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QUADRENNIAL GOALS AND PROGRAMS (2019-2022)

Administrative

1. Manage and organize Bulwagang Recoletos Complex as the Center for CoCHC-R.
2. Organize trainings or communicate training and seminars relative to history, Culture and heritage, Identify other local CoCHC-R Centers (i.e. museums and archives) in Negros, Cebu, Palawan and Baguio.
3. Identify regional CoCHC-R museums and archives e.g. Negros, Cebu, Palawan and Baguio.
4. Craft a manual relative to Recollect Provincial Museum and Archives as well as to their satellite or regional centers in collaboration with Division on Culture and Heritage,
5. Tie-up with Recoletos Communications related to the use of RECOLLECT SERIES as the official publication or journal of CoCHC-R and Publish regularly the Recollect Series,
6. Find ways and means to fund the activities and programs of the Commission.

Division on History

7. Identify and List down the different anniversary celebrations related to Augustinian Recollect History and contribution development of culture and evangelization.
8. Collaborate with Recoletos School of Theology and other Recollect Institutions to promote the study and researches on Recollect history, contribution to the development of culture and heritage.
9. Collect and preserve all documentations related to Recollect monuments and sites.
10. Improve archives services in relation to documentation and as aid for researchers
 - Back-up copies of the Digital Archives,
 - Promote a Digital catalogue archive systems that facilitate data organization, retrieval and research.

Division on Culture and Heritage

11. Promote the Provincial and regional museums (and archives) by organizing cultural awareness activities as means of New Evangelization,
12. Collaborate with the Augustinian Recollect Educational Centers in the promotion of the said activities of the centers and the promotion of New Evangelization through preservation of culture and Heritage,
13. Create an Biennial Program on Recollect Culture and Heritage,
14. Collaborate and coordinate with other cultural and heritage entities for the promotion of the Recollect programs,
15. Create a manual on Processes and Procedure on acquisition of artifacts, memorabilia, etc; and the relation between the Main Recollect Museum and the satellite museums,
16. Organize evangelizing event commemorating milestone celebrations of Recollect History and Contribution to Society,

Division on Preservation and Conservation

17. Conserve and Preserve the cultural, literary, art and other documentary contributions of the Recollects to society,
18. Monitor the development of the conservation of the San Sebastian Basilica,
19. Preserve an Inventory and documentation of Recollect Movable and permanent patrimony,
20. Provide guidelines relative to the collection of personal belonging of religious who passed away,
21. Collect personal data of religious SARF members and other connected with the Augustinian Recollect family with fame of sanctity in view of promotion and process for the stages for holiness and sanctification.
22. Create linkages with government agencies relative to the promotion of streets, plazas buildings to be dedicated to the Augustinian Recollects.

23. Work on possible candidates to holiness of any member of the Recolect Family (Religious, Priest, SARF, Members of organization in the Parish, Schools, Mission Areas etc).



Facade or the main entrance of the Bulwagang
Recolecto Complex

QUADRENNIAL REPORT

(2018-2022)

Commission on History Culture and Heritage-Recoletos (CoHCH-R)

*We have been the benefactors of our cultural heritage
and the victims of our cultural narrowness.*

Stanley Krippner

In the absence of directives from the 7th Provincial Chapter, the commission in its first meeting crafted its Quadrennial Goals and Programs 2018-2022 (referred to as QGP 2018-22 from this point onwards).

This report will be based on the articulated QGP 2018-22. The report's presentation will be according to the different divisions of the Commission which are the following: Administration, History-CultureHeritage, and Preservation-Conservation departments.

At the beginning of the quadrenium the commission articulated its vision, mission, core values and objectives. It likewise established the organizational structure and defined the obligations and responsibilities of the various offices of the commission. All these are in the By-Laws (*see. By-Laws: Commission on History, Culture, and Heritage-Recoletos [CoHCH-R]* <https://rst.edu.ph/history-culture-heritage/>).

Administration

1. Manage and organize Bulwagang Recoletos Complex as the Center for CoHCH-R.

To implement the By Laws, there was the need to house the office of the CoHCH-R at the Bulwagang Recoletos. The commission crafted the implementing rules and regulations relative to the operations of Bulwagang

Recoletos. This was also intended to monitor not only the operations and functions of the complex but likewise to evaluate, keep track and rationalize the expenses and proceeds of the various departments of the Bulwagang Recoletos Complex which coincided with the different divisions of the Commission (see. *Bulwagang Recoletos: Management and Operations Manual*. <https://rst.edu.ph/history-culture-heritage/>).

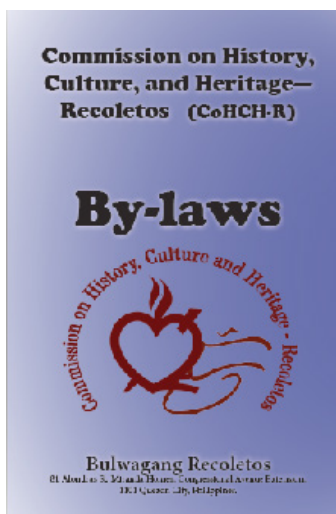
2. Organize trainings or communicate trainings and seminars relative to history, culture and heritage.

The commission sent Ms. Josephine Francisco to an international conference organized by Heritage Conservation Center (HCC) last October 23-25, 2019 held at the National Museum of Singapore. This was done not only for her professional development but likewise to create linkages and in the near future organize activities of the same nature at the Bulwagang Recoletos as venue to promote the complex and help generate funds for the Commission's operation.

The intended Conservation Training Programs were held in abeyance due to the pandemic. Nevertheless, CoHCH-R partnered with the University of Melbourne Faculty of Arts, School of Historical and Philosophical Studies and became an off-site training to two students enrolled in their masteral program. The collaboration was held in the Fray Francisco Sádaba, OAR Conservation and Restoration Laboratory.

Fr. Hector Gonzales, Head of the Division on Culture and Heritage and in-charge of *Museo de San Ezekiel* is currently enrolled in UST taking licentiate in Church History and to proceed to cultural heritage related degree. Likewise, he has been exposed to the Ecclesiastical Museum of UST through informal contacts and acquaintances with Fr. Isidro Abañó, OP.

- 3. Identify other local CoHCH-R Centers (i.e. museums and archives) in Negros, Cebu, Palawan and Baguio.** (Nothing yet has been done on this item)
- 4. Craft a manual relative to Recollect Provincial Museum and Archives as well as to their satellite or regional centers in collaboration with Division on Culture and Heritage,**



The crafting of the manual is still in the process, in the meantime, documentation, improvements of collections are given attention.

During the quadrennium, the in-charge of *Museo de San Ezekiel*, has worked on the documentation of the artifacts of the museum. As of the moment 20% of the total collection has been properly documented.

A template of 'Deed of Donation' is also formulated and there is the need to use QR codes for all collections.

