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# letter from the provincial

My dear brothers in Christ,

Shalom and hello!

This letter is to give you an update regarding the events that have happened in the Philippine province. It is also my utmost desire that our BONDING as members of the Claretian family be strengthened. For a start, let me give you some observations.

The first months of my provincialate have been spent in dialogue and consultation. I have visited practically all our mission areas and personally dialogued with each member. The delay in publishing the final assignment was due to a large extent in listening to our brothers. It was not easy for some to be transferred and more difficult for others to leave behind their unfinished projects. There was a lot of struggles and the refusal of letting go and letting God. Be that as it may, decisions had to be made and thank God, we have arrived at our "destinations".

Our chapter document is focused on FORMATION FOR MISSION. I like to believe that the origin and goal of our mission is COMMUNION. It is rooted in the communion of God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit. The means and strategy to realize this goal is also through communion. Communion is difficult because it is rooted in the values of the Kingdom. The foundation of communion is peace, love, justice and freedom. It is in this context that we experience always this restlessness and tension as we tread the long road of the less traveled to build up this Kingdom of God.

It is because of this deep longing for communion that sometimes we experience dissatisfaction in life. I tend to believe that our community life, different ministries and apostolates have to alternate between thinking of the planet as home – dear and familiar stone hearth and garden – and as a hard land of exile and struggle in which we are all sojourners. Perhaps the poems of T. S. Eliot and Antonio Machado are fitting to describe the province in its journey to realize its chapter resolutions:

"There is only the fight to recover  
What has been lost and found  
and lost again and again;  
And now under conditions  
That seems unpropitious  
– But perhaps neither gain nor loss.  
For us, THERE IS ONLY THE TRYING  
The rest is not our business."  
(T.S. Eliot)

"Todo pasa y todo queda  
Pero el nuestro es pasar  
Pasar haciendo el camino;  
Se hace camino al andar"

"We shall not cease our journeying  
And the end of the journey  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time..."

Everything passes and everything remains. But ours is to pass and move forward. For as we move forward, WE MAKE OUR PATH. Let us continue our journey and move on. What is important is the trying and trusting that our God the Father, God the Son – Jesus and the Holy Spirit is with us, accompanying us in our journey. With Mary as our mother, St. Anthony Mary Claret, the martyrs of Basbastro and Fr. Rhoel Gallardo, we can bear almost anything. Let us go where it matters and acquire what it takes.

Fraternally yours,

*Fr. B. Manubag, conf.*  
Fr. Rene B. Manubag, CMF  
Provincial Superior

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# new assignments

luzon

## MAYUMI community

Desiderio Martin	<b>Superior</b> IHMP Parish Priest
Eduardo Apungan	<b>Vicar - Econome</b> Director CUPA, Prefect of JPIC Parochial Vicar
Joselito Borja	<b>Parochial Vicar</b> Spiritual Director, Claret School-QC
Rene Manubag	<b>Parochial Vicar</b>
Salvador Agualada	<b>Parochial Vicar</b>
Daniel Deloso	<b>Parochial Vicar, Secretariat</b>
Ricardo Salomon	<b>On Medical Treatment</b>
Stdnt. Rolando Bartolay	

## CCI community

Victor Sadaya	<b>Superior</b>
Alberto Rossa	<b>Vicar</b> Director, PBF - CCI
Felimon Libot	<b>Econome</b> Asst. Director, Claret School Coordinator Com. on Schools
Samuel Canilang	<b>Vocation Director</b> Asst. Director for CCI
Alejandro Gobrin	<b>Postulancy Director</b> Biblical Apostolate
Stdnt. Floro Gotostos	<b>Campus Ministry, Claret-QC</b>

## ICLA community

Domingo Moraleda	<b>Superior, President, ICLA</b>
Jose Ma. Ruiz Marquez	<b>Vicar - Econome</b>
Elias Ayuban	<b>On study (Canon Law)</b>
Piotr Krakowczyk	

## THEOLOGY HOUSE community

Juan Manuel Suñaz	<b>Superior, Formator</b> Prefect of Finance
Angel Ochagavia	<b>Vicar, Formator</b> Assistant Vocation Director

## COLLEGE community

Paulino Manila	<b>Superior, Formator</b>
Bernardo Blanco	<b>Vicar, Spiritual Director</b>
Agapito Ferrero	<b>Econome</b> Director, Retreat House
Rowan Luza	<b>President, Claret College</b> Spiritual Director, Claret School-QC

