



Prot. SNT 265/2020

Dear Brothers,

On the 12th of December of last year I sent out a letter announcing the celebration of the 400th anniversary of our Province (Prot. SNT 364/2019). In that same letter a committee was presented for the programming and preparation of the different commemorative activities for this year, especially getting in contact with the Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno.

The official date to start this celebration is the 10th of September 2020. I considered writing this letter to remind everyone what was proposed in the letter mentioned, invite everyone to participate and share some announcements of how the Province will celebrate this centenary.

We are protagonists

We who are part of this Province in this moment are the protagonists of this history that is knitted day by day. The colorfulness and fineness of this cloth will depend on the quality of the thread and the art applied during weaving. Let us take advantage of this unique opportunity to be *thankful* to our older brothers for everything they lived, to live our vocation and mission *with passion*, and *walk with hope* towards the future. These are three attitudes that depend on our goodwill and constitute the soul of this event.

Opening of the fourth centenary celebration

Before the day of St. Nicholas of Tolentine, the special commission for the 4th centenary will gradually be presenting the different material that has been prepared for this life celebration: Logo, theme, poster design, prayer and a song.

In the different parts of the globe where the Province is present, there will be an official and solemn inaugural celebration. However, considering the situation we are experiencing due to the pandemic, it is necessary we do everything possible to favor everyone's safe participation. Here are some proposals.

Like many of us have been doing since the pandemic, the inaugural celebrations will be livestreamed.

Considering the liturgical suggestions the commission offers, the Eucharistic celebration should be solemn. Where possible, the lay closer to our Province of St. Nicholas of Tolentine should be invited to give thanks to God for the gift of the Augustinian Recollect religious life.

During the year

During the first community meeting after receiving this letter, the Province's 4th Centenary will be considered considering December's protocol (364/2019).

In this meeting you will share ideas on how the 400th anniversary of the Province of St. Nicholas of Tolentine can be celebrated as a community or together with other Recollect communities.

A time will be offered for anyone to share personal initiatives with which they would like to commit to plan and do with the help of the community.

The commission for the 4th Centenary, together with the Communications and Publishing Committee, will be offering all sorts of resources for the different celebrations, personal enrichment and to share our spirituality.

Other celebrations

Religious life silver and golden jubilees

On the meeting of July 29th, the Provincial Council decided, on the occasion of the Province's 400th anniversary, that starting next year, all silver and golden jubilees will be celebrated in reference to the year of the friar's simple profession.

Those who already passed their 50th simple profession anniversary will celebrate their ordination celebration.

Medical Records

In the same meeting, the Provincial Council also decided to send out a form for each religious to fill out with their present health and medical condition.

Last Will and Testament

The Council also decided that during the next trimester, with the help of local experts in each country, last wills and testaments will have to be made by each religious due to the difficulties some legislations are presenting when important and transcendental decisions have to be made when we do not have this document to present.

Once again, I encourage everyone to live this year of thanksgiving with passion and hope, and I commend all to the special protection of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.

Madrid, Augusto 17th, 2020.



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A TODOS LOS RELIGIOSOS DE LA PROVINCIA