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CHAPTER PREPARES PRIORITIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVINCE

On the fourth day of the Provincial Chapter, the Capitulars entered the Programming Stage which is to prepare the Priorities and Guidelines for the four-year term of the new Provincial Government (2015-2019).

The day began with a concelebrated Mass presided by Fr. Khris Llacer, with Fr. Ian Paul Empig as homilist. Fr. Ian shared his experience with different people who needed and looked for attention, friendship, and understanding. He then threw the challenge to be attentive and caring especially in our SSP communities.

At the start of the activities, Fr. Jose Aripio welcomed the new Capitular in the person of Fr. Rollin Flores who was elected Provincial Councilor. Fr. Gil Alinsangan next presented Information Bulletin No. 5 which was subsequently approved for dissemination. Also approved was the Minutes of the third day—August 27— presented by the Actuary, Fr. Khris Llacer, which contains 19 numbers (points).

The program for the day was to come out with Priorities and Guidelines—the Programming Stage of the Chapter. Following the suggestion of the Superior General, the Capitulars had first to come out with Priorities for three areas. Once approved, Guidelines are to be formulated to implement the Priorities.

After merienda break, the Priorities were presented. Each group presented two Priorities for their area. These were attentively discussed and were approved in time for lunch break.

In the afternoon session, the groups worked on the Guidelines for the Priorities. Fr. Cris Cellan presented the Guidelines in the area of apostolate: these touch on developing St. Paul Seminary as center of studies in communication, specialization in communications and Sacred Scriptures, promotion of the apostolate in new territories, evaluation of our presence of Macau, and the situation of Our Lady of Sorrows Foundation, Inc. (OLSFI).

After lengthy discussions on some delicate points of the Guidelines for the Apostolate, the Capitulars approved them and closed the fourth day of the Chapter. There remain the area of Vocation Promotion and Formation and that of Community and Apostolate.

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