

3rd East Asia Provincial Chapter

December 5-7, 2013, Philippines



December 07, 2013

Dear Brothers, Lay Marists, and Friends:

Greetings!

We share with you the blessings of the success of our 3rd East Asia Provincial Chapter held at Marist School, Marikina City from December 5-7, 2013. With 32 delegates and 4 observers joining in prayerful reflections, we are filled with hope to respond to the call of renewal.

Knowing the significance of the Chapter in the life of the Province and in the life of every Brother, we communicate to you the highlights of this historic gathering:

- **Opening of our 3rd Provincial Chapter:** Our Chapter with the theme: Prophets and Mystics in Mary's Way, formally began at 8:30 a.m. on December 05, 2013, Wednesday, with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Chapel of the Magnificat. It was presided by Fr. Chris O'Leary, OMI.
- **Installation of the New Provincial:** Bro. Robert Teoh was installed during the mass as the new Provincial of the East Asia Province by the Superior General Bro. Emili Turu. In his acceptance message, Bro. Robert expressed need of our support to his leadership: *"I believe that I could count on your support and love, your goodwill and your sacrifices and most of all your constant prayers to carry out this pastoral work."*
- **Thanksgiving message of the Out-going Provincial:** Bro. Manuel V. De Leon expressed gratitude as Provincial of the East Asia Province for 6 years. He acknowledged the significant contributions and support to his leadership by his council, mission partners, Brothers, Ms. Gelyn Niño-franco, the Province Secretary, Bro. Emili Turu and Bro. Michael De Waas.

- **Election of the Members of the Steering Committee:** Following the rules and procedures of the Chapter, the following Brothers were elected to compose the Steering Committee: Bro. Wilfredo Lubrico as Chair and representative of Philippine Sector, Bro. Alfredo Herrera (Korea/Japan), John Chong (China) as members. Bro. Robert Teoh , Bro. Emili Turu and Bro. Michael de Waas were ex-officio members.
- **Newly Elected Provincial Councilors:** The following Brothers were voted to comprise the East Asia Provincial Council: Bro. Wilfredo Lubrico, Bro. Paterno Corpus and Bro. Lindley Sionosa from Philippines; Bro. John Chin from China; Bro. Domingo Lee and Bro. Anselmo Kim from Korea/Japan.

The spirit of the chapter called us to renewal, to find new and creative ways of expressing our fidelity to Jesus, of making him known and loved, in the way of Mary. The Superior General, Bro. Emili, directed us to be “firmly rooted in prayer for without prayer all our activity risks being fruitless and our message empty.” For, “Jesus wants evangelizers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God’s presence.” (*Evangelii Gaudium*). This is a challenge for us to live out!

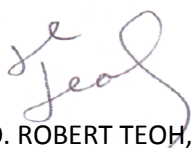
Priorities were set with the hope that these will guide us in our life as Marist mystics and prophets, prayerful and responsive to the needs of the poor children and youth, especially. The chapter identified the following areas to work on: (1) prayer life, (2) community life and (3) animation and governance.

At the closure of the 3rd Provincial Chapter, gratitude is expressed to those whose kindness of presence and generosity of service contributed to the success of this event: Bro. Emili Turu, Bro. Michael De Waas, delegates and observers, Preparatory Committee, Steering Committee, Communications Committee, Liturgy Committee, personnel and staff of the Marist School, Marist Asia Pacific Center and the Secretariat.

We thank them sincerely for their accompanying presence, for their prayers and support, and for their commitment to help us live out the courage of prophets and the prayerful interiority of mystics.

In the hands of Mother Mary we entrust the Province of East Asia! We now move on with renewed commitment and filled with confidence on her motherly care and protection for us all!

In Jesus and Mary,



BRO. ROBERT TEOH, FMS, Provincial
and the Delegates of the 3rd East Asia Provincial Chapter

OUR NEW PROVINCIAL and COUNCILORS:



(L-R) Bro. Domingo Lee (Korea-Japan); Bro. John Chin (China); Bro. Wilfredo Lubrico (Philippines),
Bro. Robert Teoh – Provincial; Bro. Paterno Corpus (Philippines),
Bro. Lindley Sionosa (Philippines), and Bro. Anselmo Kim (Korea/Japan)