

Rome, 21 November 2016

Happiest Greetings!

To the Reverends
Deacon Jessel Bangoy
Deacon Tristan Angelo Palado
Deacon Welbert Llyd Suarez
Deacon Francisco Gringo Tagabi
Deacon Sherwin Valenzuela

St. Matthew Province, PARANAQUE

Dearest,

I rejoice with you because you have reached the goal of the Priesthood, which you have long been looking forward to, and you make yourselves available to serve the People of God in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, according to the teachings and example of our Founder, Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia.

Together with your relatives and friends, the confreres of the Province and of all the Congregation, I share the joy that floods your heart.

You receive this great gift in the time when the Province commemorates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the presence of the Congregation in the Philippines. This happy coincidence reminds us that the vocation to the Priesthood as well as to Religious Life, we receive them for the mission. The Lord Jesus calls you to be missionaries of mercy in the field of apostolate to which you will be sent.

May the Immaculate Virgin accompany you. May St. Matthew, the Patron of the Province, intercede for you. May Saint Hannibal, our Founder, beseech the Lord that you may have his same faith and great love for the Priesthood, for the Church and for our Congregation; his faithfulness and zeal of giving oneself totally for the good of souls; and his love for the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of Priests.

With this fervent greeting, I bless you affectionately in the Lord.

Fr. Bruno Rampazzo RCJ
Superior General