

Life and Mission Project



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Prelude¹

Wanting to be true to the Spirit, and with the authority it possesses, the [55th General] Chapter approved almost unanimously the decisions concerning the merger of provinces and the procedures to be followed. Such a merger offers us new possibilities, but it is not an end in itself; it is, rather, the beginning of a new stage, one both demanding and full of hope, in which priorities will have to be established, and adjustments made to ministries. We will have to be open to new initiatives, giving new life to the charism and to the mission of the Order [of Augustinian Recollects]. From now on, each province will constitute a new reality that goes beyond its past history, its name, the number of religious, and the juridical process of coming into being. As a living part of the Order, each province will ensure that it can count on “a sufficient number of brothers and sufficient resources of whatever is necessary to function autonomously with regard to the religious life, formation, administration, and finances”². Therefore, it is to draw up a plan for the restructuring of its houses and ministries, so as to give impulse and strength on the basis of our charismatic identity: pastoral work with young people and vocations, initial and on-going formation, missions, and ministry to those on the margins, evangelization in parishes and colleges, and the care and attention offered to our elderly and sick brothers. The Chapter has issued a call to organize our life in such a way that the love which leads us to fraternal communion,



and “stirs up the brothers in the service of the preaching of the Gospel”³, should well up from within. It’s about a call not to be content with a restructuring that indulges in archaeology or nourishes useless nostalgias, but rather lights the inspiring flame of the Spirit to prepare the wineskins fit for the new wine. Only in this way will we see and touch the wounds of Christ and experience the challenge of the wounds of our fellow human beings. Only in this way will be able to go out to the margins to cure and to be cured.⁴ The changes demand prayer, listening, openness, dialogue, sacrifice, and a willingness on the part of everyone. They also demand humility and sincerity, to seek the path together and always value our brother. The Lord has entrusted us with the task of carrying out the Order’s mission today, within its diversity of cultures and ministries.

Fr. Miguel Miró OAR

Notes:

¹ Excerpt from the Life and Mission Project of the Order of Augustinian Recollects 2016-2022, *Presentation*, 7-8.

² *Constitutions*, 372.

³ St Augustine, *Ep*, 3.

⁴ Cf. Message of 55th General Chapter of the Augustinian Recollects, 3.



PROVINCE OF ST. EZEKIEL MORENO
ORDER OF AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECTS

O.C. No. 00001/18
3 March 2018

Very Rev. Fr. Miguel Miró, OAR
Prior General
Order of Augustinian Recollects
General Curia
Rome

Dear Very Reverend Father,

Greetings of peace.

In compliance with *Additional Code* 397, may I submit to you the Life and Mission Project (LAMP) of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno, which was approved by the Seventh Provincial Chapter convoked last February 12 to 23, 2018 in Cebu City, Philippines.

It includes the Vision and Mission Statements of the Order, the Primary Goal of the Province for the Quadrennium 2018-2022, and the decisions that cover the various areas of the Life and Mission Project of our Province.

Hoping for your favorable response and confirmation, I remain,

In St. Ezekiel Moreno,

Fr. Dionisio Q. Selma, OAR
Prior Provincial

Fr. Jose F. Almayo, OAR
Provincial Secretary





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Prot. CG 55/2018

Dear brother:

The General Council, in its meeting of March 8, 2018, unanimously reviewed and approved the Life and Mission Project of the Province of Saint Ezequiel Moreno (2018-2022), which constitutes the ordinances of the 7th Provincial Chapter, held at Talavera House of Prayer, Cebu, from February 13 to 23 of this year.

The General Council asks the Prior Provincial and Council to include decisions E.2 in the Vocations and Youth programs when organizing the Province; E.4; E.6; E.7; E.8 of the Order's life and mission Project.

Promulgate the Life and Mission Project of the Province of Saint Ezequiel Moreno (2018-2022) according to n. 397 of the Additional Code.

I urge the brothers of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno to put all their trust in the mercy of God to become creators of communion and witnesses of the values of the Gospel through their consecrated life and their service to humanity.

I hope that the Life and Mission Project of the Province be truly an instrument that promotes communion in the communities and make the mission truly evangelizing.

Rome, March 16, 2018.

Fr. Miguel Miró
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Prior general

Fr. Francisco Javier Tello Vegas
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O.C. No. 00017/18
17 April 2018

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Prior General
Order of Augustinian Recollects
General Curia
Rome

Dear Father Miró,

Peace of the risen Lord!

We respectfully re-send to you the Life and Mission Project (LAMP) of the Province whose sequence of decisions (or ordinances) were finalized by the Committee on Style appointed by the 7th Provincial Chapter. The final sequence was based on that of the LAMP of the Order and the previous LAMP of the Province. The corrections made by the General Council were also incorporated in the text.

May these set of decisions illumine our steps as we journey together across another four years of joyful and committed service for the Order and for the Church.

Fray Jose Benil F. Almayo
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Provincial Secretary



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Dear brother:

I would like to acknowledge the receipt of the communication O.C. No. 00017/18 along with the final draft of the Life and Mission Project of the Province (LAMP).

I hope that the LAMP will truly become an instrument in the life of the religious to progress in the revitalization of the Province and of the Order.

