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12, January 1983



Dear Fellow Oblates,

Here is a short letter to inform you of some coming events in the Province:

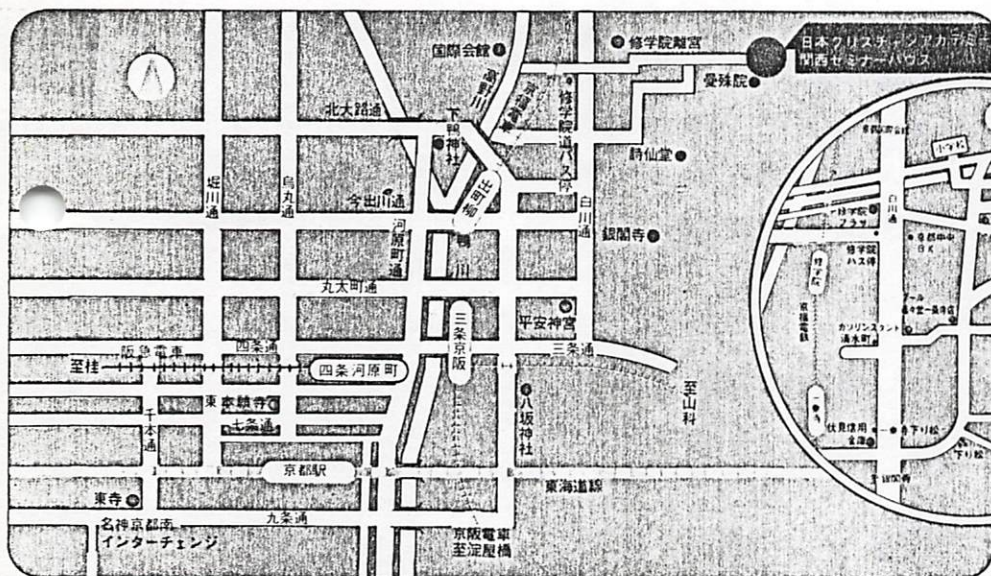
Item I The Meeting on Ministries:
Time: March 21-23
Place: Kyoto Kansai Seminar House
Speakers: Frs. Matsumoto SABURO - Kyoto Catechetical Center.
Sasaki Hiroshi - Fukuin Senkyo Center.

The Meeting will begin on March 21 with supper at 6:00 P.M. and end on March 23 with lunch.

As a preparation, I've written to Dave Ullrich for information on Lay Ministries. I will send it to you as soon as I receive it.

Please return the post card as to whether you will attend or not by Jan 22, 1983.

Map and Bus Schedule to Seminar House - Kyoto



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■バス利用の場合

- (国鉄)京都駅前より市バス⑤に乗車(約50分)
- (阪急)四条河原町より市バス⑤③に乗車(約30分)
- 京阪三条より市バス⑤に乗車(約25分)「修学院道(みち)」にて下車。東、山の手へ徒歩15分。

■タクシー利用の場合

白川通から一乗寺下り松を経て曼殊院の北隣。

■乗用車の場合 京都南1Cより約40分。東1Cより「蹴上」を経て白川通を上ル約25分。

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Our catechists have also been invited to attend this meeting with us.

Item II Sisters of Osanaki Jesus Kai

The Sisters of the Osanaki Jesus kai will take up a new Apostolate in Kochi this year. Their presence will be, I'm sure, a wonderful addition to the work of the Church in Kochi. The Sisters however, do not want to run the dormitory for girls. Subsequently, the Bishop has agreed to give the use of the buildings for parish facilities and the Oblates. Arrangements and conditions with the Bishop will be finalized sometime this month.

Item III Notre Dame Sisters

The Notre Dame Sisters will concentrate their efforts in the Tokushima area, increasing their number to four Sisters who will also help in the Apostolates of Anan and Naruto.

Item IV The Annual Retreat

This year, we were scheduled to have the retreat in September. However, I've received word from Fr. Jim Sullivan that he will be available for only the month of October... a very busy time for all of us.