Ian Alabanza

## ORMOC community

Rene Manubag	<b>Acting Coordinator</b>
Benedict Dilag	<b>Econome</b>
Rodel Salgados	

visayas

mindanao

## ZAMBOANGA community

Angel Calvo	<b>Superior</b> Prefect of Apostolate Director, Lay Formation Inst. Vicar SAMCP, Parish Priest
Jonathan Bitoy	<b>Econome</b> Director, Claret School-ZC
James Castro	<b>Parochial Vicar</b>
Maximino Rodriguez	<b>Parochial Vicar</b>
Ronaldo Banaria	<b>Parochial Vicar</b>
Restituto Audal	

## BUNGUAI community

Leo Dalmao	<b>Superior, Prefect of Formation</b> Asst. Novitiate Director
Pedro Cleofe	<b>Vicar - Econome</b> OLLP, Parish Priest Novitiate Director (2002-03) Spiritual Director, Claret School-ZC
Emilio Pablo	

Bro. Ariel Palacios

## SIBUGAY community

Carlos de Rivas	<b>Superior</b> RLP, Parish Priest Vicar Parochial Vicar
Edgar Zamudio	<b>Econome</b>
Dindo Ballebar	
Angel Angeles	
Stdnt. Erwyn Bala	

## MALUSO-TUMAHUBONG community

Anel Alcober	<b>Superior, Director, CSFI</b>
Noel Daduya	<b>Vicar - Econome</b> SVFP, Parish Priest Director, Claret Tumahubong
Christopher Ligason	<b>IHMP-Maluso, Parish Priest</b>
Dennis Tamayo	<b>Maluso, CSFI</b>
Stdnt. Nick Eucapor	<b>Maluso</b>
Stdnt. Gerald Pedrera	<b>Tumahubong</b>

foreign mission

## DARWIN, AUSTRALIA community

Luis Rey	<b>Superior, HFP, Parish Priest</b>
Cornelio Solis	<b>Vicar-Econome, Parochial Vicar</b>

## VIETNAM community

Vicente Lee Hwe Jin	<b>Superior-Delegate, Formator</b>
Richard Allen Suttle	<b>Formator</b>
Angelito Ancla	<b>Econome, Formator</b>

## INDO-EAST TIMOR community

Kuriakose Thekilak	<b>Delegation Superior</b>
Eduardo Monge	<b>Vicar - Econome</b>
Cyrus Banque	<b>Consultor</b> Coordinator for East Timor

# the leadership

## provincial government

Renato B. Manubag	<b>Provincial Superior</b>
Carlos de Rivas	<b>Vicar - Consultor</b>
Leo Dalmao	<b>Consultor</b>
Arnel Alcober	<b>Consultor</b>

## prefectures & commission

### prefecture of FORMATION

Leo Dalmao	<b>Prefect</b>
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Emilio Pablo  
& team of formators

### prefecture of FINANCE

Juan Manuel Suñaz	<b>Prefect</b>
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**Econome**

Felimon Libot  
Alberto Rossa  
Renato Manubag  
Agapito Ferrero

### prefecture of APOSTOLATE

Angel Calvo	<b>Prefect</b>
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Arnel Alcober  
Eduardo Apungan  
Jonathan Bitoy

**Mission Procure  
& Claretian Associates**  
Angel Calvo  
Charo Garcia

### executive commission for SCHOOLS

Felimon Libot	<b>Coordinator</b>
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and three Lay members,  
and Prefect of Apostolate

### prefecture of JUSTICE and PEACE and INTEGRITY of CREATION

Eduardo Apungan	<b>Prefect</b>
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## committee on CELEBRATIONS

Felimon Libot  
Samuel Canilang  
Angel Ochagavia  
Daniel Deloso



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## Ordination of Rev. Abelardo, cmf

Rev. Arnold Abelardb, CMF of the USA Western Province was ordained to the order of Presbyterate last February 22, 2003 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Quezon City. Bishop Socrates Villegas, Auxiliary Bishop of Manila, was the ordaining Prelate.

The celebration was attended by various groups - the USA Western Province members, confreres from the Philippine province, and his immediate family members, relatives, and friends. It was a grand fellowship for yet another CMF missionary and for the congregation, for the greater glory of God and the salvation of humankind. Indeed, it was an unforgettable occasion.

