

Day One: Building Bridges

Young Asian Assumptionists have gathered here in Manila to start a 10-day workshop meant to prepare and equip them in the future after professing final vows. Brothers from France, Philippines, Korea, Vietnam and the United States will take this opportunity to meet three goals suggested by the Superior General, Fr. Benoit Griere, namely: (1) to deepen our Assumptionist spirituality and charism (2) to know one another as brothers (2) to prepare for and suggest ideas to the upcoming General Chapter.

The day started with a reading of the letter given by the Superior General, making clear the objectives set for this workshop. However among these objectives, the need to know each other is the logical way to proceed. Thus, presentations about the realities of each country were given by the participants through powerpoint slides and photos. Participants agree that after the presentations some bridges have been effectively made and established. They also agree that more work needs to be done to solidify and strengthen these bridges across different cultures, geographical regions and language constraints.

An interesting feature in these presentations was the inclusion of their personal "dreams" or hopes within the Congregation. Most of them wanted to learn the official languages of the Congregation, to visit different communities and share their gifts at the service of our different apostolic endeavors.

In general, it was a busy day for a first day and a great first step has been taken. The day concluded with a Eucharist at Adveniat House in Manila and dinner with other members and friends of the community. The Oblate Sisters also came to this dinner to welcome and greet the participants.

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