Dear Brothers,

This is to bring you an update from the desk of the Delegation Superior.

On June 25th after a simple installation ceremony held at the small chapel of the Naruto rectory, the Delegation council came together for a meeting.

A Gathering in Autumn:

As you may remember, we were to meet in Itami with Bishop ABELLA in February, but due to COVID-19 that was not possible. Now that travel is resuming, meetings are taking place and life is gradually returning, we will come together after summer with Bishop ABELLA. Having talked about this at the council meeting, we have decided to hold a meeting in October. Please take note of the dates below and keep them free.

Dates: OCTOBER 13 (Tue) – 15 (Thu), 2020

Place: Passionist Retreat House, Munakata

Will get back to you on this later with more details.

News from Korea:

Novices: Paul, Peter & Sabino have started their Novitiate in the Philippines.

<u>Scholastics</u>: John Baptist, studying in the Philippines is in Korea for his holidays. He will make use of his stay to take treatment for some health issues.

Justin was supposed to go to the Philippines for his Theological studies, but the present pandemic has been delaying his trip. If he is unable to go to the Philippines in mid-July, he will get enrolled at the Suwon Catholic University in Korea early next year. Simeon has got some issues with his personal life and community. At the moment, he is staying outside the community. The Mission Superior Fr. Anselmo is in touch with him.

<u>Fr. Samuel</u>: The Delegation council was informed by the Mission Superior about Samuel's decision to leave the Oblates and priesthood for "personal reason". Let us keep him in our prayers.

<u>Fr. Sobuj</u>: After his home vacation, Sobuj is unable to return to Korea because of the travel restrictions. Although he is home, it seems he in not free to move around because of COVI D-19 in Bangladesh.

Fr. Mike Yamasaki:

Mike would like to thank you all for your prayers for him.

He is also grateful to our brothers from Fukuoka, Kochi and Naruto for visiting him recently. Please continue to pray for him.



The rainy season might make you picture dark, dull days full of muggy weather, but Hydrangea (Ajisai) which is considered a symbol of the rainy season in Japan blooms during this season, colouring the streets of Japan in vivid shades of pinks, purples, and blues. Hydrangeas are the best things to see if you start feeling down because of the rain!

Keep well and stay safe.

Brad Rozairo

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