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MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FCMM

Good day brothers and sisters in Christ.

During the eucharistic celebration today, August 8th, 2021, Fr. Frank Alvarez, PME announced his departure from the FCMM and the consequent take over of a new Filipino priest as Chaplain of the Mission community at the end of this month.

At 75 yrs. old, Fr. Frank has reached the mandatory age of retirement for priests in the Archdiocese of Montreal and has opted to return to the PME House in Laval to spend his post working years, considering his health condition.

The selection of the incoming Priest-in-charge of the FCMM was brokered by the Episcopal Vicar of the Montreal Archdiocese, Fr. Pierreangelo Paternieri with the corresponding Commissions and representatives in the Philippines for several months now.

Fr. Alvarez mentioned some preliminary details on the arrangement stating that the new priest arriving is a 70 yr. old former Superior General of the Foreign Mission Society of the Philippines whose Montreal stint will be the first Canadian experience for the congregation, adding that the new priest will be alone in the Mission.

Leaving the FCMM also at the end of August. 2021 are Sr. Luz Paderanga,op, the FCMM Parish Fiscal and Mr. Carmelo Villanueva, the FCMM Bookkeeper.

To oversee a smooth flow of transition, the FCMM Administrators has planned several steps which would involve everyone's cooperation. This was briefly explained by Jay Beltran. More details will be presented to the community as it unfolds.



