

9th Regional Assembly of Visayas Association of Religious Brothers (VARB)

The **Visayas Association of Religious Brothers (VARB)** assembled at Saint Clements' Retreat House, Iloilo City, Philippines, on November 2-4, 2018. The theme of the assembly was "Renewed Servant-Leaders for the New Evangelization towards Social Transformation". The SVD was well represented by 9 Brothers in final vows and 7 Juniors Brothers candidates, being ours the largest group. There were also Brothers from others congregations, such as: Redemptorists, Salesians of don Bosco, la Mennais, Order of Saint Augustine and Christian Brothers. It was a blessed time to share our joys and struggles, to enjoy camaraderie, and also to be enlighten. Fray **Stephen Ong Tan, O.S.A.** was our speaker, and shared with us a lecture entitle **BROTHERHOOD VOCATION: A CHALLENGE TO LIVE AND TO BEAR WITNESS.**

<http://sacs-stvi.org/brotherhood-vocation-a-challenge-to-live-and-to-bear-witness/#sthash.r78F3Tyh.dpuf>



SVD Brothers: First Row from left to right: Roland Pontavedra, Rolando Sanchez, Paul Bongcaras (4th), Edgardo Faz; Second Row from left to right: Retchie Havana, Jonathan Diaz, Ryan Guarim, Emmanuel Ines, Crisfer Autentico, Alben Guillier (7th), Mark Paglicawan, Bela Lanyi, Carlos Ferrada, Noel Tecson, Darwin Loro, and Ramcel Supat.