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THE NATIONAL CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY(8 June 2013)

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By Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB

Beginning last year, the Catholic Church in the Philippines has experienced several important events, which has given encouraging impetus to its life and works. God blessed us with the second Filipino Saint, Pedro Calungsod (21 Oct); some of our Church leaders had major roles in the October Synod of Bishops in Rome; Pope Benedict XVI declared a Year of Faith (Oct 2012-Nov 2013) that fostered the "New Evangelization"; our Bishops declared the nine-year preparation for the 500th anniversary of Christianization in our country; Luis Antonio Tagle became Cardinal (24 Nov) and a charismatic Pope Francis became our Holy Father (13 Mar). Tied up with all the succession of these events, there has been an increase in interest and enthusiasm regarding "what's new in the life of the Church" here in the Philippines.

Thus in January 2013, the CBCP unanimously declared the holding of a simultaneous National Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on 8 June 2013, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at 10:00 in the morning in ALL the Cathedrals, Parish Churches, Shrines and Chapels in all the Arch/dioceses, Prelatures and Apostolic Vicariates in the Philippines.

Consecration to the Blessed Virgin is nothing new in the Church. Since the time of Pope Pius XII in 1942 and especially during the time of Blessed Pope John Paul II in 1984, the Church through its Supreme Pastor has placed all humankind under the mantle of the Blessed Mother, consecrating the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This entrustment was inspired by Our Blessed Lady's words to the children of Fatima and the enduring message of our Lady: *"Through this consecration,... (it) would bring grace for conversion from sin and of sinners, protection from the menace of evil and war;*

Bayang sumisinta kay Maria



CBCP invites everyone to join the NATIONAL CONSECRATION to the IMMACULATE HEART of MARY

on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 10am
to be held simultaneously in all Cathedrals
and Parish Churches throughout the country.

from sins against life and the dignity of God's children; from every kind of injustice and trampling of God's commandments; from the sin of the world, sin in all its manifestations..." (Bl. JP II, *Act of Consecration*, 1984).

Here in our country, following the example of the Holy Father, the Church hierarchy constituted a "Bimillennium Marian Year" in 1984 up to 1985, when we begged our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf to bring us true justice, freedom and peace during the time of the Marcos dictatorship.

As an act of gratitude for our Blessed Mother's intercession to regain our freedom in 1986 through "the peaceful People Power Revolution", our bishops renewed an Act of Consecration to the Twin Hearts of Jesus and Mary in 1987 and again in 11 June 2010, to celebrate the end of a Year of Renewal the Church in the Philippines.

The National Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on 8 June renews once again – and this time, also more earnestly, more deeply and with more preparation – our undying Consecration and Entrustment to Mary and the accompanying renewal of consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Despite declarations of our country's impressive economic growth, successful elections and improvements in government programs and services for the people, there are still worrying events. The territorial conflicts with China, Taipei and over Sabah, the persistent insurgency wars, the ever-present poverty of millions of Filipinos and the resulting OFW diaspora, the controversial laws on reproductive health and impending anti-life, anti-family bills and a growing trend of relativism and materialistic mentality threaten our spiritual and moral fabric.

We need the intercession of a powerful Benefactress to avert these disasters. We continue to believe that our country and our people is and must always remain, *"bayang sumisinta kay Maria, isang bayan, isang bansa"*. "In our past history, in times of trouble and need, of darkness and loss of hope, whenever we prayed to her, she always came to be with us and raise us up". She has never failed us.

Besides the nationwide simultaneous celebration of the Holy Eucharist on June 8, we are asked to perform the following practices: (1) Mass and Communion of Reparation on the First Saturday of each month (5 months), (2) Prayer and Penance, in our daily lives offered in union with Our Lady's Immaculate Heart and (3) the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary.



