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## Camillian Renewal Course

Fr. Rodolfo “Dan” Cancino Jr., MI

Celebrating the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, more than 38 Camillian religious from the Philippine and Thailand Provinces gathered anew for the **Camillian Renewal Course** that was held on Oct. 17–Oct. 22, 2016 at St. Camillus Pastoral Health-care Center in Loyola Heights, Quezon City.

**Day 1:** The weeklong gathering started with an adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a recollection facilitated by Fr. Samuel Canilang, CMF. The Year of Mercy was deepened further with the discussion of *Amoris Laetitia* shared by Fr. Ted Pamintuan Gonzalez, SJ. Day 1 ended with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Fr. Eric Tampis and Fr. Boy Guinit as presider and homilist, respectively.

**Day 2:** “Obedience Day”—The Camillians had a deeper understanding of the vow of obedience. In the morning, Fr. Jonathan Bitoy, CMF, shared on the biblical-theological basis of the vow, while Fr. Honorato Castigador, OP, discussed its canonical basis. Frs. Rene



Sales, Angel Crisostomo (homilist) and Juya Seo (presider) celebrated the Holy Eucharist to conclude the second day.

**Day 3:** The third day was about abuse and misuse







## Mary in the Life of Us Religious

**S**tanding by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." From that hour the disciples took her into his home (Jn 19:25-27).

This passage of the gospel is a very important reminder to all of us that as we live our discipleship in Jesus, we have someone journeying with us, Mary His mother, to whom we have been entrusted. Mary is our mother too, helping us to remain persevering and faithful to our life as consecrated persons. In the most significant events in the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, Mary was present. I personally believe that Mary is also present in the important events of our life as consecrated persons—in our ministry, in our community and in the most challenging moments of our life. She always considers us her sons whom she will never abandon. She will be always at our side to lift up our spirits when we are discouraged and afraid to move on, so we can always live the will of God even in times of difficulties.

As Jesus said to his beloved disciple, "Behold your mother," He is also telling this to all of us. For all of us are her children! She is our mother, too. Therefore, Mary has to have a special place in our heart not because she needs it. It is because of our gratitude to her Son Jesus, our Lord and Savior. It is through her inspiration and guidance that we could be able to weather all the challenges of life as religious. She was given to us to be our model of disci-

pleship in Jesus. Mary was the first disciple of her own Son who treasured in her heart the many things said about her Son. At the Presentation in the temple, Simeon said, "Behold this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed" (Lk 2:34-35); and at 12 years old, Jesus remained in the temple and his parents were so anxious not seeing him with them going back home; seeing them, He said, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:48-50). Furthermore, what she heard from her Son as she journeyed with Him from the hidden life of Jesus to the resurrection, she also put into practice. As disciple of Jesus, she was faithful in living out the will of God the Father. Thus, "someone told Jesus, 'Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak with you.' But he said in reply to the one who told him, 'Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?' And stretching his hand toward his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother'" (Mt 12:47-50).

As we commemorate the Our Lady of Rosary in the month of October, we at the same time renew our faith in Jesus, accompanied by his mother Mary, the model of perseverance and fidelity in doing God's will. May we continue deepening our devotion to Mama Mary for through her we will surely be with Jesus.

May the Lord Jesus through Mama Mary always accompany us in our journey to the Father.



# POSTCARDS FROM TAIWAN



On Oct. 22, 2016, two of the Camillian brothers from Vietnam, Br. Tran To Hoai, MI, and Br. Pham Van Dong, MI, were ordained to the Order of Deacons. The ordination took place at St. Camillus Church in Sanxing, Yilan County, Taiwan. The ordaining prelate was The Most Rev. John Huang Shan Chuan, SVD, the Archbishop of Taipei. Fr. Giuseppe Didone, MI, the delegate superior, Fr. Felice Chech, MI, the scholastic master, and other religious missionaries from the nearby parish were present during the occa-

sion. Fr. Tran Xuan Cuong, a relative of Rev. To Hoai, from Vietnam also came. Of course, the faithful were present to witness this rare and special occasion in the church. Guests from Fujen University where the two are studying were also present. With so much joy, the newly ordained deacons have expressed their heartfelt gratitude to God and to everyone who graced the occasion and their continual desire to serve the sick as Camillian missionaries in Taiwan.

# AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION: A Visit Down Under

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Along the quiet Perry Street in Wentworthville stands the house that shelters five Camillians, each dedicatedly serving as chaplain in equally dedicated health institutes in New South Wales, Australia.

It was 14 years ago (Aug. 31, 2002) when the Camillian Philippine Province (known then as the Far East Province, with Fr. Ivo Anselmi as Provincial Superior) sent three Camillian religious to start a foundation in Westmead, NSW (under the Diocese of Parramatta). They were Fr. Remigio "Regie" Jamorabon, MI, Fr. Efren Balistoy, MI, and Fr. Jose "Jojo" Eloja, MI.

Fr. Efren and Fr. Jojo were the first ones to arrive in their residential house in Westmead and a few days after their arrival, they were officially allowed to exercise their priestly ministry in the diocese. When the parish priest of Sacred Heart Parish in Westmead left, Fr. Efren took over. Fr. Jojo and Fr. Regie, who arrived a month later from Perth (which was then under the Irish Province), served as chaplains in Westmead General Hospital and Westmead Children's Hospital, respectively.

From the presbytery of the Sacred Heart Parish in Westmead, in September 2007 the Camillians moved to a new community house at Perry Street in Wentworthville that became the official residence of the Camillians in Australia. There were other significant changes in personnel and assignments that took place since they set foot in Westmead.

## Highlights:

- ▶ **July 17, 2003:** Fr. Giulio Ghezzi, MI, from Perth became the fourth member of the Westmead

community who took over Fr. Efren's role as parish priest in 2004 when the latter left to join the chaplaincy in Quezon City, Philippines in December 2003. In November 2007 he became a chaplain in Nepean Hospital, Penrith. At present, he remains the chaplain of the Italian community in Parramatta, which he has been serving as early as 2008.

- ▶ **Sept. 25, 2004:** Fr. Mario Didonè, MI, another member from Perth, joined the Westmead community. In 2005, he filled in for Fr. Regie as chaplain in Children's Hospital in Westmead, at the same time, a part-time chaplain in Mt. Druitt Hospital. He shared the responsibility of celebrating the Eucharist at the Parish like all the other members of the delegation. In 2006, he was appointed part-time chaplain in Nepean Hospital in Penrith. In September 2007, Fr. Mario ended his assignment term as chaplain in the hospitals in the Diocese of Parramatta, and finally left the community to join his confreres in Italy for a new assignment in October 2007.
- ▶ **Sept. 30, 2005:** Br. Michael "Mike" Gimena, MI, a Camillian scholastic from the Philippines, joined the community in the duration of his studies on Bioethics at the Australian Catholic University. In June 2006, he had his perpetual profession, then his ordination to the diaconate the following month, and was eventually ordained priest in the Philippines in December 2006. Fr. Mike received his appointment as procurator of the delegation in July 2010. He



(L-R): Frs. Dado, Meng, and Giulio





(L-R): Frs. Giulio, Bong, Dado, and Meng

served as assistant parish priest in Sacred Heart Parish, Westmead and chaplain in Westmead Hospital (2007-2013). In October 2013 he went back to the Philippines for a new assignment.

- ▶ **Sept. 6, 2007:** Fr. Diosdado “Dado” Haber, MI, the Provincial Delegate of the Australian Delegation from Perth (Irish Province) joined the Wentworthville community and was assigned as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish at Westmead (2007–2013).
- ▶ **May 2010:** Fr. Jojo Eloja was appointed delegate superior. On Aug. 27, 2014, Fr. Jojo, who was then parish priest of Sacred Heart Parish Westmead, was pulled out from the Australian Delegation to join the Delegation of Taiwan.
- ▶ **Sept. 10, 2010:** Br. Eric James Perrett, MI, of the Anglo-Irish Province, worked as nursing assistant at Mt. St. Camillus in Perth. After few months of having knee surgery in Perth, he moved to Wentworthville. He was sick since then, but was helping in Westmead Parish shop on weekends selling religious items. In April 2014, he was moved to St. Hedwig nursing home due to illness.
- ▶ **Aug. 31, 2013:** The delegation welcomed Fr. Domingo “Meng” Barawid, MI, as the new member of the community. He replaced Fr. Michael as full time chaplain in Westmead General Hospital.
- ▶ **Oct. 15, 2013:** The delegation welcomed another new member of the community, Fr. Marcelo “Bong” Pamintuan, MI, who, two months before, was appointed finance administrator of the delegation. He was first chaplain in Chil-

dren’s Hospital Westmead, then Nepean Hospital and then last March assigned as chaplain in Westmead General Hospital. He also spearheaded the foundation of the Lay Camillian Family in Parramatta on March 14, 2014 with Fr. Jojo.

