



COMMUNICATION #4

FRANCISCAN CONFERENCES OF ASIA AND OCEANIA (FCAO)

Ministers Meeting with the Minister General, the General Definitory
& Major Secretariats & Offices of the General Curia

Manila, Philippines

April 7-13, 2024

Final Communication

26 March 2024

Dear brothers,

Pax et bonum!

Mabuhay and Welcome to the Philippines! A blessed Paschal Triduum to all of you.

We have a little more than a week now before the great encounter of FCAO Ministers with the friars from the General Curia! This is the first time and so a very historic event for the friars of the Franciscan Conference of Asia, Australia and Oceania to have this kind of gathering. There were FCAO gatherings but with the General Definitory only but this time most of the major offices of the Order will be present. Below are our last minute communication to prepare yourselves for this occasion.

I. Arrival and Airport Advisories

1. **Do not forget to register to the Philippine e-travel 72 hours before arrival.** It is very easy online registration. Here is the link: <https://etravel.gov.ph>
2. For those arriving on 7th of April – Terminal 1, airport personnel will greet





you at the duty free area; For those arriving on 7th of April – Terminal 3, airport personnel will greet you at the assigned gate right after the tube. You will be ushered to Diplomatic Lane at the Immigration and will be assisted at the luggage area and then will be endorsed to coordinator for the transport group. The “FCAO” sign will be carried by hotel personnel.

3. Please ready your passports to be given to the immigration personnel. Just obediently follow them as they will assist you with immigration control and luggage until you will be able to get to your hotel transport. Just in case you get lost, take a cab/taxi, and ask the driver to take you to the Tryp hotel: <https://tryp-manila.ph> From the airport, Tryp hotel is only about 6.1/6.9 kilometers.
4. Those who will be arriving before this date (April 7th), you will have to follow the normal procedures of passing through the immigration and by picking up your luggage yourselves. Please ready always your passports with you. After getting your luggage, just follow the Exit sign, proceed to Bay 6 (You may ask airport personnel, where Bay 6 is) then search for the “OFM-FCAO” sign. You will be picked up from there for your transport to the OFM communities assigned to you except for those who requested to proceed right away to the hotel. In case you get lost, take a cab/taxi, and ask the driver to take you to Santuario de San Antonio Parish, 3117 McKinley Road, Makati, 1220 Metro Manila about 8 kilometers from the airport.
5. Contact Persons and Numbers:
 - a. FCAO Secretariat: Br. Mack Vito, OFM; cellphone no. **+639171042650**
 - b. Santuario de San Antonio Parish: Br. Marlowe Rosales, OFM; cellphone no. **+639173167478**

II. Website for the FCAO Meeting

1. This meeting will generally be paperless. It is a must that you bring with you your laptops or iPads or cellphones.
2. All our documents, program, reports, videos, photos, etc., will be uploaded in the FCAO website prepared for this occasion. It is still under construction





but most of the documents are already uploaded. Here is the private link to the <https://bit.ly/3x97euRmabuhay> (please copy and paste)

3. Please read the documents beforehand because not all of these will be reported in detail. The reporting will also be short and with time limits. The Moderator will make sure the allotted time is followed. Check the program for details. Kindly review also the three (3) previous communications sent to you.
4. For those who will be reporting and will be using PowerPoint presentations, kindly send your files to the FCAO Secretariat.
5. Finally, please read well the earlier communications. Those who have not submitted yet their reports, kindly send to our FCAO secretariat. Those who will be reporting instructions were sent in Communication No. 2 & 3.

III. Liturgy

1. We encourage you all to bring your habits. Chasubles and stoles will be ready for our Eucharistic celebrations. There will be digital booklets prepared for the liturgy. The morning and evening prayers will be projected on the screen, but you may use the iBreviary on your cellphone applications. Download ahead of time the iBreviary prayers for the occasion (Download the American English version). Songs for our liturgies will also be projected on the screen.
2. Mass presiders, please take note of the schedule. No need to send in your homilies ahead of time. But just in case you have written homilies, please submit them to the FCAO Secretariat.

IV. Weather Advisory

It is summer here in the Philippines. It is between, 27-37 degree celsius. If you hate the scorching heat of the sun, please bring with you caps especially when we go out of the hotel and do not forget to drink enough water. We encourage you





to bring your personal water tumblers so we can lessen the use of plastic bottles except the ones provided by the hotel and when we are in transit.

V. Others

Unfortunately, for lack of time, we cannot bring you to the beach. You may watch the beautiful sunset of Manila Bay from the hotel windows. However, the Hotel has a small swimming pool at the top floor, you may bring with you your swimming trunks.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

Welcome to the Philippines. Welcome to the Province of San Pedro Bautista!

Fraternally,

Br Lino Gregorio V. Redoblado, OFM
Minister Provincial

