

COMMISSION ON MISSION

Underlying Principles

In response to Christ's command to his disciples, "Go and make disciples from all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to fulfil all I have commanded you" (Mt. 28: 19-20), every friar is, by nature, a missionary wherever he is assigned. This missionary nature is exercised in one's active involvement in the various apostolates of the communities of the Province or in communities where the Province is in close collaboration with other circumscriptions and other local Church.

Situational Analysis

The Province is blest with an increasing number of friars, including those in formation. With Filipino characteristics, these friars are basically flexible and adaptable to any situations and personalities. In terms of human resources, the Province has the capacity to send people for missionary work. However, there is a need for a better preparation for those who intend to go to mission.

At the moment, there exists a mission fund in the Province that has sustained so far its current missionary activities. In addition, the Province has assigned in areas as new missionary endeavors either within the country or abroad.

Action Plans

1. To establish mission areas abroad solely administered by the Province. (Suggestion)
2. To promote mission awareness in the Province by:
 - a. Updating every community of the missionary works of the Province;
 - b. Announcing possible missionary works in which the Province can potentially contribute; and
 - c. Inviting friars from the mission to share their experiences. (Decree)
 - d. Observing an "Augustinian Mission Awareness Day" in the Province every June 10 to coincide with the death anniversary of Fr. Bernardino Renomeron Ricafrente, O.S.A. (Decree)
3. To scout and establish mission areas for the Province within the country, especially in Mindanao and northern Luzon. (Recommendation)
4. To allow candidates for mission work to undertake three months of immersion on the culture of the people where they will be assigned, aside from their academic, moral, psychological and emotional preparation. (Decree)