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday to Friday:

6:30am • 7:30am • 12:15pm • 6:00pm

Holy Hour every Thursday after the
6:00 pm Mass

Saturday:

6:30am • 7:30am
6:00pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday:

6:00am • 7:15am • 8:30am • 10:00am*
11:15am • 12:30pm • 4:00pm • 5:30pm
7:00pm • 8:30pm

*with sign language interpreters

Confessions are available during all
the Masses

Adoration Chapel - open daily from
7:00am to 8:00pm

PARISH OFFICE & RELIGIOUS STORE HOURS

Monday to Friday (except Thursday)

8:00am - 11:30am • 12:30pm - 6:00pm

Thursday:

8:00am - 11:30am • 12:30pm - 4:00pm

Saturday:

8:00am - 12:00pm • 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Divine Love in the Holy Eucharist

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

June, the beautiful month of the most Sacred Heart of our Lord, had barely started when we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on 2 June, Corpus Christi Sunday. It is no coincidence that these two, seemingly unrelated solemnities are celebrated one after another, if only to remind us of the intimate connection between the most Holy Eucharist and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is fundamentally and essentially a devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

We read in the gospel of Matthew (9:36): *"At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them..."*. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves followed and Jesus was able to feed the hungry crowd. From the heart of the Savior flows the desire to nourish our souls! And so the Divine Heart of Jesus is transformed into a most unique food, the Bread of Life. Thus the Holy Eucharist, where we receive this Bread of Life, is the logical fruit of the tremendous love for us that flows out from the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the same way, the converse is true: **the Sacred Heart of Jesus is literally present in the Holy Eucharist**. Our Catholic belief in the Holy Eucharist clearly states that "the Incarnate Son of God is truly and substantially present in the sacred species of bread and wine. He is there in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity." This means that the Holy Eucharist contains the living heart of Christ, which is beating in love for us from the time of his earthly existence up to now. As I have always reminded people during our weekly Eucharistic Adoration, we must discover the very living and loving heart of our Savior every time we gaze at and adore the Blessed Sacrament. It is love staring us in the face! Yet, how do we respond to this awesome reality?

Sadly, no, horrifyingly, many of us do not appreciate the immense love of Jesus in the Eucharist and do not act reverently to His presence there! How many times have we ignored or taken for granted the real presence of Jesus

whenever the Holy Eucharist is celebrated in church or exposed during Eucharistic Adoration? Chatting, using cell phones to text or to take pictures, sleeping, slouching, wearing immodest, overly casual and other inappropriate attire to church, vandalizing church property and not responding or participating in the Mass are some of the many forms of ignorance and disrespect for the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

When we don't kneel or bow our heads during Consecration, when we handle the Sacred Host without reverence, as though it was just ordinary bread, and do not even respond with "Amen" before receiving it during Communion; all of these clearly show unawareness of, or worse, indifference to or outright disrespect for the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. When we pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus but don't go to Mass, when we don't spend some time in silent prayer after communion or after Mass and chat in church, when we lapse into sin immediately after Mass, when we forget or ignore the beautiful lessons of the homily, then we obviously do not get the real sense of the Holy Eucharist: that the Holy Eucharist is the true and actual presence of our Lord, who out of love for us, humbly and faithfully comes down from heaven to feed us with his body as food at every Mass.

My dear friends, as your pastor, I am writing this message to remind you that **the feast of and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus should not only be sentimental but must be sacramental!** Love for the Sacred Heart should lead us to the love and great respect for the Holy Eucharist because the Eucharist and the Sacred Heart are one and the same: the eternal love of Jesus our Savior for each and everyone of us who forever will be willing to offer Himself on the Altar of sacrifice to be our heavenly food. Let us honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us love and respect the Holy Eucharist. Always.

— **Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB**

ANG LARAWAN NG KAMBAL NA PUSO NI HESUS AT MARIA



Ni Balty Baltazar

Tapos na ang eleksyon. Panahon naman ng pagtanggap ng mga poster, tarpaulin, at stickers na ikinabit, isinabit, at idinikit ng mga kandidato't alipores nila sa mga bahay-bahay.

