

Dear Brothers,

**GATHERING WITH BISHOP ABELLA: OCTOBER 13 – 15, 2020
PASSIONIST RETREAT HOUSE, MUNAKATA, FUKUOKA**

As you already know, after our meeting in October 2019 with Bishop ABELLA in Osaka, we were to have a follow-up (step -1) with him this year in February, but due to COVID-19 we couldn't. Therefore, we have decided to come together next month for a one full day session with Bishop ABELLA.

PREPARATION:

At the request of the council, Br. Yagi has written a summary of “OMI Japan 歩み” and “OMI Japan 歴史” with important dates and events in the history on our Delegation. Please see that you go through these two documents prior to the meeting. Also, to refresh our memory, please take a look at the summary of Bishop ABELLA's talk.

SESSION: PANEL DISCUSSION

Since our Oblate parishes have a big number of migrants, we have thought of choosing five of our men working in five mission parishes. They are Frs. **Jude** (Toyohashi), **Iru** (Kochi), **Hiran** (Itami), **Bernard** (Koga) and **Steve** (Naruto).

What we plan on doing is to have a PANEL DISCUSSION with these five men.

Each panellist will be given 10 ~ 15 minutes to make his presentation.

To help them prepare for a fruitful discussion, we suggest a few questions:

- As an Oblate, what is parish ministry for you today?
- Has your mission-parish made any efforts to integrate migrants into the Japanese church? if so, what are they? if not, why?
- What are some of the difficulties/obstacles in this process of integration?
- How can the Oblates be more involved in the pastoral care of migrants?
- What impact is COVID-19 having on our churches/parishes? - hopes and challenges.

Our session will be facilitated by Bishop ABELLA.

PARTICIPATION:

Please let Fr. Ken-ichi know of your participation, meals etc. before **SEPTEMBER 28**.

His email: kensuke0157@hotmail.com

Other than the panellists, for those who are unable to be present for our session due to health reasons, we welcome your participation via zoom.

Thank you.

Bradly Rozairo
Sept. 18, 2020

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Oct. 13: Arrival in Fukuoka (after dinner)

Oct. 14:

7:30 AM	Morning prayer
9:00	Welcome & Introduction
9:30	Panel Discussion - 'parish ministry'
10:45	Coffee break
11:15	Questions/comments
12:00	Lunch
2:30 PM	Coffee
3:00	Session with Bishop: pickups from panel discussion, sharing etc.
4:30	Break
5:00	Eucharist
6:00	Dinner
8:00	Social hour
10:00	Rest

OCT 15 (Wed)

7:30 AM	Morning prayer
9:30	Delegation business
10:30	Break
11:00	Eucharist
12:00	Lunch