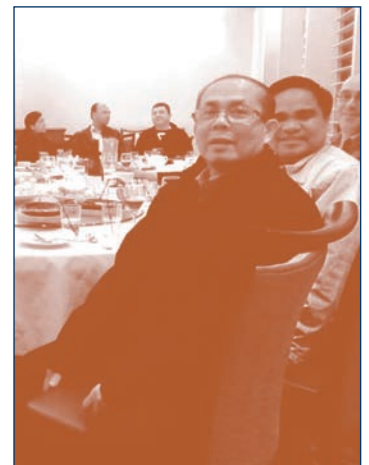
At present, the Australian Delegation is composed of six Camillian religious namely: Fr. Diosdado Haber, MI, Provincial Delegate/Superior, chaplain in Blacktown Hospital; Fr. Remigio Jamorabon, MI, chaplain in Mt. Druitt Hospital; Fr. Domingo Barawid, MI, chaplain in Westmead General Hospital; Fr. Marcelo Pamintuan, MI, chaplain in Westmead General Hospital; Fr. Giulio Ghezzi, MI, retired and chaplain of the Italian Community in Parramatta; and Br. Eric James Perrett, MI, retired and in a nursing home.

As doctors take care of the physical and mental health of patients, chaplains take care of the spiritual health. The Camillian chaplains, like doctors, are on call round the clock. There are times when they just have to stay in the hospital. This may be the reason why, in the diocese of Parramatta, a nominee for chaplaincy undergoes stringent screening and faces a panel of interviewers composed of the Vicar for Hospital Chaplains, the Pastoral Care Department coordinator and other members of the Executive Committee. Normally, the Camillian province nominates a religious to the diocese and the diocese appoints.

### Spiritual and Community Life:

Life in this community is a bit mysterious. You barely see them together but still they live as one community. Why so? This community is anchored in the mystery of Christ, the main support of its stability and existence, through its founder St. Camillus de Lellis.

As consecrated religious men, it is important that each member nourishes his spiritual life. Thus, before the day starts, the members of the delegation gather for a community prayer at 7:30 in the morning. And after a day’s work and before dinner, they gather again at 6:00 in the evening for a community prayer followed by Mass and individual reflection/meditation. Each member takes turn in celebrating the Holy Eucharist.



Frs. Regie and Meng

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# MY VOCATION STORY

Fr. Juya Seo, MI



**M**y vocation story is the story of love. Without love I might not be here. My vocation story is not so much about understanding and following the plans that I have for myself, but rather listening to the heart that leads me to the place where I must belong.

When I was 12 years old I attended a Marian retreat and I dedicated myself to the Sacred Heart of Mary without knowing what I was doing. I was forced to attend the seminar by my mother and I was forced again by the Sisters who gave the retreat, to offer myself to the Sacred Heart of Mary. During that retreat I fell in love with Jesus crucified on the cross. I never cried that much throughout my short 12 years of life, the tears of joy. I felt so much love and peace in my heart. Later I found myself telling God to "send me where I can share this love and peace of yours to the person who need most." I fell in love with God. I believe Mama Mary led me to her son on the crucifix.

When I was 14 years old I met a priest named "Maria Lee" which was a very rare name for a priest. He was Chinese with Italian citizenship. When I met him I immediately fell in love with his simplicity and holiness. Simply I wanted to become like him, and I started to meet him every Sunday. I was so attracted with his homily because he lived what he preached. Many people were coming to him for the confession and I had to wait until they finished the confession be-

cause I was always the last person to see him. I was so glad God sent me such a nice person as my spiritual father.

