LETTER FROM CHICHO ROIS

One year ago, Chicho Rois sent a letter to encourage the team who had to prepare the meeting, advising on few details. Without sending all the letter, we think it is important to share some extracts with all the participants...

2011, July the 25th

Dear All,

… I'm verry happy you are meeting to prepare this very important event for the Region. I think it will be an unique opportunity to think on the future of the Oblate life and mission in Europe. (...)

… [During our gathering], we have to give enough time to the participants to share their expectations, thinking on the future of the Region. We don't need many inputs but good people to help to reflect and helping for the dialogue. It is very important to explore possibilities for the future. For that also is important to have young oblates from all the countries (and not just from all the provinces).

I think is important to have the presence of all the Provincials of Europe. Not to speak. Their role will be just to listen to the young Oblates. Just listen, nothing else.

Also it is important to have the presence of members from the Gerenal Council : Assistant for Mission, maybe the Vicar General or the General (...). I cannot understand a meeting thinking on the future of oblate life and mission in Europe without the presence of qualified members of the General Council. (…)

I think the program has to give time to the young oblates to explore the next steps giving them the possibility to make suggestions focusing in collaboration and new projects, priorities, etc.

(...)

May the Lord and St Eugene de Mazenod bless your work for the good of Oblate Mission in Europe.

Chicho