Meron ngang mga may-ari ng bahay na malayo pa ang botohan ay tinanggal na ang mga nakadikit sa kanilang gate, pader, at poste. Hindi naman sila ang nagdikit ng mga stickers na 'yun.

Iba ang kaso kung mismong ang mga may-ari ng bahay ang nagdikit ng mga stickers at posters. Ang ibig sabihin lang nito'y naniniwala't sumusuporta sila sa mga nakalitrato.

May iba naman akong nakitang mga nakapaskil sa mga gate, pader, at pinto ng ilang mga bahay. Hindi ito poster ng nangangampanyang kandidato o pumapapel na pulitiko, kungdi'y litrato ito ng *Kambal na Puso ni Hesus at Maria*.

Sa bahay din namin, may nakasabit na litrato ng *Twin Hearts* sa pinto. Makikita ito bago pa makapasok sa aming tahanan.

Hindi ko inilagay ito para panakot sa mga multo't aswang, o para pumasok ang swerte, o kaya'y panangga sa Akyat Bahay Gang. Isinabit ko ang larawan para sa tuwing papasok kami ng bahay, maaalaala namin ang aming paniniwala't tamang asal at ugali sa loob ng bahay.

Una sa lahat, ang litrato ng *Twin Hearts* ay nagsasabing ang mga nakatira sa bahay ay nananalig sa Diyos, kung kaya't ang pang-ispirituwal na buhay ay aming pinangangalagaan.

Ang larawan ay nagpapakita rin ng pagmamahal nina Maria't Hesus sa atin. Ano pa ba ang pinaka-sagisag ng pag-ibig kungdi ang puso? Kaya, sa aming bahay, sinisikap naming isabuhay ang pagmamahal na iyan, kahit na sa maliit na paraan, gaya ng kusang pagkuha ng pitsel ng tubig habang kumakain, pagtapon ng mga kalat sa basurahan, o pagpapasalamat sa isa't isa.

Sinasabi rin ng larawan na malugod naming tinatanggap ang mga bisita. Kumbaga, bukas ang aming mga puso para sa kanila.

Paminsan-minsan (o madalas?), pumapalpak kami sa paggawa ng mga ito. Nguni't umaasa kami sa awa ni Hesus, at sa tulong ni Inang Maria, kami'y muling makakabangon at susunod sa kagustuhan Niya.

Ang larawan ng *Twin Hearts* ay hindi isang anting-anting o isang dekorasyon lamang. Isa itong pagpahayag sa mundo kung ano ang aming paniniwala, at isang pagpapaalala sa amin kung ano itong ipinapahayag namin.

KAHIT SINO
PWEDENG
tatay
pero
MAHIRAP
1 SANG
AMA.

Happy Father's Day!

06.16.13.



SJBP'S TWO-DAY CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

By Mary Christine Culibao and Valerie Averia

St. John Bosco Parish prepared a two-day tribute to the Blessed Mother on the feast of the Parish's beloved patroness, Mary Help of Christians on 24 May. This year, the tribute was a "little" more special with the participation of more than a hundred Parish children and youth, and the debut of the "Ineng Marias".

Ineng Marias are little girls dressed as Mary in her varied representations – ranging from her local titles as *Ina Poon Bato* and Our Lady of Antipolo to her apparitions in Fatima, Carmel, etc.

24 MAY CHILDREN'S MARIAN PROCESSION

The procession, which started at 4pm, went around the Sto. Nino de Paz Chapel in Greenbelt Park, attracting mall goers throughout its route.

Joining the procession were Fr. Dennis Paez, SDB, YM Salesian-in-charge and members of Parish organizations: Confraternity of Mary Mediatrix, Legion of

Mary – Senior and Junior Praesidia, Knights of the Altar, the Children's Choir, Jr. Catechists and Jr. LCG, the Parish Rondalla and the YUPPEACE. Also present were children from the Sunday Catechism classes; they were dressed in Filipiniana and carried signs with the image of the Madonna and Child and the simple albeit powerful message – "Choose Life".