May the Lord preserve you in his peace.

Rome, April 25, 2018.

Fr. Francisco Javier Tello Vegas
General secretary



Fr. Miguel Miró
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Prot. No.00026/18
7 May 2018

TO ALL RELIGIOUS OF THE PROVINCE OF ST. EZEKIEL MORENO

We are happy to inform you that the Prior General and his Council, in a letter (Prot. CG 55/2018) dated March 16, 2018, unanimously approved the Life and Mission Project (LAMP) of the Province for the quadrennium 2018-2022, which constitutes the ordinances of the Seventh Provincial Chapter which was held in Talavera House of Prayer-Recoletos, Cebu City on February 12-23, 2018.

The intergration of corrections and sequences of directions which were made later and as they appear in the present format were also acknowledge without question by the Prior General himself (cf. Prot. CG 75/2018, dated April 25, 2018).

May we continually grow in our vocation as "creators of communion," "men of hope" and "witnesses to Gospel values" after the heart of St. Ezekiel Moreno.

Fray Jose Emil F. Almayo, OAR
Provincial Secretary



In St. Ezekiel Moreno,

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MESSAGE

The twenty-seven capitulars of the 7th Provincial Chapter of St. Ezekiel Moreno, headed by the Prior General Fray Miguel Miró, OAR as president, greet all members of the Augustinian Recollect family throughout the world from the mountainous site of Talavera House of Prayer. “My whole hope is in thy exceeding great mercy and that alone. Give what thou commandest and command what thou wilt.”¹ These words of our Father St. Augustine inspired the religious to work with love, discuss with passion, and deliberate with earnestness what is best for the Province today and in the next four years.

Trust in God’s Mercy

The capitulars, grateful for the trust given to them by the confreres and awed by the huge responsibility of crafting a life and mission project for the next quadrennium, sought the loving mercy of God. With God’s compassion and mercy, all human efforts done in sincerity and candor reach fruition. Where is your heart? What makes you happy? Who really are you?—these probing questions of the good Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan, Socrates Villegas D.D.,

¹ St. Augustine, *Confessions*, 10.29.40.



became no personal queries but a solemn command to love not self but God, to prioritize nothing less than the needs of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno, and to serve the Mother Church more than anything else. These, the capitulars, took to heart as the 7th Provincial Chapter unfolded.

The Talavera House of Prayer, a convenient residence of all provincial chapters, was at its usual welcoming and friendly self. The little-black image of *La Salud*, like a mother hen that gathers her brood under her wings, (cf. Mat 23:37) loomed large in the conference hall guiding her beloved children toward a maturing life process. Likewise, St. Ezekiel Moreno, our patron saint, silently stood by the side looking at his cherished brothers and sons crafting a path of life for the youngest Province of the Order dedicated to him. The prayers and greetings from the Augustinian Recollect communities of the nuns, sisters, priests and brother religious, the Secular Augustinian Recollect Fraternity (SARF) and friends of the Recollect family added to the convivial and openhearted discussions among the friars. The recollect movement is indeed a living testimony of a life lived in “one soul and one heart intent upon God.”²

Creators of Communion

This 7th Provincial Chapter echoes the slogan of the 55th General Chapter, to be “Creators of Communion”³ which had been the challenge posed by Pope Francis to the capitulars in the said General Chapter.⁴ To become creators of communion is a living and continuing imperative to re-interpret our very own charism within the social, political, and religious context in this part of the world and in this 21st century. It is likewise an alternative and relevant articulation of what Recollect holds dear to his heart, memory and conscience—fraternal life in community.

² St. Augustine, *Rule*, 1.1.

³ *Augustinian Recollects Life and Mission Project (2016-2022)*, p.7.

⁴ Francis, “Address of His holiness Pope Francis to Participants in the General Chapter of the Augustinian Recollects,” Thursday, 20 October 2016.

This challenge to be creators of communion compels every religious community to become locus of prayer, houses for accompaniment and active-spaces for discernment. It commits the province to establish a center of spirituality becoming the font of spiritual enrichment of our charism, the source for the study of St. Augustine, and a learning space for an enhanced understanding of our history and legacy to the church and society. To become creators of communion also means to look into our processes and standards of formation from the initial to permanent stages developing a seamless and integrated flow of spiritual, intellectual, human, professional and pastoral growth with a view to have models of the Augustinian life and Recollect spirituality among the sons and daughters of St. Ezekiel Moreno in the immediate future. It also demands to take care of our sick and elderly brothers and learn from their wisdom earned through years of experience, penance, and life of contemplation.

Consecrated Life: A Witness of the Gospel

On the third year of the quadrennium, the Philippine Church will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the entrance of Christianity to the Philippine shores (March 16, 1521-March 16, 2021). This will “be a grace-filled blessing for the church”⁵ as she rekindles the very roots of her faith. A faith that helps her sense the great joy of believing and renews her wonder at the vast horizons which faith opens up.⁶

The history of the Recollects is deeply entrenched in the succeeding years of evangelization of the Philippine society. The recollect religious labored to create settlements, organized parishes, and introduced devotions to Mary like Our Lady of Consolation, *Ina Poon Bato*, Our Lady of the Pillar, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and *La Salud*. Beyond these missionary and pastoral endeavors, they remained faithful to their consecration and lived the vows embracing the challenges and difficult circumstances of the moment.

