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DAY TWO AGENDA

Called to Be Missionary Disciples
and Youth Ministry
by Br Daniele and Br Blair

Fraternal Life and
Lay-Religious Alliance
by Pat Haggerty and Fr Sebastien

Vocation Ministry and Formation
by Fr Sadiki and Fr Louis

Community Organization and
Finances
By Fr Oswaldo and Fr Irvin

Actions from the Provincial Chapter

The second day of the Provincial Council focused on reviewing the Acts of the Provincial Chapter, particularly details requiring action. Council members divided the action items into categories: Immediate Actions, Two-Year Plan, and Four-Year Plan based on themes.

These action plans will be passed to the Provincial Council for specific decisions and implementations. For instance, the ordinary Provincial Council will identify persons and committees.

A notable discussion emerged about strengthening ourselves—both religious and lay—with ongoing formation, our Assumptionist heritage, and specializations to tackle the increasing secularization in various contexts of the Province.

The discussions also highlighted the growing need to embrace each other and those on the fringes. The pandemic has intensified the isolation between our communities and the people we serve. We hope that our action plans, combined with our apostolic fervor and creativity, will help to break down these barriers of isolation.

What did the Provincial Chapter ask of us?

“Create a Provincial Task Force that would encourage greater apostolic imagination among all of the religious and propose new, perhaps daring apostolic initiatives for the Province.”

“When it is possible, we are to integrate d’Alzonian spirituality into our preaching and into our other apostolic initiatives.”

“We are to help young people and students under our care to discover the spiritual meaning of their existence.”

“Actively seek ways to deepen our own understanding of the ecological challenges we are facing in the places where we live and work and develop appropriate actions.”

“Propose a program of ongoing formation in our Assumptionist spirituality and charism in each of the communities of the Province with the goal of more clearly manifesting our religious identity as Assumptionists. We need to present a truly Assumptionist face in a simple way.”

“The Chapter asks those in charge of formation and vocation ministry to find ways to integrate lay people in vocation ministry and the formation of young religious.”

“Synodality in practical terms can be an expression of hastening the Kingdom.”

“Foresee experiences abroad for a religious during his years of formation; each region should study the means for doing this. Organize missionary experiences for young religious in formation in our communities in El Paso or in Tlilapan.”

“Language learning and cultural exchange are to be promoted. Some things to be included: language camps, accent clarification, summer immersions, etc.”

“Establish a group like PROVOCA in Mexico (Assumptionist Vocation Promotion) in the United States and Canada.”

“In collaboration with the lay of the Alliance and other Provinces, the Provincial is to put in place a team responsible for the formation to leadership and mentorship. This formation can take advantage of our mobilizing works (Assumption University and Bayard) with the help of those who have experience in leadership.”



Scenes from the Council of the Province



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