The Office of the Curator exhibits/showcases the Philatelic and Numismatic collections. The office is repainted and redesigned. The in-charge continuously expands and updates the collection. As of this writing, the addition to the collection of the museum are the complete uncirculated English Series, Japanese Series, Pilipino (Ang Bagong Lipunan), Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas Series of banknotes and coins. While in Philatelic collection, stamps as early as Spanish era (1879), Commonwealth era and Japanese occupation are also added. First Day Copy (FDC) of stamps from 1940s to 2000s are also added to the collection. The in-charge asked some of his known collectors in this updating.

Ongoing remodelling of the center showcases inside the museum is being done for aesthetics and security measures. A replica of *Nuestra Señora del Carmen de San Sebastian* is to put on one of the oldest existing embroidered vestments of the venerated image in San Sebastian Basilica.

5. Tie-up with Recoletos Communications related to the use of RECOLLECT SERIES as the official publication or journal of CoHCH-R and Publish regularly the Recollect Series.

In order to save printing expenses. The commission collaborated with RST's Research Department and published in <https://rst.edu.ph/history-culture-heritage/> historical researches conducted by theology students of RST. These are formatted in EPUB and uploaded in the commission's page at rst.edu.ph website with the title "Historical Research Articles" (cf. <https://rst.edu.ph/history-culture-heritage/>).

In commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of San Nicolas de Tolentino

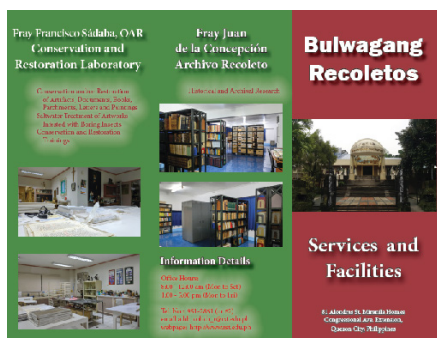


Province, *Quaerens* vol 15, nos 1-2 (2020) is dedicated to the 400th celebration of the mother province, and Vol 16, nos. 1-2 dedicated to the 500th Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines. Materials were from Prof Emmael Luis Romanillos, HEL. Volume 17 (2022) no.1 is in the process of publication it will be *Amor Difussivus III*.

6. Find ways and means to fund the activities and programs of the Commission.

The commission has prepared an annual budget operations for the whole of the Bulwagang Recoleta Complex (cf. **Appendix 1, 2019-2020 *Bulwagang Recoletos Budget Proposal***). After consolidating the operational expenses of all divisions including St. Augustine Library. It has a downfall of 2 million plus. The commission intends to promote the facilities and

operations of the Bulwagang Complex with the hope of cautioning financial burden. The commission has created a promotional material for the bulwagang complex (see. ***Bulwagang Recoletos: Services and Facilities***. <https://rst.edu.ph/history-culture-heritage/>). This material has been disseminated to nearby schools, offices and parishes.



The commission looks forward to other engagements of the complex in addition to being a venue for reception of parties by family and companies generally held on weekends. The complex could also become a venue for one-day recollections and seminars during weekdays.

Again, the pandemic halted the activities that could have been income generating for the Bulwagan complex.

Division on History

7. Identify and list the different anniversary celebrations related to Augustinian Recollect History and its contribution to development of culture and evangelization of people.

This is already prepared and has become the basis for the proposals

for activities in view of the 500th anniversary celebration of the first mass in the Philippines (See. **Appendix 2: OAR History and Milestones: Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno**).

CoHCH-R was the organizing committee of the following celebrations:

(a) **20th Anniversary Celebration of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno (November 27-28, 2018)** . It was a two-day celebration mostly held at Recoletos Formation Center. Participated in by almost all Recollect Religious, plus the SARE. The first day (Nov 27) was dedicated to Gathering of Recollect Religious. The day was marked with activities that promote spirituality, physical wellness and community bonding; November 28, was Launching of the “Five-Year Preparation of the 25th Anniversary of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno. The same day was dedicated to the presentation of the programs of the different Secretariats and Commission of the Province. The celebration was capped with the Eucharistic meal celebrated by Most Rev. Teodoro Bacani, D.D. Bishop Emeritus of Novaliches. The 20th founding anniversary celebration has for the theme “Witness of the Gospel Values: Deepening of Faith and Discernment of Vocations among the Youth and Consecrated Persons.



(b) **250th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Augustinian Recollects in the Island of Bohol**. The celebration has the theme: *Pagpapasalamat sa Mabungahong Pagsangyaw sa Ebanghelyo sa Isla sa Bohol*. The celebration was approved by Bishop Alberto S. Uy D.D., Bishop of Tagbilaran and Bishop Daniel Patrick Y. Parcon, D.D., Bishop of Talibon. The celebration

centered on the introduction and propagation of the devotion to St. Ezekiel Moreno. The event was celebrated on the anticipated Sunday Mass and in one of the Sunday Masses of the following parishes: Loon, Loay, Jagna,

Recoletos
in *Bohol*
(1768-1937)



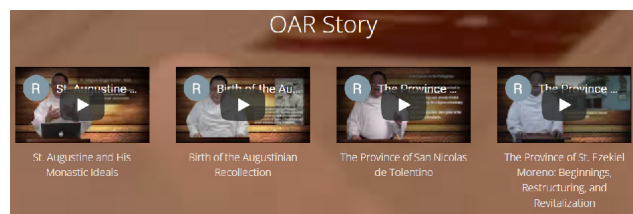
Tagbilaran, Talibon, Loboc. In all Eucharistic celebrations, A Recollect Religious Priest was the main celebrant and homilist. The two Bishops as well as the Prior Provincial were the main celebrants in the Cathedrals. The FORSOAR Bohol chapter was very much active both in the preparation and in the post celebration of the event. Fr. Provincial and company ended the event with the Eucharistic celebration in Our Lady of Consolation

Parish, Laray, Inayawan, Cebu; and some Recollect Boholanos with the FORSOAR Bohol chapter celebrated in the Residence of Fr. Albert Pellazar, OAR. (see. Appendix 3: BOHOL 250: Final Report).

(c) **Opening celebration of the 400TH Foundation Anniversary of the Province of San Nicolás de Tolentino.** The opening celebration was held on September 10, 2020. Since this was the time of the pandemic, each community celebrated the Solemnity according to their desired schedules. The theme was *Siempre en Mision*, likewise, the logo and the hymn were adopted from the mother province. The Rite of the celebration was translated from Spanish to Cebuano by Fr. Domingo Saladaga, OAR, and the English version was by Fr. Huberto Dunstan Decena, OAR.