## CMF's USA West Visits

Frs. Roland Lozano, *Provincial Superior*, Art Gramaje and Dennis Gallo, *Vicar Provincial* of USA Western Province visited the Philippines last February 21 - 24, 2003. They came over for the ordination of the Presbyterate of Rev. Arnold Abelardb.

## The General Econome Comes

Our General Econome, Fr. Jose Surreda, CMF visited our country last April 5 - 11, 2003. He made a very short visit to Zamboanga City and Bunguiao communities.

## The Golden Years of Frs. Blanco & Pablo

Fr. Bernardo Blanco, CMF celebrated his 50th year in the priesthood last May 3, 2003. It was a simple celebration that was solemnized with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and attended by some confreres and "friends of Fr. Blanco".

Fr. Emilio Pablo, CMF will also celebrate his 50th year as a religious in the Claretian congregation this coming July 16, 2003.

Topay tribute to their golden service, the Philippine province has invited them to preside over the 11am mass on June 15, 2003 at IHMP - QC.

To Frs. Blanco & Pablo, congratulations and more power to you!

## Fr. Rhoel Remembered

May 3, 2003 marked the third year anniversary of the death of Fr. Rhoel D. Gallardb, CMF under the hands of the Abu Sayyaf. His parents and other members of the family came and visited his remains at the Himlayang Filipino, bringing flowers and candles as an offering.

Later in the afternoon, Fr. Angel Ochagavia, CMF together with the theologians and college seminarians celebrated the Holy Eucharist at the tomb of Fr. Rhoel.

Your heroism is always remembered!

# news briefs

## Postulancy Update

Six students will begin their postulancy program in Tagaytay, Cavite City. They are currently housed at Villa Luisa of the Daughter of Charity. Fr. Alejandro O. Gobrin, CMF, will be their program director for six months.

## Happy 35<sup>th</sup> Fiesta, IHMP!

The IHM Parish, Quezon City celebrated its 35th fiesta last 25<sup>th</sup> day of May. The highlight of the celebration was the cultural night, followed by a "salusal" gathering. Surprisingly, Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Philippines and DSWD Secretary, Dinky Soliman attended the 11:00am celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

## Committee on Celebrations

The Provincial Superior has created a committee on celebrations to oversee any festivities of the congregation. Frs. Felimon Libot, Samuel Canilang, Angel Ochagavia and Daniel Deloso are the members of the abovementioned committee.

## Rev. Ancla's Ordination

Rev. Angelito Ancla, CMF will be ordained to the Order of Presbyterate on June 7, 2003, 2 o'clock in the afternoon at San Antonio de Padua Parish, in Agdao, Davao City. Bishop Fernando Capalla will be the ordaining Prelate.

## MOVEMENTS:

*Fr. Angel Calvo* is now in Spain for an eye operation.

*Fr. Emilio Pabb* will leave for Spain to join with his batchmates for their 50th year celebration of their religious profession in the congregation.

*Fr. Jose Marquez* went to Spain for a vacation and to visit his old mother.

*Fr. Buddy Agualada* will spend three months in the Trappist Monastery, Guimaras Island, for a personal retreat.

*Fr. Rene Manubag* will make a visit to Australia this June and then will proceed to East Timor. Then, he leaves for Rome on August 17 to represent the Philippine Province in the XXIII General Chapter.

## Approved for

### PERPETUAL PROFESSION

Ian Shelley Alabanza  
Restituto Audal  
Benedict Dilag  
Eduardo Ricaborda  
Rodel Salgados

## Approved for

### RENEWAL of PROFESSION

Erwyn Bala  
Rolando Bartolay  
Carmelo Cruz  
Anthony Carreon  
Floro Gotostos  
Ralden Mercadejas  
Gerard Pedrera  
Gilbert Quinano  
Vladimir Russel  
Amador Tumbaga  
Mauricio Ulep  
Bro. Ariel Palacios

## SCHEDULE for the ON-GOING FORMATION of Priests

Young Group > June 30 - July 4, 2003

Middle Group > July 20 - 24, 2003

Third Group > sometime November 2003

## NOTICE:

In the coming Newsletter, we will publish the ACTION PLAN of the Provincial Government.

For all confreres: if you have some news and stories to tell, do forward them to the Office of the Provincial Superior.

And if you want to get in touch with your Claretian confreres

by cellphone, please forward your number and we will make them available.

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