



Chapter Chronicle

May 18, 2025

Pre-Chapter Issue

Capitulars trickle in Talavera

"Welcome to Talavera, the home of Provincial Chapters!"

Every capitular feels that greeting and is aware of that even before he alights from the car, climbs the stairs, and registers his name in the logbook. Talavera is not only a house of prayer but also, at this time, a home of the Provincial Chapter – for the ninth time.

Except for the Chapter Secretariat who reported here for work on May 13, capitulars began to arrive on May 15 with the resolve to actively take part in this historic chapter, the first for the second quarter of St. Ezekiel Province's life.

The two delegates from Sierra Leone, arguably the farthest by flight distance from the Ground Zero of this provincial-level assembly were the early birds. They brought with them a luggage full of hopes and dreams for our mission apostolate in that part of West Africa.

By Friday, May 17, friars representing Indonesia, Saipan and Vietnam, and some from Luzon and Negros Island Region also trickled in.



They, too, showed eagerness and excitement as many of them are neophytes in this kind of special gathering. For them, Talavera has acquired a new dimension of meaning, importance, and challenge.

But the "downpour" came on May 18, with the "Romans" – the Prior General and the archivist of the Order – recorded among the arrivals. Then, suddenly the spirit of "anima una et cor unum" enlivened the corridors. At the dinner table, filled with the ambience of Augustinian-flavored fraternity, the brothers shared not only the meal but also their experiences, spontaneously happy to meet and greet a classmate, a contemporary, or a companion in previous assignments, or those who came from distant isles.

Fray Kenneth was among those who welcomed Father General upon arrival in Talavera.

Before midnight, the last but not the least, of the 28 capitulars, from Manila, was still on his way from Mactan airport, which is around 20 kms to Talavera. He, too, was counted. That's how significant a brother is in a grand scheme of things where no one is left behind. And that paradigm is equally manifest in the Augustinian Recollect life and mission.

May God bless each one of the capitulars and their version of a "conclave" that is expected to last until middle of next week, minus a smoke of any color.

Greetings of peace and joy in Christ!

Welcome to the 9th Provincial Chapter of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno.

This Provincial Chapter is more than just a gathering—it is a sacred moment: a time set apart to pause, to pray, and to discern where the Spirit is leading us as a Province and as a community of believers.

Since its foundation, our Province has walked a shared path of mission, prayer, and pastoral dedication. Each Chapter renews this call—to deepen our roots in the Gospel and to strengthen our commitment to the Church, the Order, and the people we serve.

As we begin this 9th Chapter, we entrust everything to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

May this be a time of listening—with open hearts and humble spirits—so that the voice of God may be heard in our conversations, our deliberations, and in our dreams for the future.

In the spirit of unity, renewal, and mission, we welcome every Capitular, and all those accompanying us in prayer from afar.

May St. Ezekiel Moreno intercede for us, and may this Chapter bear much fruit—for the praise and glory of God and the good of His people.

Welcome to the 9th Provincial Chapter.

A IURE *(BY LAW)* CAPITULARS



FRAY MIGUEL ANGEL D. HERNÁNDEZ
Prior General/ Chapter President



FRAY BERNARD C. AMPARADO
Prior Provincial



FRAY KENNETH JOSEPH L. ONDA
Vicar of the Province



FRAY LEANDER V. BARROT
2nd Provincial Councilor



FRAY ANTHONY A. MORILLO
3rd Provincial Councilor



FRAY RAFAEL B. PECSON
4th Provincial Councilor



FRAY JOSE ERNILL F. ALMAYO
Provincial Secretary



FRAY DIONISIO Q. SELMA
Former Prior Provincial

DELEGATES

Religious Brothers



FRAY JONATHAN V. JAMERO

Local Priors



FRAY JOSEPH DEXTER D. PALAGTIOSA
*Local Priors of Manila, Cebu, Bacolod,
Cavite, and Provincialate*



FRAY IAN ANTHONY R. ESPARTERO
Priors of Seminaries

Formation Apostolate



FRAY BOB T. CABANAG
CARES-Baguio



FRAY ARIAN JOSEPH M. OCHEDA
SEMONORE-Antipolo



FRAY JAMES C. CASTELO
RFC-Miranila

MINISTERIAL APOSTOLATE



FRAY HECTOR C. GONZALES



FRAY EDGAR P. TUBIO



FRAY SAMSON S. SILLORIQUEZ



FRAY RENÉ F. PAGLINAWAN

Educational Apostolate



FRAY JOEL A. ALVE



FRAY RAUL M. BUHAY



FRAY EDUARDO S. CELIZ, JR.