⁵ Jose Palma, “CBCP Pastoral Letter on the era of New Evangelization: Live Christ, Share Christ, Looking Forward to Our Five Hundredth,” January 9, 2012.

⁶ cf. *Lumen Fidei*, 5.



The different anniversary celebrations of the past triennium and within the next quadrennium are solemn testimonies of the Order's continuing presence and evangelical engagement with society and culture. Worth mentioning here, from among many, are the following: 400th anniversary of Augustinian Recollect presence in Cavite (1616-2016), 400th anniversary of the arrival of the oldest image of Our Lady of Mount Carmel de San Sebastian in the Philippines (1618-2018), 400th anniversary of the Augustinian Recollect presence in Cebu (1621-2021), 400th anniversary of the San Sebastian Convent (1621-2021), 600th death anniversary of San Vicente Ferrer of Talisay, Negros Occidental (1419-2019), 400th anniversary of the Augustinian Recollect presence in Mindanao (1622-2022) and Palawan (1623-2023), 385th anniversary of the arrival of *La Salud* (1634-2019), 170th anniversary of the evangelization of Negros (1848-2018), 75th anniversary of the University of San Jose-Recoletos (1947-2022), 50th anniversary of Colegio San Nicolas de Tolentino-Recoletos, Talisay, Negros Occidental (1971-2021), and 20th anniversary of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno (1998-2018).

Service to Humanity

These anniversary celebrations are not only the Order's and the Province's crowning glory of evangelization, but are also barometers through which all efforts and commitments to new evangelization will be gauged. The desire to be creators of communion impels every religious to live fully his consecration i.e. to "commit ... to the total surrender of himself to God, to the imitation and to the most radical and free following of Christ, in a life lived more for Him and for his body, which is the Church."⁷ This consecration translates itself to the outpouring of self in pastoral ministries and service to humanity and culture in mission station. Every religious assigned to the school apostolate is to oblige himself in upgrading our learning standards, making our institutions centers of excellence, and teaching our students to be learned in the *tatak Rekoleta*⁸ values and spirituality.

⁷ OAR Const. 31.

⁸ Accepted branding motif of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno.

Our pastoral care for the youth and for our Former Seminarians of the Order of Augustinian Recollects (FORSOAR) is to become avenues of life encounters, opportunities for discernment, and moments of accompaniment for those who would desire to consecrate themselves to religious or priestly life, to single blessedness or holy married life. As communities, institutions, and as individuals, our social and ecological concerns and responsibilities are to spring from an attitude of committed *metanoia* (a change of lifestyle) leading to an engagement with the poor, the marginalized and those victims of natural and man-made calamities. We open our life and our homes not only to become healers of pains and sufferings but also to live poverty both spiritual and in the flesh. For after all the poverty and suffering of the cross that saved us from sin purify us from apathy and indifference and enthuse us to acts of charity, graciousness in points of view, and life of virtue.

After having fulfilled the solemn mission, the capitulars entrust to every religious, to those who belong and are connected to the Augustinian Recollect family, and most specially, to those who will shepherd the Province to new horizon in the succeeding quadrennium, a pledge, a solemn promise of undertaking, a primary goal:

Placing all our trust in God's Mercy, we, the Augustinian Recollects of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno, desire to be creators of communion and witnesses to Gospel values through our consecrated life and service to humanity.





VISION-MISSION STATEMENT

In line with the OAR Life and Mission Project (LAMP) and guided by the Vision of the Order, we, as a Province, assume as our own the Mission “to live and proclaim the Gospel, bearing witness to a contemplative and fraternal life, at the service of the Kingdom and in a shared mission with lay people.”





PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

Placing all our trust in God's Mercy, we, the Augustinian Recollects of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno, desire to be creators of communion and witnesses to Gospel values through our consecrated life and service to humanity.





DECISIONS

For us to realize the vision-mission statement of the Order and become creators of communion, the Chapter decides on the following as the Life and Mission- Project of the Province for Quadrennium 2018-2022.

I

Restructuring the Administrative bodies of the Province

1. Structure and adapt the organizational chart of the Province to conform to that of the Order (cf. LAMP OAR, B.1-2). Thus:
 - a. Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation
 - Section for Initial Formation
 - Section for Permanent Formation
 - Section for Spirituality and Liturgy
 - Section for the Secular Augustinian Recollect Fraternity.
 - b. Secretariat of Apostolate
 - Section for Mission Apostolate
 - Section for Ministerial Apostolate
 - Section for Educational Apostolate
 - c. Secretariat of Vocations and Youth Ministry
 - Section for Vocation Ministry.
 - Section for Youth Ministry
 - d. Commission on Social and Ecological Concerns
 - Recoletos
 - e. Commission on Communications – Recoletos



f. Commission on History, Culture, and Heritage - Recoletos

g. Commission on Finance and Resource Mobilization – Recoletos

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council

Timeframe: Immediately

2. Draw up the statutes of the administrative bodies of the Province in conformity with those of the Order, which are to be approved by the Prior Provincial (LAMP OAR, B.4).

