

Three-day Delegation Assembly 2022

QUEZON CITY, Philippines - On February 7-9, 2022, the perpetually professed members of the SMM Philippine Delegation gathered together at the delegation house in New Manila, Quezon City for the delegation assembly. They came from the different communities in Cebu, Dagupan City, Bulacan, Makati City and Quezon City.

The first day of the assembly began with the celebration of the Eucharist presided by Rev. Fr. Sherwin Y. NUÑEZ, SMM, the delegation vicar. The group then gathered in the conference room for the session. The facilitator of the assembly was Rev. Fr. Federick B. YUMANG, SMM, a council member and the secretary. The highlights of the discussion were the reflection and evaluation of the life of the delegation for the past three years. These pertain to the priorities set by the previous administration of former Delegation Superior Rev. Fr. Norwyn V. BAYDO, SMM with his councilors, Rev. Fr. Paul Arnel L. LUCERO, SMM and Rev. Fr. Santiago E. CASING, SMM concerning Montfortian Spirituality, Mission, Formation and Finances. Smaller groups were formed among the members for brainstorming.

There were sport activities in the afternoon joined by the Scholastics and the Pre-Postulants. In the evening, everyone gathered at the chapel of the delegation house for the creative vespers and Rosary. Dinner and social night followed in the Conference Room.

On the second day, Fr. Norwyn reported to the members the summary of the report of the Extra General Council of 2017. It was followed by the report of Fr. Sherwin on the priorities of the delegation from the previous delegation assembly. Then, Fr. Federick also reported the activities of the Intercontinental Mission Year of Asia and Oceania. The Scholastics participated in this activity.

Afterwards, an ample time was given for the members to reflect on the priorities of the delegation for the next three years of the new administration headed by Delegation Superior Rev. Fr. Norwyn V. BAYDO, SMM who received a second mandate with his new councilors, Rev. Fr. Sherwin Y. NUÑEZ, SMM and Rev. Fr. Federick YUMANG, SMM. In the afternoon at 2:30pm, each group gathered to share the fruits of their reflections and to prepare their reports to the assembly on the next day.

On the last day of the assembly, the representative of each group for Formation and On-Going Formation, Initial Formation, Spirituality, Mission and Finances presented their reports and the members approved it. The assembly was then concluded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided by Fr. Norwyn. The announcement of the new assignments was made towards the end of the Mass. A simple dinner followed which served also as despedida party for Fr. Benjie NOTARTE, SMM who is bound to Rome, Italy for a new assignment.

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