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The Delegations of the General Administration are the Delegation of the Philippines and the Delegation Indonesia - Timor-Leste. These Delegations have different histories and dynamics. The shared Novitiate in Nita has been the common bond between them.

The Delegations of the Philippines and Indonesia - Timor-Leste

The foundation of the Philippines took place in 2000. It was the first opening on the Asian continent. This first step made us think about the projection of the Congregation in other Asian countries. In the Philippines, the apostolic work began with the Gabriel Taborin College in Davao, designed as a technical college for young people finishing their schooling. At the same time, vocation promotion was worked on and although efforts have been made to promote local vocations and some Brothers have been professed, there are no Filipino Brothers at this time.

The foundation of Indonesia took place in 2011 and initially concentrated on vocation promotion and formation. It started with a small, rented house as a formation house. In 2013 the current formation house in Nita was opened. The vocational response demanded the opening in 2014 of a Scholasticate house in Kupang, on the Indonesian island of Timor. After three years in a rented house, the Scholasticate house was opened in 2018. The next step was to open Mission Communities. Following the calls of some Bishops, in 2020 the Nanga Tayap Community on the island of Borneo and the Ndonga Community on the island of Flores were opened. And in 2021 the Balai Berkuat Community, also in Borneo. At present, efforts are concentrated on vocation promotion, formation and the consolidation of these mission communities.

The foundation of Timor-Leste began in 2013. The community settled in Bucoli, near the city of Baucau, where it rented a house dedicated to the formation of new aspirants and scholastic Brothers who had already completed the Novitiate in Indonesia. In 2021 the Community moved to live in the new formation house, a short distance from where they lived. The next step is to consider opening the first mission community.



DATA
Brothers: 82
Communities: 8
Bros. from other countries: 7
Fraternities: 1
College: 1
Students: 475

FORMATION HOUSES

BUHANGIN (Philippines)

This is the formation house. With the onset of the pandemic, it was decided to take the small group of aspirants to the house in Lasang. Two Postulants stayed in Buhangin with a formator. The circumstances of the pandemic have prevented the vocation promotion from being carried out as planned and this has meant that the house is empty while waiting for new possibilities.



NITA (Indonesia)

The house welcomes aspirants, postulants and novices from Indonesia and Timor-Leste. At the moment all the formees are Indonesian. In spite of the pandemic, vocation animation has been carried out and this year there are 23 aspirants who have some formation subjects at home and others in an inter-congregational centre. The two years of Postulancy and Novitiate are cyclical and at the moment there are 16 postulants and 12 novices receiving formation at home.

KUPANG (Indonesia)

In the house of Kupang is the Scholasticate which gives continuity to the formation of Nita. The scholastic Brothers do ecclesiastical and civil studies for a period of 4 years. One group studies at STIPAS, a diocesan centre which prepares religious teachers. Another group studies at UNIKA, University of the Congregation of the Divine Word, where they study music, English, biology or mathematics. At home they follow a programme of theological studies on Saturdays. In addition, English is reinforced with extra classes. Apostolic experiences are carried out in the parishes of the city with catechesis, group animation and liturgical animation.



BUCOLI (Timor-Leste)

The formation house in Timor-Leste receives the new aspirants and they follow this stage for a year and a half. Then they do their postulancy and novitiate in Nita. This year's group of Postulants continues their formation in Bucoli because the border with Indonesia is closed. In view



of this, some classes are taken online from Rome, Brazil and Argentina. It is also the home of the Scholasticate. The scholastic Brothers study teaching at the Marist School in the town of Baucau, near Bucoli, for 4 years. There are 19 Scholastics, 4 postulants and 8 aspirants.

