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Dearest Brothers and Friends,

Peace of Christ!

At this moment, I am traveling within the zone of the US-Philippines Delegation. I left Rome during the first week of June to witness the wedding of my dearest friend, Mr. Peter Freizel in the City of Chicago. The wedding went well and was solemnly celebrated. I was able to visit, for a short time, our brothers in New Jersey and our parishioners of St. Joseph in Lodi. They too are doing well under the good administration of Fr. Shijomon Kurian, a native from Kerala India. Fr. Nicholas Capetola, our eldest priest in the Delegation, is just doing well. Even though he has some slight health issues, he is being attended to by his good Doctors. We pray and hope he will get well soon.

So far, I have visited our mission in Saipan. Fathers Melvin Avilla and Arman Hagos are doing more than well. They are administering two parishes, namely St. Jude and St. Anthony. The parishioners of both parishes are more than happy for our dedicated presence. The Bishop of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, Most Rev. Ryan P. Jimenez, expressed to the Adorno Fathers many thanks for our dedicated presence, help and great contributions on the little Island of Saipan. Saipan is a part of the US Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The ministry, religious life and opportunity to share our spirituality with the Faithful on behalf of the Islanders of Saipan for our Religious Family is enormous. I thank the Lord for leading us this way, indeed this place of work is plentiful and the fruits are abundant, but the laborers are few. We always pray for the Lord of the harvest to send his laborers to our land and in our mission lands.

I am now present in my Mother Country the Republic of the Philippines. I will be here until the first week of August. We have plenty of things to work on and accomplish during this time. Over and above my fraternal visit to the communities we have in the Philippines, which was halted during the time of Covid, we will work on the finalization and the implementation of the manual for formation. Our delegates for the workshop will be coming from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, the USA and Italy. The Formation manual, which is not new, is an updated version of the beautiful Formation Manual which was put together and spearheaded by our Fathers, especially Fathers Nello Morrea, Giuseppe LaRosa, Giulio Capetola and other formators as well. The formation Manual which is being updated is not meant to be just a document but rather a daily manual that will help us to improve the formation and respond to the challenging issues and themes of our religious and ecclesial life. To prepare our present and future religious requires a lot of planning and discernment. Through this work, we hope that we can address the pressing needs of our formation.

The synopsis of the Notiziario on Synodality is the synopsis of the entire Order, and not only of Italy. It describes carefully, under the directions of the Holy See, how this synodal process will help us work together. Basically, from each one of us, a spirit of openness and humility is required. This implies that it is impossible to work together with those who are closed and already have their own pre-conceived ideas. Let us share together, through our Delegational level, our great ideas to move forward. We are pressed with so many challenges ahead of us. Do not let our work, mission and apostolate depend on material things. Let us not just go through the motions and to do the bare minimum. The words of the Gospel are so loud and clear. Let us not carry our own plan and our own strength in going to the mission. Let us embrace the mandate of God and he will take care of the rest. This message has been loud and clear in these past few weeks of our Gospel readings in the month of July. Our mission does not depend on our wealth, treasure and human strength but rather on our disposition and an interior life which needs to be continuously strengthened. We must deepen our life. Let us deepen our trust in the Lord and our reliance to what the blessed Mother promised to our founders, that our religious family is under Her protection.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in a recent message to the Superior Generals dated June 21, 2022, noted that we must strive to develop an attitude of audacity and fervor to listen and to encounter one another. Such a process is always to be done according to our charisms which are inspired by the Holy Spirit. We must remember that we are called to be signs of hope to a world which is longing for God.

On a final note, we joyfully extend our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the 20 years presence of the Adorno Fathers in the Philippines. As we celebrate this happy time, we thank the many people who planted and have maintained this establishment. Twenty years have passed and we have come now to this anniversary to celebrate God's loving providence for allowing us to be in this beautiful Country of the Philippines. Thank you to Fr. Nello, Fr. Nicholas, Fr. Jun, Fr. Giovannie, Fr. Noly, Fr. Melvin, Fr. Michael, Fr. Hector, Fr. Edgardo and the other confreres who have worked together to make all these things possible. Let us move forward with hope and joy.

I gently remind everyone about my previous circular on around-the-clock penance. I gently remind the Delegates to make sure our communities are trying their best to practice this for the intentions of peace in war torn areas and for the spiritual benefit of the Order for our continued faithfulness to our Charism and service to the Church.

God bless and please never forget to remember to pray for me during your daily prayers....

I will attached some pictures in this letter...

Sincerely yours,


Servant Minister