However, considering that we have waited three years for Jim: and his area of expertise is discernment, I felt that we could not let this opportunity go by. Therefore, I feel we should have this meeting on discernment in the form of a Congress. The dates will be October 16 - 21. As you have nine months, please arrange your schedule so that we will have 100% attendance. I think this Congress will be a boon to our Province and I thank you in advance for making every effort to be there. Fr. Sullivan will be sending us preparation material soon. Fr. Desmond O'Donnell will also be attending the Congress.

Item V Gakkoo Hoojin

The five years of preparation having been completed, a formal application for going Government Corporation will be made to the Prefectures of Hyogo, Kochi and Tokushima, this month. All of our schools will be incorporated into the Koga Hoojin, where the central offices will be located.

Take care and God bless.

In Jesus and Mary,

Angelo Siani, O.M.I.
Provincial



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17 August 1983



Dear Fellow Oblates,

As a preparation for our meeting to be held in October, Fr. Jim Sullivan has sent us the following questions to reflect on personally and in groups. For the group discussions, I ask the District coordinators to make up a schedule and to please keep minutes on your sharing.

The principal question is:

What do you see or feel are the major concerns in the Vice-Province around

- a) Personal growth
- b) Community
- c) Mission

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary,

Ang. Ford

SOME HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

Sharing of where one is at, of one's thoughts and of one's feelings does not have to be hidden nor defended. These should be accepted with respect. If they are not ideal or what we might like them to be - in ourselves or others - we can recognise this and maybe acknowledge our readiness to grow.

FEELINGS are usually best expressed by "I feel..... followed by and adjective or adverb. While we have no direct control over our feelings, they often do indicate our attitude towards something. We are not generally responsible for our feelings and so others' feelings and our own should be accepted rather than attacked or defended.

POSITIVE CRITICAL SUGGESTIONS for ourselves or for Oblates in general will necessarily emerge, but negative criticism of ourselves or of others should be avoided.

WHILE SHARING.

Don't HIDE behind words like 'we', 'us', 'they'. Share your own experience as much as you can.

Don't PREACH to yourself or others by words like 'should', 'ought' or 'must'.

Don't RUSH your thinking or your talking. Good sharing takes time and long pauses.

Don't APOLOGISE for your experiences; they are yours. Like the colour of your eyes, you do not cause them, nor can you control them entirely.

WHILE LISTENING:

Don't CONDEMN other's experiences, feelings and opinions as these are very personal and should be accepted with respect.

Don't PROBE, by asking what might embarrass. But *do ask questions* which indicate that you are interested and concerned. Silence is usually very ambiguous.

Don't FIX IT, by giving out advice too quickly. Make sure you have found it before you think about fixing it. Hear before you try to help.

Don't INTERRUPT SILENCE when the person sharing is thinking slowly: give them plenty of time between sentences. Good sharing takes time.

7 September 1983



Dear Fellow Oblates,

Please find enclosed:

1. A return postcard concerning our Discernment Congress to be held in October. Please return it to me by September 15, so arrangements can be made for meals etc.
2. A copy of "An Oblate Renewal Program Based on the Constitutions and Rules" by Fr. Desmond O'Donnell, O.M.I.

This program prepared by Des is meant to be an assistance in enabling all of us to make the Rule a force of inspiration and guide in our Religious Life. As Fr. General wrote in his letter of June 22, 1982, "...With this approbation one step more is taken in committing ourselves to a new phase and moving resolutely toward the future. The time of discussing is over; it is now time to act, 'the time to apply calmly and perseveringly the revised and approved Constitutions is at hand' (John Paul II)."

To accomplish this, I am asking each Oblate to set apart some time for personal and a prayerful study of the Rule. Also I hope some kind of program can be worked out on a district level. The thrust would be, how am I, we, living this Rule? How can I live it better and witness to it better? How can I help my Brother Oblates live it and how can they help me?

Hoping to see you all at our October meeting.

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angelo Siani".

Angelo Siani, O.M.I.
Provincial

Dear Fellow Oblates,

This "prayer list" was suggested by the members of the Asia-Oceania Conference which was held in the Philippines in November 1982. All the Oblates working in the Apostolate in this Region are asked to keep these intentions in their prayers. This list of intentions is meant to be a mutual support in prayer, asking God to bless our efforts in proclaiming the Mystery of Christ in the Asia-Oceania Region.

