**FORMATION 26th - GENERAL CHAPTER**

**I.- INTRODUCCIÓN**

We spend so much time speaking about **formation** in our chapters and assemblies. Mainly on Initial Formation: programs, houses, finances…

I would say that we should talk, take decisions, and put them into practice about **Ongoing Formation**: personal, community, Province, Conference, specialized for the mission of the Apostolic Plan of the Province or the Conference. (RFG 2020, n. 19.8 stage, and nn. 153-162)

**II.- RECENT HISTORY**

Decree on Initial Formation from the G.G. 2015 many of us are not even aware of it, and even worse, we do not put it into practice.

What happened in 2016, Pattaya?

- It is necessary to make decisions, but they must be put into practice and evaluated.

- Many decisions (9) could not all be put into practice during the sexennium, due to the Pandemic, but there were too many decisions, and it takes time to implement them:

* + 29: Vocation Ministry as an authentic priority (*Also 2009, Decision n. 10*)
  + 30: Analysis and Evaluation of every formation program in the CSSR
  + 31: Formation for Mission and Evangelization in a Secularized world
  + 32: In solidarity with the poor (*Volume 7 Redemptorist Formation*)
  + 33: Preserving the vitality of the Redemptorist tradition of Moral Theology
  + 34: Continuing Formation
  + 35: Regular Courses for Formators (*Also 2009 Decision n. 12*)
  + 36: To prepare Laity in Moral Theology
  + 37: Communications and the New Media
* Decisions that are valid forever and that must be put into practice even in the next six years ahead, especially Dec. n. 30. We have talked about this Visit, the analysis and evaluation must be carried out... The updated *Ratio Formationis Generalis* 2020 is already in place.
* Congratulations on your *Ratio Formationis* of COREAM. It’s the first one in the Congregation as a Conference *Ratio Formationis*.

**III.- 26th GENERAL CHAPTER**

* Conference Responses. Main topics arising from the reports of the 5 Conferences to the canonical Phase:
* True intercultural, international, and interprovincial formation for a restructured Congregation
* True Redemptorist formation for Mission
* The need to structure and ~~to~~ work on Ongoing Formation
* Formators: choosing, forming, stability…,
* Formators working as a team and with the laity (men and women)
* Formation marked by being priests (clericalism)
* Formation for Brothers
* Postulata and Proposals for the 26th Gen. Gh.:
  + Formation will be one of the 5 main topics to be discussed and decided. The others: Identity, Mission, Religious Life, and Leadership.
  + The working document for ~~to~~ the First Phase clearly stated the initial and continuing formation's situation and challenges. You have worked on it before the First Phase.
  + Precisely:

**1.- Postulata approved in the First Phase:**

* Postulate n. 11: *Ongoing formation course in the field of Alphonsian Moral.*
* Postulate n. 12: *Ongoing missionary formation courses.*

**2.- Postulata of the General Government**

* Postulate n. 7: *Approval of the theologates (Post-Novitiate houses of formation) by the General Government.*
* Postulate n. 11: *Common Formation.*
* Postulate n. 12: *Center of Spiritual Formation at Ciorani.*