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The 2017 Provincial Chapter, held at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT, should be a spiritual exercise in discernment for Christ.

That's how Fr. Miguel Diaz, provincial superior of North American and the Philippines, framed the sessions in remarks he made during Evening Prayer on Monday, the first day of the chapter.

Diaz said participants, which included religious and Lay Assumptionists from all territories, should remember their work is guided by the Spirit. All should be searching for God's Will. As such, the work is not merely their own.

He offered three guiding points: 1.) be close to Christ; 2.) to know yourself, so you can make sure your own desires are not interfering with the Will of God; 3.) to trust in God's grace and to have hope.

After he finished speaking and after the chapter participants concluded prayer, Diaz invited Fr. Ngoa Baudouin, novice master, to read Emmanuel d'Alzon's first profession. Diaz said all present, whether religious or lay, should reflect on d'Alzon's words.

Once the session began, Diaz, serving as president of the chapter, introduced the members and explained the procedures.

Then members voted for the promotor and the moderators. Fr. Bernard Holzer was named promotor, which means he'll run the sessions going forward. Fr. Peter Precourt, Fr. Alex Castro, and Fr. Ngoa were each named moderators.

The day ended with food and drink and fellowship.



Frs. Sebastien and Flavio and Bro. Didier listen during the chapter proceedings.



Fr. Miguel reminded participants that their work is ultimately guided by the Holy Spirit.

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