After high school I was planning to go to Rome to become a Camillian until the Philippine province invited me to come over here for my formation. When I came to the Philippines I had no idea what the meaning of becoming a Camillian or a religious is until I fell in love with the sick. I found the meaning of my life with the sick. As if everything was planned by God. I found all the answers to my questions: Why did God give me a sick father and a mother who is a Chinese doctor? Why did God send me a Camillian priest from Italy just to recruit me and leave Korea? Why did he make me to fall in love with the crucified Christ who was in the sick brothers and sisters?

Now I do not know where God will lead me. There are so many uncertainties in life, but I am not afraid to follow Christ who always invites me to love. My vocation story is nothing without love. I am still following the love that is planted in my heart. I am planting this same love in the heart of the sick and the poor because I want everyone to feel the love and peace that I have.



Fr. Juya (L), taking a break from priestly duties with Fr. Bon Arimbuyutan (M) and Fr. Henry Angupa II (R)



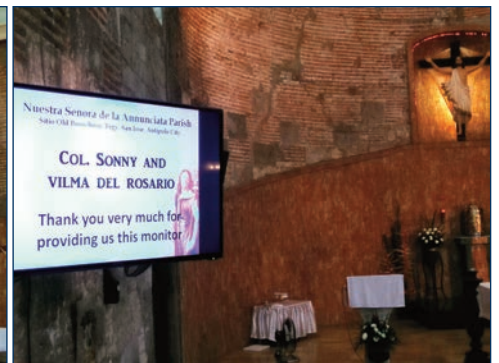
## Something New at the Old Church

**M**other Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian people, "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people" (1 Pet. 2:9, 4-5) have a right and obligation by reason of their baptism (Sacrosanctum Concilium no. 14).

Nowadays, there are many ways to achieve this goal. In the parish of Nuestra Señora de la Annunciata, two big LED monitors have been placed so that the people could participate well in responses and songs in the mass.

The parish is grateful to Fr. Dietmar Weber, OSC and Col. Sonny and Vilma del Rosario for giving us these wonderful gifts so that the people attending the mass could participate well in the celebration.

Still, many projects are in line in this parish like changing the pews and improving the sanctuary. With people with generous heart like them, the parish community has high hopes that all improvements in the parish will be fulfilled.



### YEAR OF MERCY



Last Sept. 24, 2016, the parish of Nuestra Señora de la Annunciata, in observance of the Year of Mercy, listened to the talk given by Fr. Wilson Peñaranda, MI, the parish priest, on the theme "Ang Awa ng Panginoon sa Pagdiriwang ng Misa." The event was divided into two. He explained the salient points of *Misericordiae Vultus* and continued on the different part of the Mass where God's mercy is speaking. It was attended mostly by workers from the parish and from the different chapels. Snacks and lunch were served through the generosity of Tita Nene Pestaño. Indeed it was a successful event where people working for God meditated His mercy in the celebration that gathers all, the Eucharist.





The Jubilee Year of Mercy (Dec. 8, 2015–Nov. 20, 2016) calls for us to do our penance and to spread God's mercy. Going to confession, forgiving others, doing works of mercy and going to pilgrimages are the things we should do especially this year. Holy doors or porta sancta were opened and assigned to churches giving people the opportunity to lessen their temporal punishment by gaining indulgence for their sins when they pass through these doors. The holy doors symbolize Christ for He is the way that leads us to the Father and He even said, "I am the door" (John 10:7). No one can achieve peace and salvation without passing through Christ. Pilgrimages to these holy doors are conducted and numerous people join. This year reminds us that God is always ready to welcome us back into His arms despite of our sins because He loves us.

I had the privilege of joining the other parishioners of Our Lady of La Paz Parish in a pilgrimage to the Archdiocese of San Fernando, Pampanga last Sept. 3, 2016. These churches have historical significance and a peaceful environment making it a good place for pilgrims to go to. Fr. Gabby headed this pilgrimage with the help of Fr. James Roa, Fr. Rodel Enriquez and Fr. Jason