During the brief *visita* in Greenbelt Chapel, the children and youth prayed and sang Marian songs. The *Inengs* then offered flowers on behalf of SJB Parish to the Nuestra Señora de Guia of Ermita, whose image was also visiting the Chapel.

The procession ended with the celebration of the Holy Mass at St. John Bosco Church. Fr. Ernie Cruz, SDB, the new Parish Vicar, was presider and Fr. Dennis Paez, concelebrant. In his homily, Fr. Dennis thanked the parents present for choosing Life. He said that the prayers and sacrifices of the children who were part of

the event will please God all the more because these were in union with Mary. The *Inengs* then led the flower offering to the crowned image of Mary Help of Christians.

25 MAY YOUTH MARIAN ROSARY RALLY

A Youth Marian Rally on 25 May capped the two-day celebration of the feast of SJBP's divine patroness. Beginning with a procession around the gym of the crowned statue of Mary Help of Christians, the Blessed Virgin was further honored with a special living rosary, which included 50 prayer intentions from the community. As each of the 25 *Ineng Marias* were presented, brief explanations were read on the particular Marian devotion or apparition that the *Ineng* represented. Fr. Gerry Battad, SDB then gave a talk on the importance of the rosary and Mary's role as the help of all people, Christians or otherwise. Fr. Dennis Paez celebrated the Holy Mass, which concluded the event.

Ineng Maria (Ineng – Filipino for little girl), are young girls from the Parish dressed as the Blessed Mother in her varied manifestations and as she is revered through her many titles across the world and throughout the centuries.

Coined from Inang Maria (Inang – Filipino for Mother), "Ineng"

(neneng or nene) speaks to the Filipino soul of fragile, transient innocence and beauty. It evokes kind and tender images, stirs up carefree memories and elicits unquestioning acceptance, reactions which are as difficult to suppress as the smiles which greeted the 25 little Mary's wherever they went.



BIRHEN NG BARANGAY
Alena Angelie P. Deles

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
Gella V. Maniti

INA POON BATO
Mary Kimberly V. De Guzman

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
Pauline Nicole Y. Bautista

MARY MEDIATRIX OF ALL GRACE
Alethea Irish Manalo

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Mariel Ann Galvez



OUR LADY OF ANTIPOLÓ
Louise Abigail Asombrado

OUR LADY OF BANNEUX
Ashley Mae Geocaniga

OUR LADY OF CANDELARIA
Easter Lorraine S. Yuson

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION
Hillary Kursten Florendo

OUR LADY OF EDSA
Buena Celina D. Cagdac

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Fatima Marie A. Carreon



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Katrina S. De Leon

OUR LADY OF KIBEHO
Samantha Villaroel

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Sophia Mae Mañalac

OUR LADY OF MIRACULOUS MEDAL
Maxine Ashley Arias

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
Resandra Eana V. Reytas

OUR LADY OF PIAT
Audrey Valerie Florendo



OUR LADY OF REMEDIES
Rayeli B. Florendo

OUR LADY OF THE PHILS.
Sandy Zulita

OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR
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Mary Grace S. De Leon

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES
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Ricamille G. Walde

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTIONS

Simbahay features the Sunday Mass Readings' themes from Fr. Sal Putzu's *"Exploring God's Word"*.

These themes are part of a systematic approach to study and have a good knowledge of the Biblical passages which will be used in the coming Sunday Masses and to relate these readings to our lives.

Listen to Fr. Salvatore Putzu, SDB (General Manager and Editor, *Word and Life*) at *Bisperas sa Veritas* 846 AM, 5pm Saturday.



10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 June 2013 Readings

*1 Kgs 17:17-24 – Elijah obtains from the Lord that the dead son of his widow host be revived.

*Gal 1:11-19 – Paul recounts how he was converted from being a persecutor to being an apostle of Jesus Christ.

*Lk 7:11-17 – Jesus calls back to life the son of the widow on Nain.

