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TO THE PRIOR PROVINCIAL
AND TO THE CONFRERES OF THE PROVINCE OF THE PHILIPPINES
AND FOR THE REFERENCE OF THE CONFRERES OF THE ORDER

Subject: Indiction of the Canonical Visitation to the Communities of the Philippine Province of St. Nicolas of Tolentino.

Dear Confreres,

with the present document, I announce the Canonical Visitation, prescribed by the *Constitutions* (nn. 224-226) and by the *Directory* (nn. 133-137) to the Philippine Province of St. Nicolas of Tolentino. This will be part of the celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the presence of our Order in this Asian country and that of the Year of Charism which was launched to remind each other of what identifies us as Discalced Augustinians in the very rich panorama of the Church.

One of the main reasons that inspired me to call this special year was the observation of the surprising expansion of our Order, especially in the Asian continent. In fact, from the Philippines, where our religious arrived on August 2, 1994, our religious family has extended its presence and action in Indonesia, Vietnam and, recently, in India.


In this rich historical moment, it is even more urgent to take care of our identity, because this strengthens our unity. Referring to the bull *Sacri Apostolatus Ministerio* of Pope Paul V (May 5, 1620), we must also embody our charism in the cultural, social and religious context of these countries: “Joyfully serving the Most High in spirit of humility”.

The Canonical Visitation will take place from 25th of July to the 7th of September and it will be concluded few days later in the community of Naples – Italy.

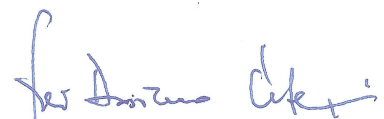
Our Statutes recall that the main objective of the Canonical Visitation is to encourage the religious, the most precious patrimony of the Order, on the path of holiness, following the characteristic of our spirituality. During the Canonical Visitation I will be validly accompanied by Fr. Diones Rafael Paganotto, Secretary General, who will oversee the registers of the Masses and the administration (Dir. n. 136,2) and will help me in the communication since he speaks English. I will also send a small *vademecum* to the Prior Provincial to facilitate the work of preparation and the carrying out of the Canonical Visitation.

I invite everyone to pray to the Virgin of Lavang, Patroness of Vietnam, our Holy Father S. Augustine, St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Patron of the Philippine Province, and our Venerable Confreres, so that this Canonical Visitation may be a strong moment of Augustinian life of fraternity and mutual encouragement to continue to be joyful and confident in the journey of good despite the inevitable difficulties and challenges that arise.

Rome, April 26, 2019,
Fest of the Mother of Good Counsel.


Fr. Diones Rafael Paganotto
Secretary General




Fr. Doriano Ceteroni
Prior General