapters



**FRAY JOSE ALDEN B. ALIPIN, OAR**

- Our Lady of Lourdes Quasi Parish, Tambo, Ayungon, Neg. Or.
- First time to attend a Provincial Chapter

### FORMATION



**FRAY KENNETH JOSEPH L. ONDA, OAR**

- Recoletos Formation Center, Quezon City
- First time to attend a Provincial Chapter



**FRAY LEANDER V. BARROT, OAR**

- Recoletos Formation Center, Quezon City
- Has attended five Provincial Chapters



**FRAY ROMMEL L. RUBIA, OAR**

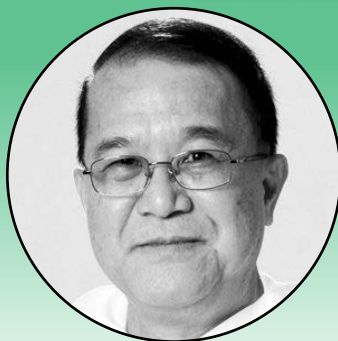
- Santo Tomas de Villanueva Formation House, San Carlos City
- Has attended three Provincial Chapters

## EDUCATIONAL APOSTOLATE



**FRAY DON H. BESANA, OAR**

- University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos, Bacolod City
- Has attended three Provincial Chapters



**FRAY ENRICO PETER A. SILAB, OAR**

- University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos, Bacolod City
- Has attended two Provincial Chapters



**FRAY NEMESIO D. TOLENTIN, OAR**

- San Sebastian College - Recoletos, Manila
- First time to attend a Provincial Chapter



**FRAY CHRISTOPHER C. MASPARA, OAR**

- University of San Jose - Recoletos, Cebu City
- Has attended three Provincial Chapters

## MISSION AREAS



**FRAY EDUARDO S. CELIZ, JR., OAR**

- University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos, Bacolod City
- First time to attend a Provincial Chapter



**FRAY RUSSELL C. LAPIDEZ, OAR**

- Africa
- Our Lady of Sierra Leone Parish, Kamabai, Sierra Leone
- First time to attend a Provincial Chapter



**FRAY CORVIN R. MATURAN, OAR**

- Taiwan
- San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
- First time to attend a Provincial Chapter



**FRAY CHARLITO A. OROBIA, OAR**

- Palawan
- San Isidro Labrador Parish, Casian Island, Taytay, Palawan
- First time to attend a Provincial Chapter

## IN THE KNOW

- The total number of delegates is 27, so far the highest number of delegates in all Provincial Chapters of St. Ezekiel Moreno Province.
- The median age of the delegates is 50.33 with Fray Miguel M. Miró, 68, as the oldest member and Fray Kenneth Joseph L. Onda, 35, as the youngest delegate.
- There are nine (9) neophyte capitulars, namely, Frays Alden Alipin, Eduardo Celiz, Jr., Ian Anthony Espartero, Russell Lapidez, Corvin Maturan, Kenneth Joseph Onda, Charlito Orobia, Joseph Dexter Palagtiosa, and Nemesio Tolentin.
- Five (5) of the capitulars, including the Fr. General, took their theological formation in Spain, while the rest were

from the theological center in the Philippines.

- Among the 22 capitulars, 3 of them belong to the Pioneers, 5 from the GenX, 9 from EzMBoys, and 5 from the Reco4s. These are the cluster groups of the Recollects who finished their theological studies at Recoletos Formation Center, Quezon City.
- Fray Lauro Larlar is the only delegate who has attended all the seven Provincial Chapters of the Province in various capacities such as being elected as the representative of the Priors of Seminaries (1999), and as an “a iure” delegate by virtue of his being the Prior Provincial or former Prior Provincial (2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018).