Labrador. Four buses were needed to accommodate 240 pilgrims composed of families, friends and others. We left La Paz, where we assembled, before dawn and traveled to Pampanga for an hour and a half. The first church visited was Sta. Ana Church. This church is one of Pampanga's best-looking churches and dates back to the 1800s. We prayed to St. Anne, mother of the Virgin Mary, and venerated her relic. San Pedro Apostol Parish in Apalit was the next church we visited. It is a neo-renaissance church. The church is dedicated to St. Peter, the apostle. Then we went to Metropolitan Cathedral, which was formerly called Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption. This neo-classical church is the seat of the Archdiocese of Pampanga. The fourth church we went to was the St. Augustine Parish where the relics of Sts. Augustine and Monica can be seen. This church is also known as the Lubao Church that was built in the 17th century in a neo-classical style. The group went to Divine Mercy Parish afterwards where we recited the rosary. Later, we visited the Apung Mamacalulu Shrine. Apung Mamacalulu means "Merciful Lord." The Apu, an image of Christ that is bruised, beaten and hurt for his ultimate act of love for us is sacrificing Himself for us.



The thanksgiving mass was held there. The Holy Rosary Parish was the last church we visited. This church gives off a Spanish-era vibe because of its design. Overall the pilgrimage was successful. We went home feeling more connected with God.

This pilgrimage made the pilgrims realize that God is everywhere. He is constantly waiting for us to go back to Him. Most of all, His mercy and love does not run out that He requires us to share it with the people around us.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is about to end but it does not mean that we should stop forgiving others, asking for God’s mercy and going to pilgrimages. Let this passing year be a reminder to us Catholics that we should be “merciful like the Father.” The parishioners are looking forward to another pilgrimage of the parish. Jesus knocks on the doors of our hearts and it is time that we should open them and let Him through because after all that we have done, He still accepts us for who we are.



## Marian Quiz Bee 2016

**S**a pagdiriwang ng kapistahan ng Mahal na Birhen ng Rosaryo sa ika-7 ng Oktubre, naglunsad ang parokya ng Our Lady of La Paz ng isang *Marian Quiz Bee 2016* na pinamunuan ng *Youth Ministry*. Naglalayon ito na mas makilala, lalo na ng mga kabataan, ang ating Mahal na Ina.

GINANAP ito noong Oktubre, unang araw ng pagbubukas ng Buwan ng Santo Rosaryo, Sabado ng gabi pagkatapos ng pagrosaryo sa harap ng Grotto ng mga kalahok. Ito ay nagsimula sa ganap na ika-8 hanggang ika-11 ng gabi sa loob ng simbahan na nilahukan ng mga kabataan ng La Paz. Bawat isang grupo ay mayroong apat na miyembro na binubuo ng elementarya (edad 6–12 taong gulang), mataas na paaralan (12–16), kolehiyo (16–20) at professional (20–39).

Nagsimula ang palatuntunan sa pamamagitan ng

panalangin na pinamunuan ng PPC President, Gege Comaling. Sinundan naman ito ng paunang salita ng Kura Paroko na si Fr. Gabriel Garcia. At nagsimula na ang laro na binigyang buhay ni Liza Lontoc bilang quiz bee master. Ang quiz bee ay hinati sa tatlong kategorya: Easy (*Identification at Multiple Choice*), Average (*Picture! Picture! at Enumeration*) at Difficult Round (*Modified True or False*). Ang bawat grupo ay nagtulong-tulong upang sagutan ang mga katanungan. Lahat ay napagdaanan ng mga kalahok sapagkat wala itong eliminasyon. Mula sa 10 grupong nakilahok, tatlong grupo ang nakakuha ng mataas na puntos mula sa kabuuan ng tatlong kategorya. Ang nangungang grupo ay may 97 puntos, ang pumangalawa, 85 puntos at ang pumangatlo, 83 puntos.

Ang mga nanalo ay ang mga sumusunod:

	<b>Propesyonal</b>	<b>Kolehiyo</b>	<b>Mataas na Paaralan</b>	<b>Elementarya</b>
<i>Unang Pwesto</i>	Jeramie Cardenas	Angelica Lontoc	Romulus Cardenas	Samantha Cardenas
<i>Ikalawang Pwesto</i>	Jan Villarino	Cristine Joy Ala	Cshayne Comboy	Madelane De Asis
<i>Ikatlong Pwesto</i>	Danica Oclarino	Jayson Ilagan	Raphael Reyes	Jake Cardenas

Matapos ang pagbibigay ng mga awards, munting regalo at *certificates* sa lahat ng mga kalahok, ito ay sinundan ng pagbibigay ng panghuling salita, panalangin at pagbasbas ni Fr. James Roa.

