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PASSION OF CAS

The College of Arts and Sciences has designed a program for preparation of the CAS faculty in the implementation of the flexible distance learning program for Academic year 2020-2021 with the theme “CAS: PASSION (Preparing Actively for Sustainable Service towards Integral Online educational Needs). It started July 3, 2020 to August 12, 2020.

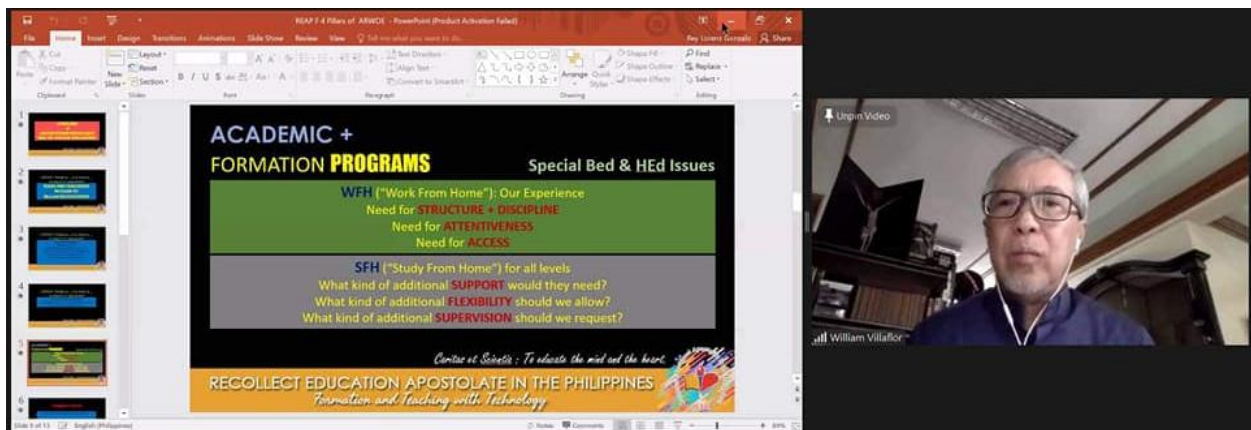
UNO-R OFFERS BUSINESS AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY



A notice to proceed communication from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) was given to the university. It says that it has approved last June 18, 2020, the opening of Business Agriculture Technology with RQM code RQM3-2020-UAQD-0645-7-1Y1S. Scholarship slots are now open for 25 takers.

IBARAKI RENEWS TIES WITH THE UNIVERSITY THRU ONLINE EXCHANGE

The Ibaraki Christian University (ICU), who has been our partner and has sent students to UNO-R in the past year, wants to renew its ties with the university. Although because of the pandemic, the ICU cannot send their students to UNO-R, they are organizing a number of online exchange events to keep the energy alive. They have chosen August 26 for the 1st online exchange event between ICU and UNO-R, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm (Philippine time).



REAP INTRODUCES REAP FORTE

The Recoletos Educational Apostolate in the Philippines (REAP), Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno held its REAP Forte (Formation and Teaching) program. REAP Forte is designed to provide a venue for the presentation of

the conversation pieces to find the commonalities and points of convergence as regards to academic and formation programs on distance learning; to figure our Augustinian Recollect distance education program in the Philippine context; to craft a REAP Framework and philosophy for distance education; and to define the parameters of Augustinian Pedagogy and Augustinian education online. The committee to implement this program is chaired by Fray William Villaflor, OAR whose members are: Fray Dexter Tanquis, OAR (Vice Chair for Basic Ed-Academics); Fray Rafael Pecson, OAR (Vice Chair for Higher Ed –Academics); Fray Joseph Ocheda, OAR (Vice Chair – Basic Ed –Formation); Fray Don Besana, OAR (Vice Chair for Higher Ed. – Formation); and Dr. Julieta Catipay – Lay Representative. A 3-day program of activities was designed to meet the objectives of REAP Forte: Meet –up for Basic Educators and Higher Educators on July 13, 2020 at 9:30; Webinar on Distance Education/Online learning on July 15, 2020 at 9 am; and Forum on Augustinian Identity and Formation on July 17, 2020 at 9 am.