Theme: WE BELIEVE IN THE GOD OF LIFE

Today we resume the celebration of Sundays in Ordinary Time, and we do so by proclaiming that our God is the God of Life. Although death is very much a part of our existence, such was not the Creator's original plan. As the Book of Wisdom teaches us, death came into the picture only through the devil's action and deception. (See *Wis* 2:23-24.) St. Paul teaches us that death entered human history as a consequence of the sin of Adam. (See *Rom* 5:12.)

From that moment on, the entire history of humankind became a struggle between life and death, with death appearing to have the upper hand, until Christ destroyed its power through the resuscitations that he worked, as in today's Gospel, but especially through his own resurrection. His victory will find its universal manifestation with the resurrection of all the dead (see *1 Cor* 15:25) and the coming of the New

Jerusalem, where death and mourning will be no more. (See *Rv* 21:4.)

The Eucharist that we celebrate by listening to the Word of Life and by breaking the Bread of Life is a constant reminder that our God is a God of Life and that life eternal is the final destiny of all those who believe and follow the "Law of Life."



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father's Day

16 June 2013 Readings

*2 Sm 12:7-10.13 – The prophet Nathan points out all the gravity of David's sin.

*Gal 2:16.19-21 – Paul emphasizes the unique role of faith in our justification.

*Lk 7:36-8:3 or: 7:36-50 – Jesus tells the parable of the two debtors to explain why he forgives the sinful woman.

Theme: LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

They say there is no way to repay love, except through love. Today Jesus teaches us that love can be repaid also with forgiveness. This is so because forgiveness is a very important aspect of love. Such is the lesson taught us by Jesus through the episode of the sinful woman who was forgiven much because she loved much. The opposite also was true, that she loved much because she had been forgiven much.

The link between love and forgiveness envelops the whole of mankind in a network of salvation and peace, and it concerns all of us. Forgiveness is a loving way to reward love; love is a grateful way to respond to forgiveness. And just as love is the source of life and its best nourishment, so is forgiveness capable of restoring life to people who have been killed emotionally and spiritually by their own sins.

But forgiveness does more than just benefit its recipients. Forgiveness, like love, benefits also the persons who grant it. It makes them grow in generosity and enhances ever more their resemblance to the Source of all love and forgiveness.



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 June 2013 Readings

*Zec 12:10-11; 13:1 – Prophecy on the innocent victim mourned by the whole people

*Gal 3:26-29 – All those who believe in Christ have become one in him.

*Lk 9:18-24 – Jesus foretells his death and resurrection and spells out the stern demands of real discipleship.

Theme: FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH THICK AND THIN

Being a disciple of Christ is a "package deal." It contains a variety of elements, the final purpose of which is to bring about our salvation and glorification by becoming ever more similar to Jesus, our Model and Master. This "package deal" includes both pleasant and unpleasant aspects, encouraging and challenging ones. We are not allowed to choose what pleases us and reject what we do not like. Real love is not selective but "comprehensive." Once we accept to follow Jesus, we must be prepared to follow in his steps, whether he is heading for Mount Tabor for his transfiguration, or staggering toward Calvary to be crucified.

Faithful discipleship is both "transforming" and "empowering." In the challenges it entails, we are molded into the likeness of the Master we follow. We become "Christ-like." As such, we are also empowered to carry our crosses bravely and face the hardships of life with a stout heart and unwavering faith till we reach the reward our hearts long for.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30 June 2013 Readings

*1 Kgs 19:16b.19-21 – The call of Elisha to prophethood

*Gal 5:1.13-18 – Exhortation to brotherly love and to be guided by the Spirit

*Lk 9:51-62 – The demands of authentic discipleship

Theme: DEMANDS AND FRUITS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Of all the ways of life or careers we can imagine, none equals the dignity of being a disciple of Jesus Christ, i.e., of being among those who share his values and priorities, and embrace his way of life. But nothing that is precious and worthwhile comes easy. It has to be paid for, or conquered at the cost of great sacrifice. Being a disciple of Christ entails a total self-emptying and the acceptance that he is the Teacher and we are the "learners"; he is the Leader and we are the "followers."