(d) **400th Foundation Anniversary of the Province of San Nicolas de Tolentino.** As a fitting tribute to the Mother Province, RST, CoHCH-R, CCPR and RCI in collaboration with the Secretariats of Spirituality and Formation and Apostolates launched OAR (read as OUR) STORY. This was a lecture series on the evolution of the Order and especially of the Province of San Nicolas de Tolentino and our Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno. The lecture was intended to have a chronological knowledge of the evolution of the Order the two provinces of San Nicholas and Ezekiel Moreno, an appreciation of the Recollect contribution to Philippine culture and society, a common resource-data for Recollect History, Legacy and culture and learnings from OAR story. The conferences or lectures were held via zoom and on facebook accounts



of Recoletos School of Theology and of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno. The Lectures were held on August 25, September 10, 18 and 25, 2021. The lectures may be accessed in

www.rst.edu.ph website.

(e) **500th Anniversary Celebration of Philippine Christianity.** Recoletos School of Theology in Collaboration with CoHCH-R held a

conference dated December 7-8, 2021. It carried the theme “GIFTED TO GIVE: The Augustinian Recollect Charismatic Identity and the 21st Century Concerns.” The conference had the following goals and aims: (a) relevant and innovative re-reading of the Augustinian Recollect charismatic

Identity vis-à-vis the challenges of the 21st Century, (b) A post 500th anniversary celebration of Philippine Christianity. The conference was intended to be a celebration in favor of the foundation of the Order. The video out-put of the conferences are posted in the rst website (rst.edu.ph). these can be viewed and reviewed by those wishing to revisit the history of the Recollection in this part of the globe.



8. Collaborate with Recoletos School of Theology and other Recollect Institutions to promote the study and researches on Recollect history, contribution to the development of culture and heritage.

This is an ongoing program. There have always been Recollect theology students who write thesis on Recollect History. After a successful final thesis defense, their researches are either published in Quaerens or formatted in EPUB and published as Historical Research Article with CoHCH-R (<https://rst.edu.ph/history-culture-heritage/>)

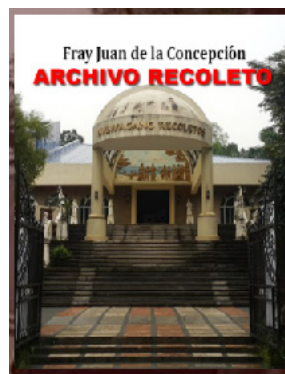
9. Collect and preserve all documents related to Recollect buildings, and structures.

A measure is to be done so that the archives could have copies of the architectural building plans, perspectives and the rest. At present there are some building plans already deposited in the Fray Juan de la Concepción Archives.

10. Improve archives services in relation to documentation and as aid for researchers

Catalogue.

The catalogue of the digital archives has been uploaded to facilitate historical research enthusiasts. Likewise, a process and procedure



has been set so that researchers will be guided in their endeavors. The catalogue may be accessed at <https://rst.edu.ph/history-culture-heritage/> with the document title *Fray Juan de la Concepción: ARCHIVO RECOLETO*.

Back-up copies of Digital Archives.

The digital collection is already backed up but in a local drive. It cannot be accessed to outside researchers. This was Initiated and accomplished by Fray Rey Tripulca. This is now being organized by Fr. Hector Gonzales , OAR

Promote a Digital catalogue archive systems that facilitate data organization, retrieval and research.

Initiated already and needed to be improved though the help of IT experts of San Sebastian Manila and Canlubang. The digital archive is stored in the in-house server. It cannot be accessed from outside the Bulwagang Complex. Researchers have to ask the archivist. The latter will be the only one to have access to all digital files of the Fray Juan de la Concepción Archivo.

Division on Culture and Heritage

11. Promote the Provincial and regional museums (and archives) by organizing cultural-awareness activities as means of New Evangelization.

The initial move was made to establish a closed-group of “antique enthusiasts” to serve as venue for discussion and information dissemination. A process has yet to be crafted relative to the promotion of regional museums.

The St. Ezekiel Moreno Museum is in the process of creating tie-ups with the Tenco Family. Don Allan Tengco has made an ocular visit to the museum and confirmed the invitation for collaboration. On May and June (2020) will be a museum exhibit featuring the family’s cultural and heritage artifacts. This is a means of promoting the St. Ezekiel Moreno.



Artifacts restoration belonging to non-Recollect clients (Mr. Francis Ong, Mr. Dennis Maturan and Mr. Romain) have been done.

12. Collaborate with the Augustinian Recollect Educational Centers in the promotion of the said activities of the centers and the promotion of New Evangelization through preservation of culture and Heritage.

Collaboration with other OAR HEIs on the level of cultural and heritage preservation needs to be initiated yet. However, talks with the OAR and AR education institution relative to making the Bulwang Atrium as venue for one-day retreat and recollection has already been done. Mechanics as to rates and use of facilities have been drawn. The implementation was stalled due to the pandemic.

13. Create an Annual Program on Recollect Culture and Heritage, (not done)

14. Collaborate and coordinate with other cultural and heritage centers for the promotion of the Recollect's program,

The museum collaborates with BasteCon in their 2nd Rust Exhibit. This is a fund raising activity for the Basilica de San Sebastian restoration works. The activity is scheduled on July 2020. The program did not push through due to the pandemic.

In October 2019 a deal was closed with Don Allan Tengco (+) and Don Ado Escudero (+) to feature their collections. The said project has a working title “Ukit, Garing at Medalyon” and will be in exhibit from August 15 to December 8, 2020. The project was shelved due to covid 19 pandemic.

15. Create a manual on Processes and Procedure on acquisition of artifacts, memorabilia, etc; and the relation between the Provincial Recollect Museum and the satellite or regional museums

Collaboration with UST Cultural Heritage Museum is in the offing relative to the drafting of the Manual. The following documents are understudy as basis and standards for the crafting of the manual: (a) The Pastoral Function of Ecclesiastical Museums (Pontifical Commission for Cultural Heritage of the Church), (b) Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Patrimony of the Church (The Cultural Heritage of the Church and

Religious Family); (c) Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Patrimony of the Church (Pastoral Function of the Church Archives); (d) CBCP unpublished documents regarding cultural heritage.

16. Organize evangelizing event commemorating milestone celebrations of Recollect History and Contribution to Society.

The commission has crafted a manual on *Community and Institutional Milestone Celebration* as guide (cf. <https://rst.edu.ph/history-culture-heritage/>). The celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Recollects in Bohol (1768-2018), the commission believes, it was evangelizing. The activities tried to promote the devotion to St. Ezekiel Moreno and at the same time a thanks giving for the fruits of local vocation coming the Island. Looking forward to the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the ordination of St. Ezekiel Moreno to be an evangelizing one also and other following celebrations.

Division on Preservation and Conservation

17. Conserve and Preserve the cultural, literary, art and other documentary contributions of the Recollects to society.

The conservation and restoration office is very much active. It is primarily working on documents and artifacts of recollect origins. Likewise, there are other non-recollect clients availing the services of the said office for a fee. The process and procedure is established in the *Bulwagang Recoletos: Management and Operations Manual* (see. <https://rst.edu.ph/history-culture-heritage/>).