FIRST DAY OF REAP FORTE

The Recoletos Educational Apostolate in the Philippines (Formation and Teaching) was opened last June 13, 2020 with the Meet-up for Basic Educators and Higher Educators through a zoom conference by the team from San Sebastian Recoletos de Cavite led by Fray Rafael Pecson, OAR. The program opened with a minute of silence and prayer. Fray William Villaflor, OAR, OAR Provincial Councilor and REAP President, gave the opening remarks. He hinted the transition from traditional to online learning and talked about the future of Recoletos Education. He posted the questions: Where are we, Augustinian Recollect Schools in this virtual world? Where is the Augustinian way of education? Fray Rafael Pecson, OAR, President of SSC-R de Cavite and Vice Chair of the Higher Education (Academics) reminded the participants that the characteristics of the Augustinian Pedagogy of being spiritual, intellectual, moral and the will should be integral and could not be taken individually. He also said that LOVE should be the foundation of the Augustinian education. We have to be concerned of our students, especially their feelings. After his talk, a short sharing came from the religious and lay administrators from the different Recoletos schools. In the second session, Fray Pecson clearly differentiated the terminologies for better comprehension of the online education. The key terms were “in-class”, “on-line”, “on-screen” and “on task”. He also shared the 3R’s of online class which are Roles, Rules and Routine. He ended his talk on the Augustinian way of Education as based on structures, policies, strategies, and practices. The participants had break-out sessions and discussed the programs that worked and did not work in their areas. After the sharing, a plenary was called in to gather reactions. The whole session ended at around 12 noon with the closing remarks of Fray James Dexter Tanquis, OAR of San Pedro Academy.

REAP FORTE 2nd DAY

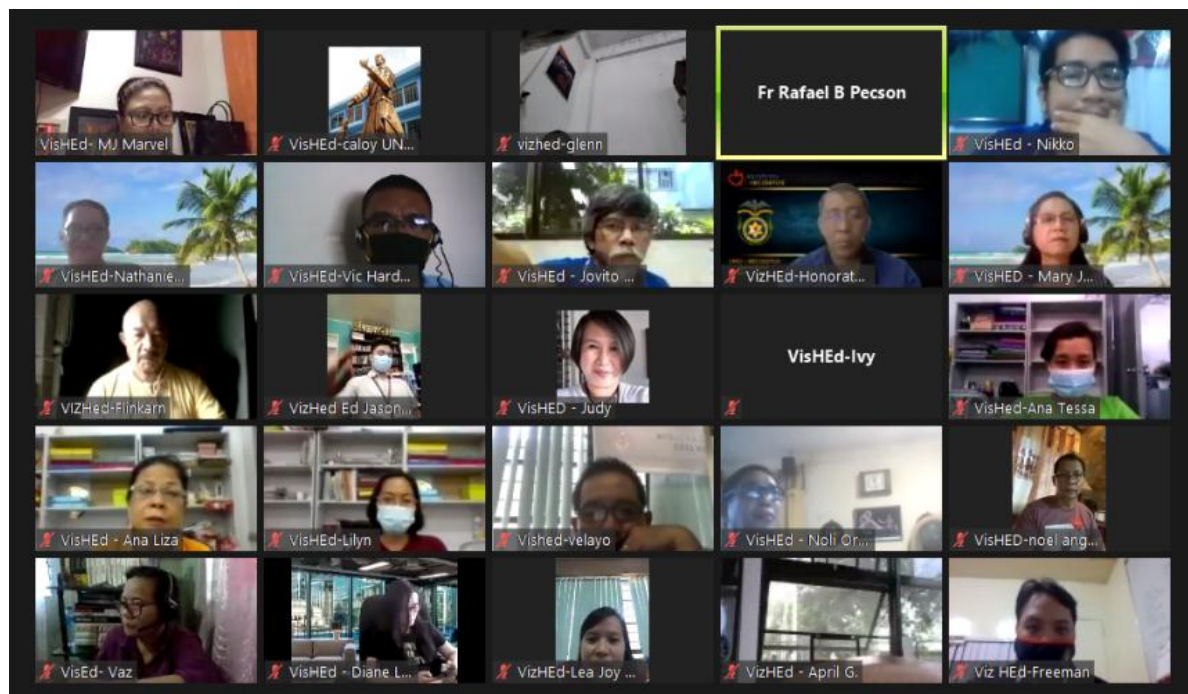
With more than four hundred participants for the second day, the group has to be divided into morning and afternoon sessions. The group from USJ-R which was more than two hundred was met in the afternoon while the rest of the participants from the REAP Schools were met in the morning of July 15, 2020. The REAP Formation and Education program opened with a moment of silence and prayer. The Theme of the day was Distance Education/ Online Learning. Fray William Villaflor gave the opening remarks and welcomed the participants for the day. Most of the participants were faculty members of the different REAP schools in the country. The sharer of the day was Fray Rafael Pecson, OAR, President of San Sebastian –Recoletos de Cavite. Fray Pecson shared the need for REAP to shift to online learning in this time of the pandemic. He gave a picture of a true Augustinian Recollect Education as student – centered and considers the context of the school. He also clearly gave the conflicting concepts about teaching online and teaching on the line, learning hours and class hours, competencies and competences, and discussion and lecture online. He also discussed the use of Assessment, learning outcome and learning experiences. This was also the main frame used in the break-out sessions. He often reminded everyone that Augustinian Pedagogy is like a department store where one would pick up what he needs and leaves the things that he does not need. REAP will not impose anything but will simply look for commonalities in the new practices we do in this “new normal”.