MISSION COMMUNITIES

LASANG (Philippines)

Gabriel Taborin College of Davao is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. It is currently offering courses in: Secondary Education, Higher Secondary Education, Bachelor's Degrees in Hospitality Management, Information Technology, Elementary/Secondary Education, Diploma in Hospitality and Nursing. This year there are 475 students. The school offers a human and Christian education based on our Sa-Fa Educational Project. The Community is made up of 2 Brothers. The Nazarene Fraternity of Lasang carries out various initiatives of formation and solidarity.



NANGA TAYAP (Island of Borneo - Indonesia)

It was created in August 2020. It is made up of four Brothers who live next to the parish. Its mission is largely carried out in the 26 chapels that make up the parish. Many of them are far away and travelling to them by motorbike is a major effort. Community life is cared for with the rhythm of any of our communities. The Brothers collaborate with the two priests in faith formation. The usual activities are: Sunday school, activities with young people, formation for families and catechumens, preparation for first communion, courses for altar servers, animation of choirs, presiding at funerals... They are also teachers of Religion, Music and English in schools.



NDONA (Island of Flores - Indonesia)

It is a community that has been in existence for two years. At present there are 4 Brothers. They live in a house of the diocese next to the Bishopric and the technical college of the diocese. The Brothers teach English, Religion, Music and Guidance. They are also in charge of two boarding schools, offering a human and Christian formation according to our charism. They collaborate with the parish in liturgical animation activities, choirs and Sunday school.

BALAI BERKUAT (Island of Borneo - Indonesia)

It is made up of 3 Brothers and opened in September of this year 2021. The first steps are being taken to get to know the reality and to situate the mission of the community.

The house is provided by the parish, as well as some means to carry out the apostolate. They will collaborate in the pastoral activities of the parish and especially in the chapels distributed throughout the region and will teach in some schools.

La casa es proporcionada por la parroquia, así como algunos medios para hacer el apostolado. Colaborarán en las actividades pastorales de la parroquia y especialmente en las capillas distribuidas por la región y darán clase en algunos colegios.

SOME CHALLENGES

THE CHALLENGE OF VOCATION PROMOTION

Vocation promotion is an activity that is carried out from the beginning. There is a shared understanding of the importance of this activity for the implantation of the charism of the Institute in these countries. All the Brothers are involved in this activity.

It is carried out in groups of two or three Brothers or one Brother with one or two formees. The journeys

are difficult because the terrain is mountainous and the roads are not good. It is done by motorbike or by car, if it is done jointly with a women's congregation. At other times we have to take boats to get from one island to another. In Indonesia and Timor-Leste there is a good response from young people interested in going to the Aspirancy. In the Philippines there are more difficulties in finding positive responses and it is difficult for candidates not to think about the priesthood.



THE CHALLENGE OF FORMATION

The main formators are Brothers from other cultures and this is a disadvantage in forming young men from these countries. A real process of inculturation is needed to discover the strengths and weaknesses of the culture and of the person to be formed. All in all, one is always learning, sometimes going through disappointments that put the formator to the test. At the moment, young Brothers are joining the formation programme and are getting to know the work of formation. Although this is a hope, the team of local formators still needs to be formed for the future.

THE CHALLENGE OF MISSION

We have started with small mission communities that are inserted in the parish or school ministry. This helps to have personal experiences in order to mature the vocation and to acquire pastoral and professional training. This situation is not being easy because there are no Brothers to accompany these communities. In the immediate future we have to think about developing our own works, training Brothers for certain missions, finding the financial means, etc. Everything is still to be built and requires available Brothers, time, formation and means.

THE CHALLENGE OF ORGANISATION

The Brothers of these Delegations depend directly on the General Administration. Steps have been taken to set up local councils, vocation coordination groups, meetings of local Superiors, bursars... A Directory of the Delegation of Indonesia - Timor-Leste has been set up "ad experimentum", because the growing number of members requires a set of rules to be established. We can say that the organisation of the stages of formation up to Perpetual Profession has already been structured, now steps must be taken to organise the government, the finances and the mission.



Challenges we must face
with the confidence that it is the Lord's work and not ours!

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