With the purchase of two scanners (CZUR Pro 16 Plus and Epson DS Flatbed), the following documents were scanned: (a) Ang Aqueng Historia Sagrada (Antiguo Y Nuevo Testamento); (b) Isang Tabiang sa mga manigpamuno ang Catecismo; (c) Los 4 Sagrados Evangelios en Dialecto Cuyuno – Palawan. All documents are in Cuyunin language.

Likewise the Boletín de la Provincia de San Nicolás de Tolentino: (aa) 1909 – December; (b) 1945 – except September, October & December, (c) 1947 – except May, August & September, (d) 1952 – March, (e) 1953 – May, (f) 1955 – June, October, (h) 1957 – May, June, September, (i) 1958 – May, August, (j) 1964 – January, February, (k) 1968 – November, m December, (l) 1969 – January, February.

18. Monitor the development of the conservation of the San Sebastian Basilica.

The commission's work is to receive reports and document from BASTE CON for posterity purposes.

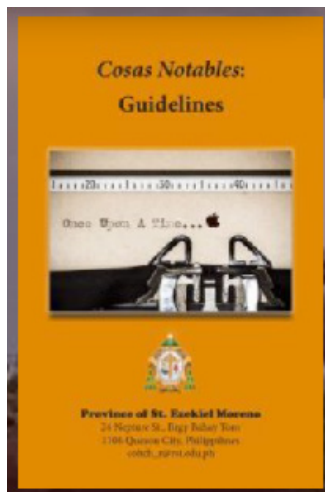
19. Preserve all documents like plans, permit, reports, minutes of meetings and financial statements for purposes of posterity.

The manual on *Cosas Notables: Guidelines* has been crafted. This was intended not only to document events but also to preserve all documents and publications relative to events of the community and to transmit a copy of the documentation to Fray Juan de la Concepcion Archivo Recoleta. The document has been approved and needs follow up for implementation.

Copies of the building plans of some Recollect owned and built edifices are stored in the Juan de la Concepción Archives.

The following documents were restored by the Fray Francisco Sádaba, OAR Conservation and Restoration Laboratory:

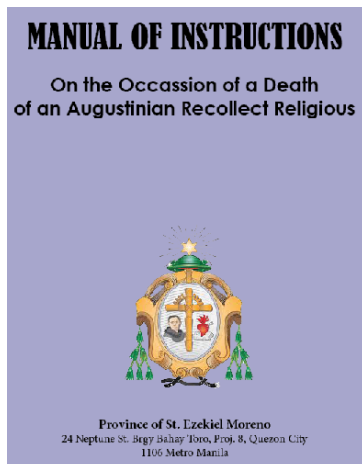
(a) WOODSTOCK LETTERS, Volume LXVI (1937), (b) Guía Oficial de las Islas Filipinas para 1898. Publicada por la Secretaria del Gobierno General. Manila: 1898; (c) Gonzales, P. Fray Nicolas, A.R. Ang Tocsoan Pangadeon nga Cristianos. Manila: Imprenta Amigos del País, 1885; (d) Encina, P. Francisco, O.S.A. Gramatica Bisaya Cebuana Reformada por P. Fray Nicolás Gonzales de San Vicente Ferrer, Agustino Recoleta. Manila: Imprenta Amigos del País, 1885; (e) Minguella, Toribio. Ensayo de Gramática Hispano-Tagala. Manila: Establecimiento de Plana y C., 1878 (2 copies); (f) Cartas Edificantes de los Misioneros de la Compañía de Jesús en Filipinas, 1898-1902. Barcelona: Imprenta de Henrich y Compañía; (g) Rodríguez, Padre Alonso, S.J. Ang Pagsasanay sa Lubos na Capacumbabaan. Isinalin sa uicang tagalog nang isang anac sa V.O.T. nang Seraficong Amang si San Francisco. Manila: Establecimiento tipográfico del Colegio de Sto. Tomás, 1870.



20. Provide guidelines relative to the collection of personal belonging of religious who passed away.

A *Manual of Instructions on the Occasion of a Death of an Augustinian Recollect Religious* has been designed to guide communities relative to brothers who leaves the earthly life. This manual helps to preserve the legacy and protect the memory of departed friars. The manual is already approved and published in www.rst.edu.ph/cohch_r page. (see. *Manual of Instructions: On the Occasion of a Death of an Augustinian Recollect Religious* (2021ed. <https://rst.edu.ph/history-culture-heritage/>).

Recently acquired archival material from religious who passed away were from Fray Alberto Avanzado, OAR Fray Emilio Lalar, OAR, and Fray Casiono Cosmilla, OAR.



21. Collect personal data of religious SARF members and other connected with the Augustinian Recollect family with fame of sanctity in view of promotion and process for the stages for holiness and sanctification,

Only the collection of personal belonging of religious as submitted to the archives in view of the process and procedures established in the manual “Instructions on the Occasion of a Death of an Augustinian Recollect Religious has being done.

22. Create linkages with government agencies relative to the promotion of streets, plazas, buildings and sites to be dedicated to the Augustinian Recollects. (nothing was done in this program)

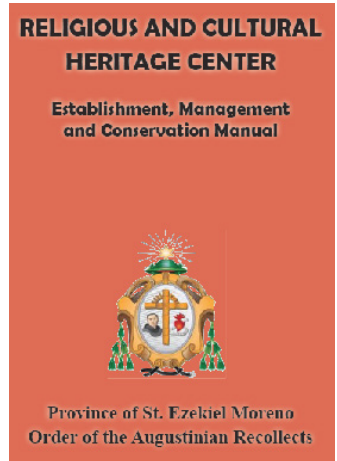
23. Other Engagements of the Commission

Balon Pari Project

The *Balon Pari* Project progresses according to the process and procedures established in the manual *RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL*

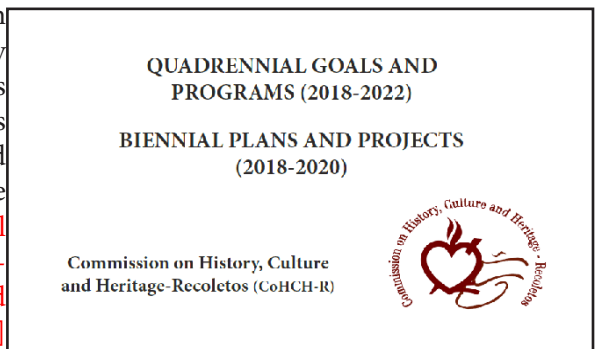
HERITAGE CENTER: Establishment, Management and Conservation). The historical study is in progress. The result of the study will be published in *Quaerens* Vol 15 (2020) special edition on the 150th anniversary of the arrival of St. Ezekiel Moreno in the Philippines. It will be the basis for promotion and information dissemination about the *Balon Pari*.