Hindi man nakuha ng lahat ang unang pwesto, wagi naman ang lahat ng lumahok na kabataan ng La Paz, mga nakinig at nanood dahil sa mga pani-bagong aral at natuklasan tungkol sa Mahal na Inang Maria. Higit pa sa pagkapanalo tiyak na masaya ang Mahal na Ina mula sa mga nag-organisa nito at maging sa pagtanggap ng mga kabataan ng La Paz mula sa paanyaya na lumahok sa quiz bee na ito; kagaya ni Maria na hindi nag-alinlangan at buong puso na tinanggap ang tawag ng Panginoon, nagpakita ang bawat isa ng kababaang loob, pagkakaisa at pagmamahal kay Hesus.



# WHISPERS FROM THE VALLEY: 31 Years and Counting

Sem. Charles Eugene A. Quiazon

Who could have thought that the St. Camillus College Seminary (SCCS) community will gather together once again to celebrate another year of founding anniversary? The sad news last year that the College would close down because of some circumstances became a wake-up call to all to strive and do a lot more so that SCCS will continue to produce more priests and religious. And lo and behold! Last Sept. 23, 2016, SCCS commemorated its 31st Foundation Anniversary coinciding with the annual English Week celebration. The gathering revolved around the theme: "To Face the Challenges in the Ministry of Love and Charity to the Poor and Sick." Due to the new academic year, the SCCS community cannot anymore celebrate the feast of its patron, St. Camillus de Lellis, which falls every 14th of July; that is why the gathering was also offered in honor of St. Camillus to remember his holiness and heroism especially to the poor and the sick.

In the morning, the program in connection with the English Week was held with Sems. Robert Jan Panizales and Rolly Revilla as emcees. The Invocation was interpreted by Sem. Kenneth Nualla followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem led by the SCCS Choir. One of the highly acclaimed English professors of SCCS, Dr. Robert M. Picart, in his opening remarks stressed the importance of celebrating the Foundation Anniversary and the use of English language in the life of a seminarian. Different contests highlighting English language proficiency followed:

- a) Spelling Bee—facilitated by Sem. George Kyle Academia;
- b) Choral Presentation—"Indian Serenade" (Percy Byshe Shelley) rendered by the 1st Year, "Desiderata" (Max Ehrmann) by the 2nd Year

and "Annabel Lee" (Edgar Allan Poe) by the 3rd Year;

- c) Declamation and Oration—"A Psalm of Life" (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow) delivered by Sem. Adrian Gabriel Anglo, Jr., "The Educated Man" (Jovito R. Salonga) by Sem. Edgar Basas, Jr., and "The Church and Nationalism" (Raul S. Manglapus) by Sem. Jayson Villones; and
- d) Argumentative Speeches about "Death Penalty" delivered by Sems. Osben Pantorilla on the affirmative side and Reynald Lismoras on the negative side.

All the seminarians were enthusiastically active throughout the course of the contests. Present and former professors of SCCS graced the event as judges: Ms. Myriam dela Cruz, Ms. Gina Padilla and Ms. Rosario Armada.

An hour before noon, the Thanksgiving Mass was offered by the SCCS Rector/President, Rev. Fr. Rey Sentillas, MI, concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Ferdinand Dulong of the Diocese of Novaliches. It was also offered to celebrate the memory of St. "Padre Pio" of Pietrelcina whose feast fell on that day and, most of all, in honor of St. Camillus who was somehow connected with the Capuchins where Padre Pio belonged to. The idea of "there is a time for everything" was the theme of Fr. Rey's homily as he recalled his memories in SCCS, how SCCS encountered its ups and downs just to remain standing for 31 years. He urged everyone especially the seminarians to follow the examples of Padre Pio and St. Camillus as they continue to discern for the vocation to priesthood and religious life. The deceased members of the SCCS community were all remembered during the Prayers of the Faithful. The Mass was attended also by the generous benefactors







Tokens of appreciation were presented to the judges while certificates and medals were given to the contest winners, including winners of the Essay Writing and Poster Making Contests held weeks before the event. The SCCS Choir with their admirable voices rendered their own version of “Paraiso” while two members of The United Performing Artists of Camillus presented a dance number. To formally end the celebration, Dr. Estrellita Madriaga, the Dean of Studies, thanked all those who took part in making the celebration a successful one. Everyone then rose and with one voice sung the “Hymn to St. Camillus” to acclaim his bravery in facing the challenges in his ministry of loving and showing charity to the poor and sick.