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council, Secretariat Presidents and Commission Chairmen

Timeframe: Within the quadrennium



II

Spirituality

One with the desire of the 55th OAR General Chapter for the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno to promote the charismatic identity of the Order as well as strengthen contemplative and fraternal life in common in all stages of formation, the following have been decided and now presented to the members of the same Province for implementation (cf. LAMP OAR, A. 26):

Life of community

3. Emphasize and integrate in the LAMP of the community the following:
 - a. Practice of silence in the clausura, individual room, chapel and oratory.
 - b. Observance of *Silentium Magnum**
 - c. Emphasis on silence during annual retreat and monthly recollection.
 - d. Prompt Attendance in the communal acts.

Persons Responsible: Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation and Local Prior and community

Timeframe: Throughout the quadrennium

*To be defined by the Life and Mission Project (LAMP) of each community.



4. Implement the practice of weekly community meetings and monthly renewal (cf. LAMP OAR, C.8).

Persons Responsible: Local Prior and community

Timeframe: Throughout the quadrennium

Life of prayer

5. Ensure and monitor that the following practices are updated and implemented in all communities (cf. LAMP OAR, C. 9-10.):
 - a. *Lectio divina* and divine office in the community and, as decided by the community, with the laity.
 - b. Care of the Eucharistic celebration and everything attached to it (vestments, vessels, linens, signs and symbols, music and instruments, etc.) and surrounding it (sacristy, oratory, baptistery, mortuary, columbary, ossuary, adoration chapel, cemetery, etc.). (cf. FV 1.1)
 - c. Monthly prayer intentions of the community (vocation: 4th day of the month, mission: 28th day of the month, sick: 19th day of the month, etc.).

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council with the Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation, Local Prior and community

Timeframe: Within the quadrennium

6. Prepare and implement a program of formation in liturgy and Augustinian Recollect prayer for the religious and the lay collaborators in every community.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council with the Secretariat of Spirituality and

Formation, Local Prior and community, Section for Spirituality and Liturgy

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

Experience of poverty

7. Set-up concrete commitments and advocacies on social apostolate aligned with the ARCORES-Filipinas as expression of our life of poverty and charismatic identity. (cf. LAMP OAR, C.11).

Persons Responsible: Local Prior and community, Commission on Social and Ecological Concerns-Recoletos

Timeframe: Throughout the quadrennium

ARSE

8. Continue the translation, publication and dissemination of the Augustinian Recollect Spirituality materials prepared by the “Team for the Revitalization of the Order.” (LAMP OAR, C.1-3)
 - a. Program the training of their multipliers.
 - b. Contextualize the program of the Augustinian Recollect Spirituality Exercises (ARSE) in the Province.
 - c. Establish the ARSE center with a comprehensive program and resources for its operation.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council through the Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium



III

Formation

Initial Formation

9. Continue the adaptation and application of the Augustinian Recollect Formation Itinerary (ARFI) (cf. LAMP OAR, F.2) in all levels of formation in the Province.

- a. Initial Formation
- b. Ongoing Formation (by stages)
- c. Specialized Formation

Persons Responsible: Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium.

10. Complete the preparation and ensure the seamless progression of manuals (formation, administration, research, evaluation, etc.) relative to the different stages and dimensions of formation as required by government and Church authorities.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council through the Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation; Seminary Prior and community

Timeframe: Within the quadrennium



11. Study the alternative use, for formation purposes, of Santo Tomas de Villanueva-Recoletos Formation House.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council through the Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation; Local Prior and community

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

12. Declare Casiciaco Recoletos Seminary as venue for the senior high school program, and comply with the requirements and provide resources for its operation.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council; Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation; Local Community

Timeframe: Within the first three months of SY 2018-2019

13. Evaluate the Pre-Novitiate program and revise it as needed taking into account the changes of the curricular offerings of the senior high school and college seminaries.

Persons Responsible: Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

14. Ensure that the Novitiate program is aligned with the progressive direction of the Augustinian Recollect Formation Itinerary (ARFI).

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council through Secretariat of Spirituality and

Formation with Local Prior and community and in coordination with the Prior General

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

15. Continue the development of Recoletos School of Theology as the Centre for Theological and Augustinian Studies, Culture and Spirituality in the Province.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council through Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation; Local Prior and community

Timeframe: Throughout the quadrennium

16. Implement the program of formation in preparation for solemn profession, which contains the following (cf. LAMP OAR, F.9):

- Immersion in the religious communities during the Year of community/pastoral integration (cf. LAMP OAR, F.9)
- Participation in the common Month of Preparation Proximate to Solemn Profession (cf. LAMP OAR, F.8)
- Learning of Spanish language (cf. LAMP OAR, F.6).

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council through Secretariat of Formation and Spirituality; Local Prior and community

Timeframe: Throughout the quadrennium

17. Continue the implementation of the diaconal exposure program in preparation for the formands' pastoral and missionary works.



Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council through Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation; Local Prior and community, Secretariat of Ministerial and Mission Apostolate

Timeframe: The whole quadrennium

18. Revisit the program of formation for Religious Brothers and craft, if needed, a new program considering the new guidelines from the Pontifical Congregations, the Order and the present needs of the Church and society.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council; Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

Ongoing Formation

19. Create a developmental program for ongoing formation (cf. Const. 256-275; LAMP OAR, F.10) such as:
 - a. Leave of absence for a just cause (cf. Const., 408.6; 424.4)
 - b. Religious Renewal (Balik-Nobisyado, cluster gathering, etc.)
 - c. Reintegration program for religious (from leave of absence, exclaustation)
 - d. OAR Assisted Intensive Renewal program

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council; Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation

Timeframe: Within the quadrennium

20. Implement the mandatory attendance of religious in the programs of ongoing formation (renewal, retreats, updating, etc.).

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council through the Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

21. Adapt the program for the formation of formators of the Order (cf. LAMP OAR, F.2) and incorporate it in the formation priorities of the Province.

Persons Responsible: Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation

Timeframe: Within the quadrennium

Specialized Formation

22. Send qualified religious to take doctoral studies in the specific fields of theology and philosophy to comply with the requirements of Pontifical affiliation and civil recognition of our seminary schools (CaReS and RST) by 2020.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council through the Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation

Timeframe: March – May 2018





IV

Ministerial Apostolate

23. In consonance with the Life and Mission Project of the Order, the Manner of Administration of the parishes include the following:

- a. Drawing up a Provincial Pastoral Plan, integrating into it the primary objective of the Province, the Augustinian Recollect charism and the thrusts of the diocese, by highlighting:

- a.1 The intensification of the Augustinian Recollect Spiritual Exercises (ARSE), the practice of lectio divina, and devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary and saints of the Order.
- a.2 The promotion of the Secular Augustinian Recollect Fraternity (SARF), the Recollect Augustinian Youth (RAY), and Christian Mothers of St. Monica.
- b. Designing and implementing programs for pastors in the field of shepherding, stewardship, spiritual discernment, and finance management.
- c. Drawing up and evaluating the parish's annual pastoral program in coordination with the religious community and the parish pastoral council (cf. LAMP OAR, D.6).
- d. Implementing the consolidated manuals of the Province's Guidelines for OAR Parishes.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, Head of the Section for Ministerial Apostolate, Parish Priests

Timeframe: Within the quadrennium

24. In considering the foundation of new communities or accepting new apostolic commitments, give preference to parishes and mission areas located in the peripheries (cf. LAMP OAR, D.8).

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, Head of the Section for Ministerial Apostolate

Timeframe: Within the quadrennium





V

Mission Apostolate

25. Draw up and implement a Mission Plan that takes into consideration the following:

- a. Strengthening of the existing mission ministries within the country, especially Casian in Palawan, Tambo in Negros Oriental and Hinatuan in Surigao del Sur.
- b. Criteria for opening new missions.
- c. Contextualized missionary orientation program for departing missionaries.
- d. Re-integration program for returning

missionaries.

- e. Review of agreements signed by the competent authorities.
- f. Missionary promotion in the ministries of the Province.
- g. Missionary promotion and training among those in initial formation.
- h. Economic resources for maintaining the mission (cf. LAMP OAR, Addendum 3)

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, Head of the Section for Mission Apostolate in collaboration with the Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation.

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

26. Implement the following manuals:

- a. Updated Statutes for Augustinian Recollect Missions (cf. LAMP OAR, D.2).
- b. Revised Constitutions and By-Laws of the Secretariat of Ministerial and Mission Apostolate of the Province.
- c. Newly crafted Manual for Mission Apostolate of the Province (2015).

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, Head of the Section for Mission Apostolate, Pastors and missionaries

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

27. Prepare and implement guidelines for the involvement of the laity in the missions.



Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, Head of the Section for Mission Apostolate

Timeframe: June – December 2018

28. Promote collaboration of our religious in the mission apostolate of other Provinces of the Order.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, Head of the Section for Mission Apostolate

Timeframe: Throughout the quadrennium

29. Establish an OAR mission day to strengthen missionary awareness among religious, and sense of volunteerism and cooperation among the laity (cf. LAMP OAR, D.3).

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, Head of the Section for Mission Apostolate

Timeframe: Within the quadrennium

30. Strengthen the Sierra Leone mission (cf. LAMP OAR, A.24) by:

- a. stabilizing the Kamabai vocational school;
- b. seeking help from ARCORES to finance projects;
- c. sending deacons for pastoral exposure, where possible;
- d. resolving the legal problems of the Freetown property; after a positive resolution, considering establishing a 3rd community.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council, Head of Sierra Leone mission

Timeframe: Within the quadrennium



VI

Educational Apostolate

31. Continue the implementation of the Educational Plan of the Order (EPO) in all schools and draw up in each school the Educational Project of the Center (EPC) in accordance with the EPO. (cf. LAMP OAR, D.9)



Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, REAP President and Execom, School Board and Lay Administrators.

Timeframe: Throughout the quadrennium

32. Design and implement a Comprehensive Spiritual Formation and Immersion Program especially in Augustinian Pedagogy for all religious and lay administrators, teachers, and office staff in all our educational institutions. (cf. LAMP OAR, D.12)

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, REAP President and Execom in collaboration with the President of the General Section for the Educational Apostolate and the school administration, and the Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation.