The commission, in close collaboration with the community of Recoletos de Inagawan, moves to a new phase which is the evaluation of the existing edifice. It's effect in the community, the minds and sentiments of the residents and devotees. An evaluation was already conducted. A technical report was presented presented to the Prior Provincial council. Procedures and recommendations on how to proceed is being developed. All these activities are in consultation with the local community in Inagawan. The project again came to a screeching halt due to the pandemic.



Quadrennial Goals and Programs

The Commission has been guided by the Quadrennial Goals and Programs it has established and articulated at the beginning of the quadrennium (**Quadrennial Goals and Programs [2018-2022]** **Biennial Plans and Projects [2018-2020]** **Performance Evaluation (2018-19)**).



One of the weaknesses of the commission, among many others, is the quick change of religious personnel who represent the local communities.

CoHCH-R Data File and Communication Preservation

For continuity, sustainability and posterity purposes, the commission maintains a google drive which stores all documents and an email address cohch_r@rst.edu.ph that preserves all pertinent communications. These will be handed over to the next administrator of the commission.

APPENDICES

(1) OAR HISTORY AND MILESTONES: PROVINCE OF ST. EZEKIEL MORENO

Fray Emilio Edgardo A. Quilatan, OAR

Event:	Foundation or Initiation Year	Celebration
The 150th Anniversary foundation of the Parish of Consolación, Cebu (based on the Royal Decree)	March 27, 1869	1869-2019
The 50th Anniversary of the elevation of Malaybalay, Bukidnon to a Territorial Prelature	April 25, 1969	1969-2019
The following parishes in Negros that celebrate its 125th foundation anniversary are: Guimbalaon, , Hibaiyo, Pamplona, Basay, Bombonon, Dancalan, Zaragoza, Malibog, Magallon, Concepción, Vallehermoso, Toboso, Honob-Honob, Alegría, Kumaliskis, La Castellana, Campomanes, Gilaga-on, Ayuquitan, San Carlos (now cathedral), Argüelles, Sicaba, Victorias, Kabankalan [Norte] (now cathedral), Suay, San Miguel, Carolan, Calagcalag (Ayungon) See: Cuesta, Historia, vol. 2, pp. 793-794	1894	1894-2019
The following parishes in Palawan that celebrate its 125th foundation anniversary are: Lucbuan and Coron See: Cuesta, Historia, vol. 2, p. 677.	1894	1894-2019
The 125th foundation anniversary of the parish of San Andrés, Tablas Island, Romblon See: Cuesta, Historia, vol. 2, p. 684.	1894	1894-2019
The 70th Anniversary of the elevation of the Cagayan de Oro as Archdiocese	June 29, 1951	1951-2021

The 400 years of the foundation of the parish of Dumaguete [today the seat of the Diocese of Negros Oriental since 1955)	1620	1620-2020
The 150th Anniversary foundation of the Parish of Pontevedra, Negros Occidental	1870	1870-2020
The 25th Anniversary of the Opening of the missions in Sierra Leone, West Africa	April 1996	1996-2021
The 25th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Augustinian Recollects in Sierra Leone, West Africa	December 1997	1997-2022
The 400th Anniversary of the foundation of the Augustinian Recollect community of San Sebastian, Quiapo, Manila	February 16, 1621	1621-2021
The 400th Anniversary of the inauguration of the church and friary of San Sebastian, Manila, and the enthronement of the image of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	May 5, 1621	1621-2021
The 400th Anniversary of the foundation of the Augustinian Recollect community in Cebu City [where the present USJ-R stands]	March 4, 1621	1621-2021
The 400th Anniversary of the Evangelization of Eastern Mindanao	March 1, 1621	1621-2021
The 400th Anniversary foundation of Cagayan de Oro (Mindanao)	1622	1622-2022
The 400th Anniversary foundation of Catarman, Camiguin Island	1622	1622-2022
The 400th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Augustinian Recollects in Cuyo, Palawan [thus, it was the beginning of the Evangelization of Northern Palawan, Calamianes Islands, Cuyo, Agutaya, Linapacan	1623	1623-2023

(2) St. Ezekiel Moreno, Patron of the Province:

Fray Emilio Edgardo A. Quilatan, OAR

Event:	Foundation or Initiation Year	Celebration
150th Anniversary of the Arrival of St. Ezekiel Moreno in the Philippines	February 10, 1870	1870-2020
150th Anniversary of St. Ezekiel Moreno's reception of the minor orders in the Cathedral of Jaro, Iloilo	June 3, 1870	1870-2020
150th Sacerdotal Anniversary of St. Ezekiel Moreno	June 2, 1871	1871-2021
150th Anniversary of the Arrival of St. Ezekiel Moreno in Calapan, Mindoro Oriental [as assistant parish priest	June 6, 1871	1871-2021
150th Anniversary of the Arrival of St. Ezekiel Moreno in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, as Chaplain and Missionary. He visited Iraruhan and Iwahig June 10-17, 1872, and December 1-5 (or 6), 1872, he was in Inagawan evangelizing the Tagbanuas	March 4, 1872	1872-2022

The Augustinian Recollects in the Philippines: From Birth to Bohol

The Philippines, “discovered” by Ferdinand Magellan for Spain in 1521, was officially incorporated to the Spanish Empire under King Philip II in 1565. The King ordered an expedition, under the command of Miguel Lopez de Legazpi, to the Philippines to conquer it. The expedition left Mexico in 1564 and reached Cebu on February 13, 1565. With Legazpi were the first group of Augustinian Friars. Hence, the evangelization of the Philippines accompanied her conquest. The mission field in the archipelago was vast. More missionaries were needed. With authorization from Spanish crown, other religious orders were mandated to come to the Philippines: the Franciscans (1578), the Jesuits (1581), and the Dominicans (1587). In 1594 a royal decree of King Philip II ordered the assigning of the missionary orders in the Philippines to specific regions and provinces. His representative, Governor-General Luis Pérez Dasmariñas, implemented this decree. The divisions of the archipelago among the above-mentioned religious missionary orders ushered a systematic evangelization of the Philippines. However, lack of personnel continued to plague the vast Philippine mission responsibilities.

