

Installation to the Ministries of Lectorate and Acolytate of the Six Scholastics

QUEZON CITY, Philippines - On August 29, 2020, Memorial of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, six scholastics of the Philippine Delegation have received their Ministry of Lectorate and Acolytate. The new Lectors are: Bro. Harold Anthony T. Montoya, SMM and Bro. John Michael G. Uy, SMM and the new Acolytes are: Bro. Francois Leonard P. Ancheta, SMM, Bro. Ronald B. Baruela, SMM, Bro. Armel R. Collantes, SMM and Bro. Lester C. Bonete, SMM. It was held at the chapel of the Delegation House, New Manila, Quezon City at 10:00 in the morning. The Eucharistic Celebration was presided by Rev. Fr. Norwyn V. Baydo, SMM, the Delegation Superior, with Rev. Fr. Paul Arnel L. Lucero, SMM, his councillor, Rev. Fr. Benjie A. Notarte, SMM, formator of the scholastics, Rev. Fr. Roy Millano, SMM, the homilist and some Montfortian priests as concelebrants. It was witnessed by the Collegians community. Due to the current pandemic in which large gatherings are still not allowed and that social distancing is to be followed, the celebration was made simple yet a memorable one.

The celebration highlighted the significance and relevance of the Memorial of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist to the Installation of the Lectors and Acolytes. The homily of Fr. Roy Millano, SMM was very inspiring. Despite the pandemic, he emphasized on how the new lectors and acolytes may still be able to exercise their ministry since parish involvement may be difficult, yet there are still other opportunities to serve. Before the final blessing, Fr. Benjie A. Notarte, SMM, thanked the community for their presence and support especially to the new lectors and acolytes

as they start their new ministry in living out the Word of God and proclaiming it to the people, and in serving the Lord in the Liturgical Celebrations. Everyone then gave a thundering applause.

After the Eucharistic Celebration, everyone proceeded to the dining area for a simple lunch together. It was indeed a meaningful celebration despite the pandemic, praising the Lord through Mary, in the footsteps of the poor apostles and with Father de Montfort.

Glory to God Alone!

Bro. Armel R. Collantes, SMM Scholastic