



SMM Philippine Delegation Assembly

QUEZON CITY, Philippines - Inspired by the retreat held on November 05-09, 2018, the professed members of the Montfort Missionaries – Philippine Delegation had their two-day assembly on November 12-13, 2018 at the Delegation House, 9th St., New Manila, Quezon city.

The assembly began with an opening Mass presided by Fr. Richard Magararu, the outgoing Delegation Superior. During the Mass, he officially welcomed Fr. Marco, one of the general councilors.

After the Mass, the sessions started with Fr. Benjie Notarte as the moderator. The focus was on the VMG of each community; formation and mission communities.

The representatives of each community shared the developments for the last three years, mentioning the strengths and weaknesses.

The most awaited part of the day was the announcement of Fr. Marco of the new administration. Fr. Norwyn Baydo is the new Delegation Superior, and the Councilors are Fr. Paul Arnel Lucero and Fr. Santiago Casing.

The day was concluded with the praying of the rosary, followed by dinner.

The following day was spent on the sharing of Fr. Marco about the agenda of the General Administration. He gave a historical background on how the congregation started and flourished, starting from Europe to the different parts of the world. With the decreasing number of confreres in old entities, the young entities are being challenged to do something to keep the Montfortian Spirit alive.

Fr. Marco was eager to listen to the reactions of the Filipino confreres regarding this matter.

In the afternoon, the old council, together with the new council had a meeting with Fr. Marco. After the joint meeting, the new council had their first meeting.

Then, everyone proceeded to the Montfort Center of Spirituality in South Triangle for the installation of the new administration.

- *Fr. Gener Pito, SMM*