The Augustinian Recollects

The Augustinian Recollect chroniclers and historians declare the Philippines as the privileged endeavor of the Order’s apostolate. In fact, the Philippine missions have been one of the main apostolic fields of the Order. The question arises: Why did the Augustinian Recollects come to the Philippines? It is difficult to give a simple answer to this question. However, the following chronology of events will lead to some clarifications:

<p>1590,1594 and 1598</p>	<p>Within two to six years, respectively, after the foundation of the Augustinian Recollection (1588), the Philippines as a possibility had already appeared in the spiritual horizon among the early Augustinian Recollects.</p> <p>Fr. Mateo de Mendoza, OSA, and Fr. Francisco de Ortega, OSA, the Prior of San Agustín in Manila, in their memorials, petitioned the King of Spain to send some Augustinian Recollects to the country to contribute to the revival of apostolic zeal of the missionaries;</p> <p>However, lack of personnel, juridical structure still in the making, and struggling interior organization of the Recollection impeded the sending of friars-missionaries to the archipelago,</p> <p>King Philip II, although interested in sending the Recollects to the Philippines, died on September 13, 1598.</p>
<p>1603-1604</p>	<p>The Augustinian Recollects repeatedly petitioned King Philip III, through the Council of the Indies, for a royal permit so they could go to the Philippines and other mission countries.</p>
<p>December 23, 1604</p>	<p>King Philip III finally gave his approval and royal license to the Augustinian Recollects to go to the Philippines but with conditions: that the missionaries that would be sent by the superior should be men of “letters and age” [learned and mature] (Bullarium I, 246-247).</p>
<p>April 1605</p>	<p>The second provincial chapter of the Augustinian Recollects was held in Madrid.</p> <p>The provincial chapter approved the missionary enterprise to the Philippines “with unanimous consent” among the chapter participants who considered such apostolate as “Great Service to God” (Crónicas I, 397-399).</p>

July 12,
1605

A fourteen-member expedition (10 priests and 4 lay brothers) headed by Fr. Fray Juan de San Geronimo boarded the ship “Santa María del Juncal” left Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain, and arrived in Veracruz, Mexico on September 17. From Veracruz they had to make the in-land travel to Mexico City and to the port of Acapulco where a galleon would bring them to the Philippines.

May 1606

The Augustinian Recollect missionaries left Acapulco on February 22. The trip would last for more than ninety days. They made a stop-over in Guam for provisions. While crossing the Pacific Ocean, Fr. Fray Andrés de San Nicolás died. The Augustinian Recollects arrived in Cebu in May. After a short rest they proceeded to Manila.

The thirteen Augustinian Recollect pioneers, upon their arrival in Intramuros, were temporarily sheltered in a small house until they found better accommodations in Santo Domingo (Dominicans) and in San Agustín (Augustinians). Later the Augustinian Recollect friars were able to buy a bigger house in Bagumbayan (the present Luneta Park) with the money they obtained through mendicancy.

The first preoccupation of the thirteen Augustinian Recollect pioneers upon their arrival in Manila was to organize a common life as prescribed by the “Forma de Vivir.” Their new convent in Bagumbayan gave the missionaries renewed inner strength as they strictly observed their conventual and contemplative life but never excluding the apostolate. Their small church also served the spiritual needs of the people living in Bagumbayan. This *modus vivendi* was a preparation for their first mission assignment in Mariveles (Bataan-Zambales) in September 1606.

The Augustinian Recollects Missions in the Philippines (1606-1768)

The official Augustinian Recollect historian, Rev. Fr. Ángel Martínez Cuesta, OAR described the early Philippine Recollect missions as follows: (a) they were given the most remote areas to evangelize; (b) their missions

were bereft of government support and assistance, (c) their *visitas* or mission bases were isolated from each other; and (d), their mission centers were often highly exposed to frequent Muslim incursions.

1606 Sep- tember	Three Augustinian Recollects began their mission work in Mariveles, Bataan; other Recollects came and began evangelizing Zambales. From 1606 to 1618 Bagac, Subic, Iba, Masinloc, Casborran, Sigayan, Agno... etc. were established.
1622	Eight Augustinian Recollects entered eastern Mindanao: 2 stayed in Tandag; 3 proceeded to Butuan and from there they reached Cagayan and Linao.
1623	Four Augustinian Recollects disembarked in Cuyo Island in Palawan; other islands were evangelized - Agutaya, Dumararan, Linapacan; in 1627 Taytay was separated from the mission of Linapacan; Taytay was the first town founded in northern Palawan.
1635	Romblon, Banton, Tablas, Sibuyan and other smaller islands were Christianized by the Augustinian Recollects.
1658	The Augustinian Recollects received from the Franciscans the missions of Casiguran, Baler and Binagunan located in present Aurora and Quezon Provinces.
1679	Seven Augustinian Recollects took over Mindoro from the secular clergy and founded other mission centers.
1687	Three Augustinian Recollects took pastoral charge of the islands of Masbate, Burias and Ticao.
1713	In Central Luzon the Augustinian Recollects took charge of Mabalacat, Pampanga and Bamban.
1744	The Augustinians (OSA) ceded to the Augustinian Recollects the parish of Cotcot and its barrio of Najalin in Cebu. Between 1752 and 1755 the Recollects founded Danao, Cebu.
1767	The Augustinian Recollects took the pastoral care of Mambusao (Alkan) and Batan (Capiz) in Panay.

In 1767, King Charles III of Spain issued a Royal Decree ordering that all Jesuits were to be expelled from the Spanish colonies. The royal order arrived in the Philippines in 1768. As a result all Jesuit missions were turned over to other religious orders or to the secular clergy. Bohol was entrusted to the Augustinian Recollects.

1768: Nine Augustinian Recollects were designated by the colonial government to take over nine former Jesuit missions in the island - Jagna, Loay, Loboc, Baclayon, Dauis, Tagbilaran, Maribohoc, Loon, and Inabanga.

Eight Augustinian Recollects arrived in Bohol in 1768. The Recollect mission was headed by P. Fray Pedro de Santa Barbara. They were supposed to be nine Recollect missionaries assigned in Bohol. P. Fray Carlos de San Miguel, the ninth missionary designated to Inabanga, died in Mobo, Masbate, two months earlier.

The First Batch of Augustinian Recollect Missionaries and their respective assignments in Bohol:

P. Fray Pedro de Santa Bárbara	Loboc
P. Fray Isidro de la Concepción	Tagbilaran
P. Fray Juan de San Ignacio de Loyola	Loay
P. Fray José de Santa Orosia	Dauis
P. Fray Nicolás de la Asunción	Jagna
P. Fray Julián de Santa Ana	Baclayon
P. Fray Manuel de la Consolación	Loon
P. Fray Carlos de San Miguel	Inabanga

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(4) Bohol 250: A Celebration of Thanksgiving and Devotion to St. Ezekiel Moreno

The Preparatory Stage

The thought of celebrating the 250th anniversary of entrance of the Augustinian Recollects in Bohol (1768) was initially met with doubt due to the absence of a Recollect Community in the Island of Bohol except by the Augustinian Recollect Sisters. However, little did we know that St. Ezekiel Moreno would be accompanying the organizers with much interest making sure that all endeavors reach their full completion.

With the approval from Prior Provincial and Council, the preparation for the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Augustinian Recollects in Bohol commenced. The Head of the Section on Pastoral Ministry and the Chairman of the Commission of History Culture and Heritage-Recoletos proceeded to Bohol to initiate the talks with the Bishops Alberto S. Uy, D.D. Bishop of Tagbilaran and Bishop Daniel Patrick Y. Parcon, DD of Talibon dioceses and the communities of the Augustinian Recollect Sisters.