Timeframe: Starting 2018 and throughout the quadrennium

33. Complete and implement the OAR school-based Evangelization Master Plan integrated with the Educational Plan of the Order (EPO), the Religious Recollect Graduate Attributes and the six Augustinian Values (interiority, truth, freedom, friendship, community, justice-solidarity) in the following areas:
- Religious Education Curriculum and textbooks for the basic education and reference books for post-graduate education.
 - Campus Ministry programs and services which include the ministry of the youth and vocation.
 - Recollect Formation Program for school personnel.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, REAP President and Execom, and Campus Ministers/Chaplains.

Timeframe: Complete (2018); Implement (2019-2022)

34. Complete and implement the following manuals:
- REAP By-laws of administration
 - Other standard manuals of operation (guidelines on the succession, transition and election of officers).

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, REAP President, Execom and body.

Timeframe: Starting 2018 and throughout the quadrennium

35. Establish clear Academic Agenda to improve and sustain the quality of education of the Recollect schools.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, REAP President, Execom and body.

Timeframe: Starting 2018 and throughout the quadrennium

36. Design and implement a Comprehensive Professional Developmental Program whereby the Religious and Lay Administrators may obtain official qualifications in leadership, management and administration, and for their continuous professional development. (cf. LAMP OAR, D.11)

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, REAP President and Execom in collaboration with the school boards.

Timeframe: 2018-2021

37. Continue and strengthen the strategic collaboration among Recollect schools, which will include but is not limited to:



- a. Assistance in the delivery of quality education.
- b. Scholarship assistance to the faculty and children of the faculty of stand-alone basic education schools based on approved policies and guidelines.
- c. Sharing of best practices in school management/administration.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, REAP President and Execom, and School Boards.

Timeframe: Starting 2018 and throughout the quadrennium

38. Publicize the social commitments of the Order, establish volunteer groups, encourage solidarity initiatives and increase ecological awareness. (cf. LAMP OAR, D.13)

Persons Responsible: REAP Execom, School Boards and Social Action Directors in collaboration with the Head of the Commission on Ecological and Social Concerns -Recoletos.

Timeframe: Starting 2018 and throughout the quadrennium

39. Designate a team of religious to closely supervise SSC-R Canlubang and San Pedro Academy – Recoletos, Caidiocan.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial upon the endorsement of the REAP President and the respective school board of SSC-R Manila and San Pedro Academy-Recoletos.

Timeframe: Starting 2018 and throughout the quadrennium.

40. Establish a new religious community in USJ-R Balamban to closely supervise the school's day-to-day operation.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council.

Timeframe: By 2020

41. Design and publicize an official Visual Identity Device (VID) for all Recollect schools of the Province.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, REAP President, Execom and body.

Timeframe: By 2020





VII

Vocations & Youth Ministry

42. Provide appropriate formation for the Vocation Promoters and Youth Ministers (cf. LAMP OAR, E2).

Persons Responsible: President of the Secretariat of Vocations and Youth Ministry, Head of the Section for Youth Ministry.

Timeframe: Annually

43. Strengthen the communication and collaboration with the General Secretariat on Vocation and Youth Ministry.

Persons Responsible: President of the Secretariat of Vocations and Youth Ministry, Head of the Section for Youth Ministry.

Timeframe: Throughout the quadrennium

Vocation Ministry

44. Align and contextualize the Vocation Directory of the Province with the Augustinian Recollect Vocation Itinerary (ARVI) (cf. LAMP OAR, B.1.3; E.1; E.4).

Persons Responsible: President of the Secretariat of Vocations and Youth Ministry, Head of the Section for Youth Ministry.

Timeframe: First year of the quadrennium

45. Draw up an annual plan for vocation promotion activities to be approved by the Prior Provincial and Council and to be adopted by each community. (cf. LAMP OAR, E.5).

Persons Responsible: Local Priors, Local Vocation Promoters and RAY Leaders

Timeframe: First year of the quadrennium



Youth Ministry

46. Create a team composed of OAR Religious and Lay People (SARF & RAY Leaders) dedicated to the formation and pastoral care of the youth (cf. LAMP OAR, E.10)

Persons Responsible: President of the Secretariat of Vocations and Youth Ministry, Head of the Section for Youth Ministry.

Timeframe: Second year of the quadrennium

47. Organize the Recollect Augustinian Youth (RAY) in all areas of the apostolate.

Persons Responsible: President of the Secretariat of Vocations and Youth Ministry, Head of the Section for Youth Ministry, Local Priors and Local Vocation Promoters

Timeframe: First year of the quadrennium

48. Evaluate the statutes and programs of the Recollect Augustinian Youth (cf. LAMP OAR, E.8).

Persons Responsible: President of the Secretariat of Vocations and Youth Ministry, Head of the Section for Youth Ministry and Local Vocation Promoters.

Timeframe: Annually



VIII

Social and Ecological Concerns

Responding to the call of the Church to be present in the peripheries, mandated to be creators of communion and committed to a change of a lifestyle (institutional, communitarian and personal), the religious of the Province assume “a committed conscience... to take on a preferential option for the poor, for the family, and for life, [and for the environment] making decisions concerning appropriate responses in evangelization and in pastoral work from a shared process of discernment” (cf. Rule 5.2; Const., 282).