The following is the general pattern of this list:

The 'even days' (2, 4, 6, 8, etc.) are given to the Provinces, Delegations, Missions of the Region as can readily be seen. The 'uneven days' (1,3,5, etc.) are given to some aspect of our missionary activity in the following way:

As EVANGELIZERS of the poor (the spirit of our evangelizing)=1.

As we evangelize we seek to build the LOCAL CHURCH (3) by means of

DIALOGUE WITH THE GREAT RELIGIONS (5)

DIALOGUE WITH THE POOR AND CONCERN FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (7)

PROMOTING BASIC ECCLESIAL COMMUNITIES (9)

that are

- rooted in genuine CATECHESIS (11)

-PRAYING COMMUNITIES (13)

and which show a real concern for

FAMILY LIFE (15)

YOUTH (17)

VOCATIONS (19)

RIGHTS OF WOMEN (21)

UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD (23)

Refugees and imigrant workers (25)

Reconciliation, Peace ,Unity (27)

On the 28th we pray for our growth as Oblates and for the development of a COMMON MISSIONARY VISION. On the 29th we pray for all deceased OBLATES of the Region. On the 30th we pray for all missionaries working in the Region especially those with whom we work.



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25 October 1983

Dear

I'd like once again to thank you for coming to our meeting on Discernment.

John, Jack and I met with Jim on October 21 and 22. Among the many topics we discussed was, where should the Province move to - What is the next best step after the Congress? We felt that we could not let all the excellent work that you have done be lost and therefore have come up with two things:

1. A pamphlet on the elements of our Statement, such as the one produced in Mexico.

and

2. A congress in the spring (march 1984) on Criteria.

We will have suggestions on these two topics in your hands by November 15.

As for the dates of the Congress, could you please let me know what dates would be best? If you can, please let me know by the end of this month.

In Jesus and Mary,

Angelo Siani

Angelo Siani, O.M.I.

P.S. Enclosed is a summary of the "Evaluation of Discernment Congress.



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20 December 1983



Dear Fellow Oblates:

At this time of special Joy and Hope, John K. Mahoney, Jack Deely and I send our Christmas greetings to you and assure you of a special remembrance in our prayers during the entire Christmas Season. May you all rejoice in Emmanuel, "God with us", and may you receive all the graces you need to fulfill your Mission. Merry Christmas to you all and a very Happy New Year.

I am very happy to relate that on December 13, 1983, Fr. General and the General Council approved the Japanese translation of the CC. and RR. Many thanks to Ray and his collaborators for their efforts and the excellent results. Father General wrote, "Please God it will prove to be a source of life for many generations of Japanese Oblates in the years to come!"

Please find enclosed in this letter, the work done on criteria in the districts. (The work done in Tokushima will be sent to you by Fran Hahn). The next task we ask of you is that you study: 1) the Vision/Mission Statement and
2) the criteria suggested by the different districts and to find the common elements and word them in the form of criteria.

So that our work will be unified, please stick to "criteria" as defined by Fr. Jim Sullivan.

"Criteria = a norm on which a judgement can be made.
Criteria for mission = an area of concern - a matter for
serious consideration by the group."

Your reformulated criteria should be completed and sent to
the provincial council by January 15, 1984.

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As regards the second project, ie "A Manuel on the Elements
of the Vision/Mission Statement", we realize you all have busy
schedules and you might need more time, so we ask that your
work on the Manuel be completed and sent to the council by
February 29, 1984.

On January 3 & 4, 1984, the provincial council will be
meeting in Naruto. The main business is financial requests
and the budget for 1984. However, if you have any other
matters you would like to present to the council, please refer
it to me, John Mahoney or Jack Deely.

In Jesus and Mary Immaculate,

Ange Siani, O.M.I.

John K. Mahoney, O.M.I.

John Deely, O.M.I.

I will be spending Dec. 23-28 in the Fukuoka Area.

Ange Siani