The organizers presented to the good bishops of Bohol the theme, rationale and the possible program of activities for the celebration. The proposed program of activities were as follows:

Theme: *Pagpasalamat sa Mabungahong Pagsangyaw sa Ebanghelyo sa Isla sa Bohol*

Rationale:

1. In Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Faith in the Philippine Shores (1521-2021),
2. A Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Arrival and Fruitful Evangelization of the Augustinian Recollects in Bohol,
3. Pastoral Care for the Youth and Vocation Promotion, and
4. Promotion of the Devotion to St. Ezekiel Moreno, the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients, among the faithful in Bohol.

The proposed activities centered on the Promotion of St. Ezekiel Moreno to the faithful Boholanos. Thus, the activities were scheduled on the eve of and the solemnity of St. Ezekiel Moreno (August 18 & 19, 2918)

On August 18, 2018, an anticipated Sunday Mass will be held in the nine Parishes to which the Augustinian Recollects first entered and evangelized. These were the town initially evangelized by the Jesuits but handed on to the Missionaries of the Augustinian Recollect when the former left Bohol: Tagbilaran, Loboc, Dauis, Loay, Jagna, Baclayon, Loon, Maribojoc, and Inabanga. To be included in the liturgy of the anticipated Mass were the (a) Rite of Reception of St. Ezekiel Moreno, (b) Enthronement of the Image of St. Ezekiel Moreno in the Church, (c) Introduction of the Devotion to St. Ezekiel, and (d) The Healing Rite (at the end of the Mass).

On August 19, 2018, the Solemnity of St. Ezekiel Moreno, since the day fell on a Sunday, one of the morning Masses will be dedicated to St. Ezekiel Moreno, with the same motive of introducing the saint and his devotion to the Boholanos. In this Mass, a boholano Recollect priest will be the main celebrant. In his homily to include the themes of (a) The Augustinian Recollect Presence in Bohol, (b) Devotion to St. Ezekiel, as patron saint for cancer patients, (c) Pastoral Care for the Youth, and (d) Vocation Promotion.

After the Sunday celebration, a lunch with the ForSOAR (Bohol Chapter) caps the Solemnity of St. Ezekiel Moreno. This is an occasion for the Former Seminarian of the Order of to have audience with the Prior Provincial and to task them to promote the devotion of St. Ezekiel Moreno in their very own home province.

A final activity, the Youth Camp to be promoted and programed by the Secretariat of Vocation Promotion and Pastoral Care for the Youth was scheduled for November 30-December 1, 2018. This activity will be held in the Blessed Trinity Academy, an educational institution ran by the Augustinian Recollect Sisters in Talibon, Bohol for vocation promotion and care for the Youth purposes.

The Bishops' Approvals

The presentation of the planned programs with Bishop Uy of Tagbilaran Bishop Parcon of Talibon found no glitch. The proposed themes and activities were very much welcomed by them and they too were convinced of the contributions of the missionaries of the Augustinian Recollects to the evangelization of the Island of Bohol. It was very touching to see Bishop Uy kissed the image of St. Ezekiel Moreno when the saint was first introduced to him and given as a gift. The kiss was a far cry from that infamous-- "Judas kiss." Rather, it was more than gracious welcome of the

saint to the Island, since, according to historical records, Ezekiel never had the chance to be assigned in Bohol as missionary when in the Philippines.

The good bishops showed commitment to the thanksgiving celebrations by not only approving the programs but also by communicating officially to the different parishes the promotion of the planned activities of the 250th anniversary celebrations of the Augustinian Recollects.

Preparing the Details of the Celebration

With the go-signal from the Bishops of both dioceses of Bohol, the organizing communities worked on the implementing programs and schedules for the success of the celebration. First in the list were the reproduction of the images and the visayan version of the Novena to St. Ezekiel Moreno; the preparation for the rites of Reception and Enthronement of the Saint in the Parish Churches, the list of the Recollects ministers for the anticipated and Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations. Likewise, the need for write up literatures to help the ministers: on the Life of St. Ezekiel Moreno, a brief sketch on the Recollect history from its beginnings up to the entrance to Bohol, and a homily guide for the celebration.

All these were made possible through the generosity of many people. Donors of the image of St. Ezekiel Moreno, the printing of the tarpaulin for every church, the reproduction of the novena to St. Ezekiel Moreno (visaya version) were through the generosity of the ForSOAR, the Recollect Educational Institutions, Parishes and other devotees to St. Ezekiel Moreno.

Physical movements in Bohol like, entrusting of the image of St. Ezekiel and the tarpaulin, two weeks before the celebration to the different Parish for the necessary preparations, and the installing of the Tarpauline in the various parishes were through the courtesy of was through the generosity of ----, a nephew of Fr. Edgar Tubio, OAR.

Since, the theme revolved around thanksgiving, and it would be celebrated on the feast of St. Ezekiel Moreno, the organizers thought it wise to have the Recoletos priests who originated from Bohol be delegated for the celebrations. Yet also open to other Recollect religious. The following were the assigned celebrants to specific churches: Cathedral of Talibon Fr. Dioniso Q. Selma, OAR, & Fr. Roweno Hamo, OAR (for the anticipated mass on August 18) Cathederal of Tagbilaran for the August 19, festivities); Cathedral of Tagbilaran: Fr. Amadeo Lucero, OAR, for anticipated Sunday Mass of August 18, and Cathedral of Talibon on the Solemnity of St. Ezekiel Moreno August 19; Jagna: Fr. Galanido Banoy, OAR & Fr. Vincent

Cadelina, OAR; Loboc: Fr. Emitterio Buñao, OAR & Fr. Invenzor Melgazo, OAR; Daus: Fr. Edgar Tubio, OAR, & Fr. Jerome Virtudazo, OAR; Loay: Fr. Joseph Granada, OAR & Fr. Albert Pellazar, OAR; Jagna: Fr. Urbano Galanido, OAR & Fr. Vincent Cadelina, OAR; Baclayon: Fr. Celestino Real, OAR & Fr. Dominador Mercado, OAR; Loon: Fr. Domingo Saladaga, OAR & Fr. Sir Michael Dineros, OAR.

During the celebration changes did eventually occur due to varied circumstances. Fr. Albert Pellazar paired with Fr. Prior Provincial in the ceremonies both in Tagbilaran and Talibon to facilitate the movement of the Prior Provincial who was scheduled to celebrate the Eucharist in both Cathedrals. Fr. Leander Barrot, took the place of Fr. Roweno Hamo, OAR since the latter could not make it due to workloads in the new community of Caidiocan, Recoletos. Fr. Emitterio Buñao and Fr. Dominador Mercado were not able to make it to their assignments due to the failure of the Plane to land in Tagbilaran. Fr. Mercado, though, joined the concluding celebration in Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Inayawan, Cebu. Fr. Edgar Tubio needed to assist the liturgical celebrations in Loboc to extend a hand to Fr. Invenzor Melgazo, OAR on the anticipated Sunday liturgies.