THIRD SESSION OF REAP FORTE

The third series of REAP Forte entitled “Designing an Augustinian Online Education Integral Formation Program” was done at 9am, July 17, 2020 using ZOOM technology. Fray William Villaflor, OAR opened the session

with the situation that we have to use the new media being given to us. The new media is the new world. We have to be “in”. Fray Edgar Tubio, OAR, OAR Provincial Councilor and in-charge of Pastoral Formation gave his message. He advised the participants to see the school as a pastoral field where there is a need for evangelization. He advised the CMO’s of REAP Schools to be innovative in their programs during this pandemic. Although, he assured the participants that this is just temporary for we know that with God’s help , we can go through and evangelize everyone.

Fray Pecson, sharer of the day, opened the session with a review of the “Big Ideas” during the previous days. He shared on the main topic of “online formation”. He started with the predicament that “Augustinian Recollect Education is not just on the academics but an integral formation. The talk was focused on formation programs, formation services and academic programs. He also shared the Formation Design Process which involves Formation outcomes, Assessment, content and student tasks. After the sharing, the participants were into the break-out session and had a workshop on the topic. The day’s activity was closed by the closing message of Fray Joseph Dexter Palagtiosa, OAR of San Sebastian College-Recoletos de Cavite.



Province of St. Nicholas of Tolentine: 400 years of Consecrated Life and Missionary History



The Province of St. Nicholas of Tolentine of the Order of Augustinian Recollects will be 400 years old in November 2021. The 4th Centennial celebration will take place from September 10, 2020 to December 5, 2021.

The Centennial Celebration Commission had its second meeting on the 25th of June 2020. The 8 members are: Fray Rafael Mediavilla Becerril, President; Fray Pablo Panedas Galindo, Representative of the General Curia; Fray Leander Barrot, Representative of the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno; Fray Francisco Javier Acero Pérez, Representative of Mexico; Msgr. Angel San Casimiro Fernández, Representative of Costa Rica; Fray Fernando Martín Esteban, Representative of Spain; Fray Rafael Castillo de Luna, Representative of the United States; and Fray Santiago José Martínez Lázaro, Representative of Brazil. On December 12, 2019, the Prior Provincial, Fray Sergio Sánchez, made an official invitation to all the Provinces to prepare and join in this 4th Centennial celebration. In addition to

appointing the commission, he set goals based on the words of Pope Francis to the consecrated life: “Look at the past with gratitude, live the present with passion and embrace the future with hope.” The committee began to organize activities and create materials for the occasion. The slogan phrase is: “*Siempre en misión*” (Always in mission). From the beginning of the Province, the friars who have been sent to evangelize have given us this clear identity. The “*Siempre en misión*” celebration has a special logo that we hope will be visibly present in all our ministries during this year-long celebration. There are also a centennial prayer and hymn that will be officially presented before the inauguration of our celebration. The committee also revised other suggestions made by friars and lay people. A questionnaire based on those suggestions is now being studied by each member of the committee to see what can or cannot be done in their region. The calendar of activities is being worked on by each country where the Province is present. *Note: This article was from the website of the Province of San Nicolas de Tolentino (agustinosrecoletos.org)*

“Eternal Rest grant unto Fr. Renato Bebit, O Lord and let perpetual Light shine upon him. May he rest in peace, Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

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