The Commission on Social and Ecological Concerns-Recoletos (CSEC-R) assumes the following tasks:

49. Integrate the statutes of the ARCORES International to the Commission on Social and Ecological Concerns - Recoletos by-laws (organizational structure, programs and implementing guidelines, training and formation program) making the ARCORES Filipinas as the legal implementing arm of the social apostolates of the entire Province.

Persons Responsible: Chairman of the CSEC-R

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

50. Align with ARCORES International concrete advocacy development action-programs on the areas of social justice, solidarity, peace and integrity of creation to enhance the existing social programs in the provincial and local levels (communities, schools, parishes, formation centers).

Persons Responsible: CSEC-R & Local Coordinators

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

51. Support and sustain the existing social (e.g. feeding, livelihood, street children, social formation, jail and prison ministry) and environmental (e.g. eco-formation, energy-saving practices, waste management, transition to renewable energy, greening programs) action programs of the communities, parishes, schools, seminaries and mission areas.

Persons Responsible: Local Priors through CSEC-R
Local Coordinators

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

52. Promote Days of Solidarity in our Province and craft programs fomenting Prayer, Reflection and Action enriched with Augustinian Recollect charism:
 - World Day of Prayer for the Sick
 - World Day of Hunger
 - World Day of the Poor
 - World Day of Prayer for Creation
 - World Day of Migrants and Refugees
 - World Day of Indigenous Peoples



- World Day Against Human Trafficking (February 12)
- World Food Day
- Season of Creation (World Creation Sunday - First Sunday of September)
- Earth Day (April 22)
- Earth Hour (March 24)

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial & Council, CSEC-R

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

53. Craft programs of encounter and healing to accommodate victims of man-made and natural calamities in, for example, evacuation centers and victims of drug-war through the right to sanctuary.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial through Local Priors and CSEC-R Local Coordinators

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

54. Continue implementing the Housing Program for Employees (e.g. partnership with other housing providers or private partnership), and standardize the policies and guidelines for the whole Province.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and his Council through the Provincial Procurator, Local Priors through CSEC-R Local Coordinators, School Heads

Timeframe: Within the first two years of the quadrennium



55. Ensure the implementation of the fair wage compensation scheme in all communities of the Province according to local labor laws.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial, Local Priors, and CSEC-R

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium

56. Support ARCORES - Filipinas by allocating 0.2% of the Community's annual budget to facilitate the implementation of the social projects of the Province and local communities.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial through Local Priors and School Heads

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium.



IX

Communications Apostolate

57. Strengthen the communication apostolate of the Province through:

- Collaboration with the General Commission on Communications and Publication;
- Collaboration with the communication departments of the different apostolates of the Province;
- Preparation of an integral and progressive program which shall include operational and succession plans and assure compliance with legal and other requirements;
- Safeguarding the institutional image of the Province and the Order.

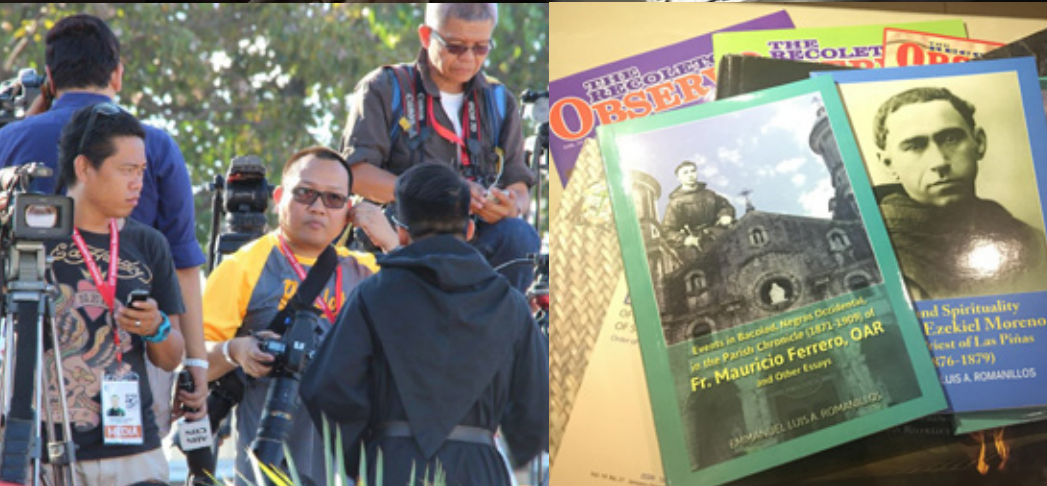
Persons Responsible: Provincial Secretary and Commission on Communications-Recoletos

Timeframe: Throughout the quadrennium

58. Continue collaborating with the Order in translating into English the most important publications (cf. LAMP OAR, A.25b)

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council

Timeframe: Within the quadrennium





X

Augustinian Recollect Family

59. Continue sharing our charism and spirituality with the OAR Nuns, AR Sisters, SARF, RAY, ForSOAR (Former Seminarians of the Order of Augustinian Recollects) and fomenting greater mutual collaboration in formation, vocation ministry, spiritual exercises (ARSE), social involvement and the apostolate in schools and parishes.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council, Secretariat Presidents and Commission Chairmen

Timeframe: Immediately



Secular Augustinian Recollect Family

60. Complete the following tasks for the revitalization of the SARF:
- Craft and implement formation program based on the Augustinian Recollect Spirituality Exercises and the “Pilgrims.”
 - Identify and implement their social apostolate in line with that of the Order and the Province
 - Update the Life and Mission Project of the SARF.