FRAY JOSE ALDEN B. ALIPIN



FRAY ARNEL F. DIAZ

Vocation and Youth Ministry



FRAY GIDEON ANTOLIN U. LAGRIMAS

Mission Apostolate



FRAY KENNETH S. CALIGDONG
Sierra Leone



FRAY RUSSELL C. LAPIDEZ
Indonesia, Northern Marianas, and Vietnam



FRAY NELSON S. PLOHIMON
Indonesia, Northern Marianas, and Vietnam

Ministries of Palawan, Tambo, Surigao, and Los Arcos



FRAY PAULINO H. DACANAY

Birth of the St. Ezekiel Province
(Nov. 28)

SILVER FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY

1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	---
PROVINCIAL CHAPTERS																												
Nov. 8-21, 1999				Feb. 10-21, 2003		Feb. 13-25, 2006		Feb. 9-21, 2009			Feb. 13-27, 2012		Feb. 17-26, 2015			Feb. 12-23, 2018			May 17-23, 2022				May 19-27, 2025					
TRANSITION Victor Lluch		Emeterio Buñao			Lauro Larlar			Lauro Larlar			Regino Bangcaya			Lauro Larlar			Dionisio Selma			Dionisio Selma			Bernard Amparado			Bernard		

GENERAL CHAPTERS / PRIORS GENERAL

1998-2004							2004-2010							2010-2016							2016-2022							2022-2028		
Javier Desiderio Guerra							Javier Desiderio Guerra							Miguel Miró							Miguel Miró							Miguel Angel Hernández		

SUPREME PONTIFFS

JOHN PAUL II
1978-2005

BENEDICT XVI
2005-2013

FRANCIS
2013-2025

LEO XIV
2025-?



Music Montage

Not an MTV but a music montage, with the official theme song for the 9th Provincial Chapter entitled, "Balik Tanaw" and with a slideshow of selected photos and video clips about the life and mission of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno. The lyrics and music of the song written in Tagalog were credited to a Batangueño friar, Fray Giovanni Gil Magbojos, OAR, who is currently the Director/Principal of the Sacred Heart School of Cavite-Recoletos in Alfonso, Cavite. The Huni Habagat choir group of Cebu interpreted the song which was arranged by Mr. Jordan Verdida. This is so far the third music video/montage innovatively introduced by the Province as part of its preparation for the convocation of a provincial chapter. The first was launched in 2017, with the theme song, "Sharing our Vision"; then, in 2021, with the theme song, "Our Greatest Dream." A provincial chapter is an assembly of religious at the end of a three- or four-year term of a province.

Special Schedule for May 19, 2025

AM	
6:15	- Rising
6:45	- Office of Readings and Lauds 1st Antiphonist: Fray Kenneth Caligdong, OAR 2nd Antiphonist: Fray Hector Gonzales, OAR
7:15	- Breakfast Aseo Personal
8:00	- Technical Orientation c/o Chapter Technical Working Group (TWG) Venue: Chapter Hall (bring your Lenovo Tablet)
9:30	- Break
10:00	- Opening Mass/Votive Mass in honor of the Holy Spirit Presider and Homilist: Most Rev. Elias L. Ayuban, Jr., CMF, DD - Bishop of Cubao Venue: St. Ezekiel Moreno Chapel
11:00	- Recollection: 1 st Input Recollection Facilitator: Most Rev. Elias L. Ayuban, Jr., CMF, DD Venue: Chapter Hall
	Midday Prayer Venue: St. Ezekiel Moreno Chapel
	Lunch
PM	
1:00	- Siesta
2:00	- Recollection: 2 nd Input Venue: St. Ezekiel Moreno Chapel
2:30	- Individual Reflection
3:30	- Group Dynamics/Group Sharing
4:15	- Break
5:30	- Free Time
6:30	- Recitation of the Holy Rosary Venue: St. Ezekiel Moreno Chapel
7:00	- Vespers and Complines Dinner Recreation Rest

Prayer for the 9th Provincial Chapter

Lord, you bestowed on us the gift of our Augustinian Recollect vocation, we ask that all the religious of the Province may pray and work with one mind and one heart so that the Life and Mission Project, the elections, appointments and confirmations in the chapter may be an expression of your Divine Will.