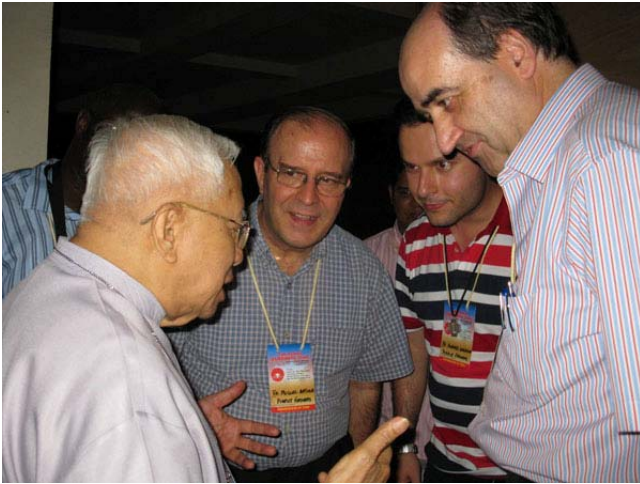


Japan - Philippines: the Father General visits Cebu

On 27-28 February this year, with Fr. Pierre Diatta and Fr. Andres Valencia Henao, the Father General visited the community of Cebu. It was a short but informative visit in which they were accompanied by Fr. Miguel Artola the Vice provincial of Japan- Philippines. Earlier they had visited communities in Japan and those of Manila and our community was very happy when they arrived. During the visit they were able to talk to Cardinal Ricardo Vidal, the archbishop of Cebu. They met him in one of the annual youth gatherings called the Vocation Jamboree, as the month of February was designated as the archdiocese's month of vocational awareness. The Vocation Jamboree is an over-night vigil organized by Directors of Vocations in the Philippines' Cebu Chapter (DVP-Cebu) and consists of reflection, prayers and talks about vocations and discernment. 10,000 young people took part in the event. The Community of Cebu also joined in the gathering and Fr. Alfredo Maglangit, Jr. Presided during the program.



Cardinal Vidal talking to the Fr. General with Fr. Miguel and Fr. Andres.



The Fr. General with Cardinal Vidal (Center) with Fr. Pierre, Fr. Miguel and Fr. Andres.



The Noviciate house after the Fr. General talked to the novices.