The road trod by Jesus will, indeed, lead to many places, situations, and people. It will know moments of joy and fulfillment, but will also inevitably cross the thorny marshes of misunderstanding, rejection, persecution, and even the agony of Gethsemane and the torment of Calvary. But in the end – though only God knows



when the end comes – all paths of faithful discipleship lead to the glory of heaven. There, the disciples will share in the triumph of Jesus, just as they shared in every aspect of his earthly life.

IKA-24 NG HUNYO – PISTA NG KAPANGANAKAN NI SAN JUAN BAUTISTA ANG TINIG SA KARIMLAM!



Ni Myrna Caquilala

Isang araw, nagpakita si Anghel Gabriel, ang anghel ng Panginoon, kay Zacarias, isang pari ng templo, upang ipaalam ang pagbubuntis ng asawa niyang si Isabel. Hindi naniwala si Zacarias sa magandang balitang ito dahil bukod sa matanda na ang asawa, alam niyang baog si Isabel. Bilang parusa sa kawalan niya ng pananampalataya, si Zacarias ay napipi hanggang sa magkatotoo ang mensahe ni Anghel Gabriel. "Juan' ang kanyang pangalan!" ang isinulat ni Zacarias

nang tanungin kung ano ang ipapangalan sa bagong-silang niyang anak na lalaki. Matapos nito'y, muli na siyang nakapagsalita.

Isang malaking katuparan sa plano ng Diyos ang pagsilang ni Juan Bautista. Si Juan ang inaasahang maging TINIG SA KARIMLAM-ang maghahanda ng daan! Sa kanyang kapanganakan, nagwakas ang pananabik at ang araw na hinihintay ay naging abot-kamay.

Lumaking simpleng tao si Juan, nanirahan

JUNE 2013 CALENDAR	
01 Sat	St. Justin, Martyr
02 Sun	Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
03 Mon	Charles Lwanga & Companions
07 Fri	Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
08 Sat	Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary / National Consecration to the IHM / Total Consecration & Imposition of Scapulars - 10am
09 Sun	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 Tue	St. Barnabas
12 Wed	Independence Day
13 Thu	St. Anthony of Padua
16 Sun	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Father's Day
21 Fri	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
23 Sun	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 Mon	Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist
27 Thu	St. Cyril of Alexandria
28 Fri	St. Ireneus
29 Sat	Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul
30 Sun	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sick Visitation – Thursdays 9AM	
Holy Hour – Thursdays 6:30PM	
Medical & Dental – Sundays 2:00PM	
Visit our website for the complete June 2013 Calendar http://sjbmakati.com/parish-events.html	

nang tahimik sa ilang na pook. Ngunit pagkaraan ng 30 taon, sa tamang panahon, hinarap niya ang kanyang misyon – upang ihanda ang daan – ang mangaral at manawagan para sa pagbabalik-loob at pagsisisi! Dinumog siya ng mga tao. Sa dami ng kanyang alagad, maaari na siyang magtatag ng sarili niyang kaharian! Ngunit hindi ito ginawa ni Juan. Mahigpit niyang sinunod ang plano ng Diyos. Di dapat siya ang maghari... di dapat siya ang umeksena – eksena ito ng Tagapagligtas!

Ito ang katapatan, katatagan, katapangan at pagkamasunuring kinailangan ng Diyos kay Juan! At nagawa niya ito nang buong kababaang-loob. Ganito rin ang hinihingi sa atin ng Panginoon : ang maging matapat sa pagsunod, maging matatag sa pananampalataya at magtiwala sa Diyos sa anumang pagsubok at sa plano Niya sa atin. Katulad ni Juan Bautista, kung tayo ay matapat, matatag, may lakas ng loob, at mapagpakumbaba, handa na rin tayo sa ating misyon...ang maging TINIG SA PAGBABAGONG BUHAY!

WELCOME TO SJBP MAKATI, FR. ERNIE!