Persons Responsible: Secretariat of Spirituality and Formation, Section for the SARF

Timeframe: Within the first year of the quadrennium.



XI

Governance & Economic Matters

Implementation of the LAMP

61. Organize geographic clusters of religious for dissemination of and orientation to the new LAMP of the Province

Persons responsible: Prior Provincial and Council, Secretariat and Commission heads

Timeframe: March – May 2018

62. Evaluate, after 2 years, the implementation of the LAMP by area of apostolate.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council; Secretariat, Section, and Commission heads

Timeframe: By March 2020



Protocol for the Protection of Minors and Youth

63. Adapt and implement for the Province the Protocol for the Protection of Minors and Youth promulgated by the Prior General (cf. LAMP OAR, G.3).

Persons responsible: Prior Provincial and Council

Timeframe: Immediately

64. San Sebastian Basilica Conservation and Development Foundation, Inc. (Bastecon)
- Disseminate to the religious, information about the San Sebastian Basilica Conservation and Development Foundation, Inc. (Bastecon)
 - Study the possibility of joining in the same person the post of Executive Director and the Parish Priest of San Sebastian Parish.
 - Delineate the job specifications of the parish priest and the executive director

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council,
Bastecon Execom, Local Prior of community,
Parish Priest

Timeframe: Immediately

New communities

65. Draw up a master action plan for establishing possible new communities taking into consideration the following criteria: strategic projection of the Province; priorities of implementation; personnel and logistics; assurance of community life; invitation from bishops; vocation possibilities.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council,
Secretariat Presidents.

Timeframe: Study phase (2018); Implementation phase (2019-2021)

66. Asian Missions. Continue studying which country (Indonesia or Vietnam) to establish two communities in, and to make a decision by 2018. Establish the first community, with 4 religious, by 2019 (cf. LAMP OAR, A.23)

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council

Timeframe: Finalize decision (2018); Establish (2019)

67. Finish a thorough study on the possibility of establishing a religious community in Caidiocan and Canlubang.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council

Timeframe: By the end of 2018.

Exposure to the culture and language of Spanish-speaking countries

68. Draw up a plan of exposing formands and religious to the culture and language of Spanish-speaking countries (cf. LAMP OAR, A. 25);

Where appropriate, the program shall include a progressive involvement in the work of the community.

Persons responsible: Prior Provincial and Council

Timeframe: Within the quadrennium





Economic Administration

69. Allocate 5% of the Province's net annual income to support projects of development and human promotion (cf. LAMP OAR, G.8).

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council with the Provincial Finance Council

Timeframe: Annually

70. Ensure in all areas of the Province (provincial and local levels, offices and apostolate areas, etc.) the proper documentation of economic administration such that funds, incomes and expenses shall always be transparent and in accordance with the provisions of the Directory, and ready for internal audit (cf. LAMP OAR, G.10).

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council and Provincial Finance Council

Timeframe: Immediately

71. Appoint a team to assist the Provincial Procurator in raising funds for the missions, social concern projects, and other areas of the apostolate.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council

Timeframe: Immediately

Next Provincial Chapter

72. Start the next Provincial Chapter on 16 May 2022, respecting the right of the Prior Provincial and his Council to anticipate or delay this date for a period of no more than fifteen days.

Persons Responsible: Prior Provincial and Council

Timeframe: May 2022

73. Determine the elected delegates to the next Provincial Chapter to be 20 in number, distributed as follows:

- 1 from among the religious brothers of the Province;
- 1 from among the priors of Manila, Cebu, Bacolod, Cavite and the Provincial Curia;
- 1 from among the priors of the seminaries;
- 3 from among the religious in the formation apostolate;
- 4 from among the religious in the ministerial apostolate;
- 5 from among the religious in the educational apostolate



- 1 from among the vocation promoters and in-charge of the youth ministry;
- 1 from among the religious in the mission of Taiwan and Saipan;
- 1 from among the religious in the mission of Sierra Leone;
- 1 from among the religious in the mission of Indonesia (or Vietnam);
- 1 from among the religious in the ministries of Palawan, Tambo, Surigao, Pangasinan, and others that may be established.

Persons Responsible: Provincial Chapter, Prior Provincial and Council

Timeframe: Immediately



74. Determine that the Prior Provincial be elected according to the 2nd (or new) mode of election (cf. LAMP OAR, H.3); the Provincial Directory, in its number 155, shall be accordingly revised.

Persons Responsible: Provincial Chapter, Prior Provincial and Council

Timeframe: Immediately

Seat of the Provincial Curia

75. Determine that the seat of the Provincial Curia be the house located at 24 Neptune St., Barangay Bahay Toro, 1106 Quezon City, Philippines.

Persons Responsible: Provincial Chapter

Timeframe: Immediately





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