**Report: OMI Japan-Korea online Spring Meeting – April 20 – 21, 2021**

Theme: “Sexual abuse and protection of children and vulnerable adults”

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Day 1: Talks & questions for reflection:

See Power-point presentations

Day 2: Business meeting

1. **OMI Japan polic**y: (OMI Korea will have its own for the mission)

- The members of the Delegation officially accepted the policy.

- Delegate of the Delegation – Br. Nobuhiko Yagi was appointed as the

Delegate.

- Two assessors to study any case – Thoughts/feelings expressed by

men:

- Having a woman (lay) on the team is important.

- Nobu will talk to the 2 ladies in the diocese of Takamatsu known to

him and choose one to work with him.

- No rush in naming 2 people because right now there is no danger in

Japan.

- Importance of having a lawyer to help the Oblates in the future.

1. **Rethink OMI districts:**

Purpose – to bring the members together, and to strengthen bonding.

Thoughts/ideas expressed by men:

- As the number of the men in the Delegation decreases, isn’t there a

need to eliminate the 3 present districts? If so, how do we go about

with this?

- Suggestion by one to have 2 districts – 1. Honshu-Tokushima

2. Kochi-Fukuoka

- We need more time to think about it and later we will deal with how

we’re going to set up our future.

- Find out from Rome the procedure.

- Brad will talk to Rome while taking into consideration C 92 R 92 d –

suppression of districts etc.

1. **Concrete action to help the** **poor** **especially in the post-pandemic situation:**

Thoughts/ideas expressed by men:

- Child-poverty, homelessness, single mother etc. are some issues

in Japan.

- Work through institutions that are already helping the poor and we

contribute to it. Example - Minoshima center in Fukuoka, Social

welfare center in Kobe…

- Help from our yearly budget which has roughly 150万 to help the

poor.

- Our involvement in the issues of the people especially after Covid -

19 is very important. Therefore, we must look into this.

- Draw up a list and prioritize the most important needs of people so

that each Oblate can see how he can make his contribution.

Suggestion: Ask Bernard and Jude to work on the list.

1. **Annual retreat 2021:**

Thoughts/ideas expressed by men:

- Preferably meet in person and not online.

- Look into the possibility of having the retreat in Kochi.

- Not the usual one-week retreat, but one or two days.

- Japan and Korea will have separate retreat because of air travel.

- Find out whether the retreat master Bishop Charlie will be able to

give is talks via zoom.

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