St. John Bosco Parish Makati warmly welcomes Rev. Fr. Ernie Mallari Cruz, SDB, the new Assistant Parish Priest and Parochial Vicar. Immediately before being assigned to our Parish, Fr. Ernie was the Economist / Administrator of Mary Help of Christians House of Spirituality in Batulao, Batangas.

Fr. Ernie is a Kapampangan from Tarlac. He finished elementary and high school in Don Bosco Tarlac before entering the novitiate/college in the Canlubang Seminary.

Almost thirty-five years ago, on 8 December 1978, he was ordained a Salesian priest. Except for his initial assignment as Salesian-in-charge for six years of the Don Bosco Youth Center in Don Bosco Technical Institute in Mandaluyong, Fr. Ernie has spent the last 29 years either as an Economist/Administrator (10 years) or as a Parish Priest / Rector (19 years) in various Salesian settings:

1984 – 1987 Economist/Administrator –
Training Center Pasil, Cebu

1987 – 1990 Economist/ Administrator –
Canlubang Seminary

1990 – 1991 Economist/Administrator –

Don Bosco Tarlac

1991 – 1994 Rector – Don Bosco Tarlac

1994 – 2000 Parish Priest/Rector – Don
Bosco Tondo

2000 – 2010 Parish Priest/Rector – St.
John Bosco Parish, Sta. Rosa

2010 – 2011 Economist/Administrator –
Don Bosco College

2011 – 2013 Economist/Administrator –
Mary Help of Christians House of
Spirituality in Batulao

But more than his significant administrative and pastoral experience, Fr. Ernie's reputation for being congenial, kind and full of good humor precedes him. The latter was quite evident during our interview while he jokingly recounted, how back in college, Fr. Rector Chris Kennedy's fastball gave him a black eye, that he will never forget (or forgive him for ☺).

Fr. Ernie takes over as Salesian-in-charge of the Don Bosco Youth Center from Fr. Dennis Paez , SDB, who has been assigned to Batulao.

A good administrator with a pastor's good heart – SJB Parish has much to be thankful for in its newest Salesian.



BRO. NOE COMALIG DORA, HOME AT LAST

By Vi P. Hernandez

In the early evening of 7 May 2013, parishioners packed the Parish church to listen to a former Protestant pastor animatedly recount the story of his conversion to the Catholic Church.

Noe Dora was born to a Protestant family in Cebu City; his father was a preacher, his mother, a deaconess, while he and his siblings grew up actively serving in their church. For fifteen years after earning a Bachelor's degree in Theology, he served as a pastor, a distinguished preacher and the founding president of Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ International Ministries.

But as Pastor Noe pursued his studies and research, he became more and more convinced that the truths he sought were found not in his church, but in the Catholic Church; finally, he decided to become a Catholic. Not surprisingly, his churchmates, especially, his family were upset and did everything to dissuade him from converting. But on 5 October 2007, he was baptized and confirmed a Catholic by Bishop Joselito Cortes, Auxiliary Bishop of Cebu.

For the next two years, estranged from his family, and out of a job, Bro. Noe lived in a small hut, planting and selling vegetables

to support himself. During this "period of suffering", he discovered the beauty and biblical soundness of praying the rosary. It was then that he developed a deep relationship with the Blessed Mother, of whom he spoke lengthily and with much affection. He continued visiting and persuading family and friends with oral and written proofs that he has found the true Church. In time, his entire family and several friends decided to become Catholics too.

At present, Bro Noe is the head of the Association of Pastors converted to the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines. He heads the Evangelization Ministry of the Oasis of Love Cebu, where he is one of the elders.

Recently, he has been in the news for "bringing back to the fold" boxing legend, Manny Pacquiao, who briefly joined a bible-based evangelical movement.

Bro Noe's two-hour talk passed swiftly, punctuated often with applause and roars of laughter from his appreciative audience. Many even stayed behind, eager to learn more of this remarkable man and his equally remarkable journey home to the Church.