The group of Fr. Joseph Granada, joined by Fr. Bernard Amparado, OAR and Fr. Plohimon, OAR, did special preparations. They visited the Loay weeks earlier, coordinated with the Parish Priest, trained some lay ministers to act as “catchers” of those who would be slayed by the Spirit during the rite of healing by Fr. Plohimon, and designated ushers to make sure the celebrations flow seamlessly. They also re-printed additional copies of posters and historical information sheets for promotional and devotional purposes.

The day before the celebration (August 18, 2018), the celebrating ministers gathered at the USJR convent for final instructions. During the gathering, distributed to the participating ministers were the celebration paraphernalia: novena, stampetas, information brochure on the Recollect History in the Philippines and Bohol. T-shirts, likewise were given for the celebrants and the Parish Priests. The participating celebrants were also informed that the final activity of the 250th Anniversary Celebration was a concelebrated Eucharist to be held in Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Laray, Cebu.

Sharing St. Ezekiel Moreno with the Boholanos

During the two-day celebration, Fr. Cadelina offered to the organizing committee the residence of her sister, who were already leaving in Manila,

as the organizer's hub. The hub acted as the command post and a two-day residence for the organizers and others participants. Immediate decisions due to changing circumstances were made and communicated from there. The residence of Fr. Albert Pellazar became the host for the entourage of Fr. Prior Provincial which included the media communications of the Province: Fr. Ernil Almayo, OAR and Rev. Robin Plata, OAR.

The celebration moved smoothly. Not only was the presence of St. Ezekiel Moreno palpable but his guidance to make his visit and stay in the different Parishes of Bohol was greatly felt.

In Loon, Our Lady of Light Parish, the Parochial Vicar, Fr. Darwin, actively disseminated information about the entrance of St. Ezekiel Moreno such that a crowd estimate of 500-700 were present for the healing rites, novena, and the reception of the Saint. Fr. Doming Saladaga, the main celebrant observed the enthusiasm of the locals for the saint. They requested for more copies of the novena. Fr. Darwin and Fr. Sir Michael Dineros were concelebrants and helped in the rites for the healing.

In Loay, Most Holy Trinity Parish, the anticipation and reception of St. Ezekiel Moreno was unexpected. The anticipated mass, in which the rite of enthronement and the introduction of the devotion to St. Ezekiel were to commence, estimates an attendance of 1,700. Fr. Gerardo Salise (Parish Priest) and Fr. Ryan Montealto (Parochial Vicar) observed this to be unprecedented. The celebration almost lasted for 3 hours from enthronement to the healing rites, but this did not deter the devotees from the celebration. Fr. Nelson Plohimon, OAR presided the Mass, concelebrated by Frs. Joseph Granada, OAR, Gerard Salise, Ryan Montealto, and Bernard Amparado, OAR who delivered the homily in Cebuano following the guidelines provided earlier. A lady-faithful asked for the copy of the homily delivered for she thought it valuable and worth keeping.

The parish priest, talking to Fr. Granada, promised to continue the devotion to St. Ezekiel every 19th of each month same as with the Recollect administered and owned parishes.

In Jagna, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Fr. Urbano Galanido, OAR and Fr. Vincent Cadelina, OAR the assigned ministers, hailing from the same place observed how their very own parish prepared for the celebration. Announcements on Sunday's prior to the solemnity were done, three bulletin boards were installed in front of the church for the parishioners to read about the life of St. Ezekiel Moreno. Likewise, there were tarpaulins announcing the event with specific schedules.

No wonder that during the celebration the church was full. The presence of the students from the Augustinian Recollect Sister institution was palpable together with the parishioners. Fliers about the recollect presence in Bohol and the novena to St Ezekiel Moreno were distributed. But devotees clamored for more copies. *Jagnaanons* realized that it was already 250 years ago that the first Recollect missionaries ministered to the evangelization of their town.

In Tagbilaran, St. Joseph Cathedral, the anticipated mass was celebrated by Fr. Ramon Ongcog, the Parochial Vicar and concelebrated by Fr. Amadeo Lucero, OAR, Fr. Domingo Saladaga, OAR, and Fr. Leander Barrot, OAR tasked by the group to deliver the homily. The enthronement of St. Ezekiel to the Cathedral was officiated by the Parochial Vicar which was capped with the singing of the *Salve Regina*. The faithful received St. Ezekiel Moreno with a loving welcome. His image was venerated by many even after the Eucharistic celebration. The healing rites, which lasted almost an hour, was done in the side of the Cathedral since there was still a succeeding 7.00 evening Mass.

On the day of his solemnity, Fr. Prior Provincial was the main celebrant. This mass was aired live through their radio broadcasting. In his homily, the prior provincial underscored, the power of the Eucharist which gave courage and strength to the first Recollect missionaries to traverse the Pacific Ocean to come to the Philippines, the same Eucharist which strengthened them in proclaiming the gospel in the Island Bohol, and the same Eucharist which every faithful in the daily struggles of uncertainties at the present. Indeed, the homily was an appropriate reflection specially for Boholanos working abroad and listening live to the cathedral's "on-air" Sunday Mass.

In Talibon, the Most Holy Trinity Cathedral, the Prior Provincial celebrated the anticipated Sunday Mass concelebrated by Msgr. Ariel Lantaca, Fr. Jude Marvin Gumapac, Fr. Jeffrey Camargo and Fr. Albert Pellazar. The enthronement of and introducing of the Novena to St. Ezekiel Moreno was well attended. The healing of healing was greatly appreciated by the faithful of Talibon.

On the day of the solemnity (Sunday), the Mass at 9:00 in the morning was celebrated by Most Rev. Daniel Patrick Parcon, bishop of Tagbilaran and concelebrated by Fr. Leander Barrot, OAR and Fr. Amadeo Lucero who gave the homily. In his homily, Fr. Madz, as he is known also among

the Bohonos, outlined his thought on two important aspects of liturgical life--remembering and celebrating the faith once received from the recollect missionaries.

A Fitting Conclusion to the 250th Anniversary Celebration

The celebration of the solemnity of the St. Ezekiel Moreno finds its conclusion via a concelebrated Mass in Our Lady of Consolacion Parish, Laray, Cebu. The 6:00 evening Mass was at is usual lively, well attended and enthusiastically participated in by the Parishioners. Prior Provincial, Fr. Dionisio Q. Selma, OAR, was the main celebrant. Concelebrating with him were some priests coming from the Bohol celebration, the members of the Communities of Balamban, USJ-R and OLC Parish. Augustinian Recollect Sisters coming from the different communities in Cebu were also present.

Meanwhile, some recollect religious from Bohol decided to stay put and gathered the ForSOAR in the residence of Fr. Albert Pellazar, OAR celebrating the success of the 250th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Recollects in Bohol.

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