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ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS' RELIC VISITS SJB PARISH

From May 4 to 5, hundreds of devotees came to the Parish church to venerate a relic of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. This relic of a piece of the saint's bone is under the custody of the Order of the Holy Rose, a network of active and contemplative priests, religious and lay devotees who promote devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the Child Jesus and St. Therese of the Child Jesus. The order not only lends the relic for veneration to churches, schools, and institutions, it also brings it to hospitals and homes to comfort and heal those who are too ill to leave their sickbeds.

SJB SERVANTS ATTEND 2ND LITURGICAL MINISTERS' CONGRESS

In celebration of the Year of Faith, the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission of Manila held the 2nd Liturgical Ministers' Congress last 18 May 2013 at the Mall of Asia Arena. Three speakers were invited: His Eminence Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, Archbishop of Manila, who talked on "Walking Through Vatican II", His Excellency Teodoro Bacani Jr., Bishop Emeritus of Novaliches, on "Faith and Liturgy", and Rev. Fr. Genaro Diwa on "Major Themes of Sacrosanctum Concilium". Sacrosanctum Concilium is considered as the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy.

It was a momentous event attended by thousands! No less than His Eminence Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, Archbishop Emeritus of Manila celebrated the culminating Holy Mass. The highlight of the Congress was the commissioning of the Lay Liturgical Ministers composed mainly of the, Lectors and Commentators, Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion, Altar Servers (KOA), Greeters and Collectors and members of the Music Ministry.



2013 Senior Floristas (l to r) Donnabelle Llorca (Agnus Dei), Kristine Joyce Reynaldo (Presidenta), Dianne Annie Perenne (Espiritu Santo)



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8. DON BOSCO PRAYER GROUP “DBPG” MUSIC MINISTRY*Head:* Marivic A. Carreon*Deputy Head Internal:* Cathy Tatlonghari*Deputy Head External:* Tess Petilo*Treasurer:* Rose Faculin*Animates:* Saturday (Anticipated Sunday) 6:00PM Mass*Rehearsals:* Sat 5:30 to 7:30

Our Mission Statement: Lifting up the name of the Lord in song, reaching out to His people and living our lives in accordance with our ministry purpose.

Our Ministry Purpose: Follow Christ and bring forth His good news through the ministry of song.

We believe God expects us to minister to His people in harmonies that touch souls and inspire those who may be searching to find the narrow way. We acknowledge that God wants us to be light and shining example for others to see the benefit in serving a true and living God.



To join us, approach any of the choir members after the 6PM Saturday Masses.

**9. SJB RONDALLA***Conductor:* Julius Anthony Garcia*Animates:* 8:30AM Mass Sun*Rehearsals:* 4:00 PM Sat

The Saint John Bosco Rondalla also known as “SJB Rondalla” was organized in the late 80's. It is a group of young musicians who serve during the Parish's Children's mass. Many young people have joined the Rondalla; on Sundays at 8:00 AM, they occupy almost the entire row of pews on one side of the church. Rondalla members, including children and youth, bond with and treat each other as brothers and sisters. The group's motto is “A House without Music, is like Body without a Soul” following Don Bosco's motto as a music lover.

For the past 4 years, Julius Anthony Garcia or “Kuya Julzy” has been the Animator of the SJB RONDALLA, which aims to inspire other youth through their music.

10. 1221*Coordinator:* Karen dela Luna-Ogbac*Animates:* 12:30PM Mass every 3rd and 4th Sun*Rehearsals:* 3rd and 4th Sun at 11:00 AM

The 1221 Choir has been animating the 12:30nn Sunday mass since it was formed by Fr. Gigi Ravasco, SDB in 1991. The group got its name from the biblical verse of the Acts of the (12) Apostles, Verse 2, Chapter 1 on the feast of Pentecost where the Lord's followers gathered and were filled with the Holy Spirit. Like the apostles, the group hopes to be filled with the Holy Spirit and share this spirit with the mass goers as they continue to serve the Lord through singing.

We thank the Lord for the Music Ministry which has brought these parishioners together, and pray that they be renewed each day as they share their faith, talents and friendships in the eternal task of building the Church.