Anchored with strength and courage from the Lord, with the inspiration of St. Camillus, the SCCS is now ready to face many more years of knowing, loving and serving. SCCS will be forever grateful for the 31 years—and counting.

who are so sincere in helping the seminary. Lunch was served in the Seminary Refectory and everyone enjoyed the good food and the company of good friends.

The celebration continued in the afternoon with the short musical play by the ACTS Class (of 4th Year students) entitled “This War is for You” from the musical play “The Gentle Warrior” written by Fr. James Reuter, SJ. With the piano accompaniment of Music professor Gene Vito, the play covered the important events in the life of St. Camillus. The audience developed an LSS (Last Song Syndrome), hearing them singing the lines of the play even after the event.

Academic achievers were also recognized. Making it on the Dean’s List for the second semester of 2015–2016 were: Sems. Marlou Aguilar, Rolly Revilla and Vian Rey Miguel Quipanes (1st Year); Sem. Reynald Lismoras (2nd Year); and Sems. Paul Austin Echavez, Charles Eugene Quiazon and Joshua Daniel Villanueva (3rd Year).



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It is through the celebration of the Eucharist that the community is united in Christ, and from where they draw the love and pastoral zeal necessary for carrying out their ministry [Constitution, Spiritual Life #63]. A community recollection is also done quarterly where each member, except Br. Eric, takes turn to facilitate. And annually, the community goes for a spiritual retreat.

The members have their regular monthly meeting to discuss relevant matters concerning the life of the community. Sometimes it is done informally during dinner-time.

All members have their day off on Mondays. (On Sundays, members of the community are busy

celebrating Masses in some hospitals, parishes, and ethnic chaplaincies and still daytime on-call in Westmead Hospitals [Children’s & General]). Although this day is intended to gather the members for a casual get-together or do some recreational activities together, it is oftentimes spent on household chores, medical/dental appointments, car service, or by simply staying at home to rest.

The house at #8 Perry Street in Wentworthville may always be quiet and alone during the day but when its occupants are home, it stands proud and blessed. Who wouldn’t be when you have St. Camillus inside you. Yep!

# CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION: Graduation Message

Sr. Digna Paglinawan, FAS



CPE Graduation at the Philippine Heart Center under the St. Camillus Pastoral Healthcare Center, August 31, 2016

Peace and goodwill!

In today's world, we are used to disguises, whether for the fear of rejection by others or for the fear of exposing ourselves.

Often, we are simply afraid to find out who we really are. But not always do we disguise or are we afraid. Sometimes we simply go through life thinking we are something that we are not.

We mistake that identity, we have created for ourselves for the real I... for the real YOU. And this is a big challenge on the journey of finding ourselves: not to be deceived by what seems to be our personality on the surface, but to dig deeper and find out our true selves.

The CPE journey somehow starts the digging and the gathering of our self and it is up to us to invest further.

The experience we had for 10 weeks, our visits and talk to patients, the serious commitment each time we are the on-call duty at night, the paper works and reading reports and most of all the group process provided as the picture of becoming a person and a minister in our own context. I hope that deep within us we captured the gift that God has given ... we have accepted it with gratitude and we plan to share the gift to others through our service—our ministry.

God has created such a beautiful and balanced world. The core of our being—our souls are as beautiful as the world around us. I believe that only knowing, really knowing who we are on the inside will result in us being more in tune with the outside world. The journey of becoming and staying no matter how the situation is, is not easy. One may encounter disappointment and will certainly experience a great deal of confusion along the way.

But one must have the courage and character to continue, despite the difficulties. It is a long, but rewarding journey of understanding and enlightenment. A journey that one day will lead us to our true happiness, and perhaps, will make us start to look for answers not from the mind but from the heart and soul.

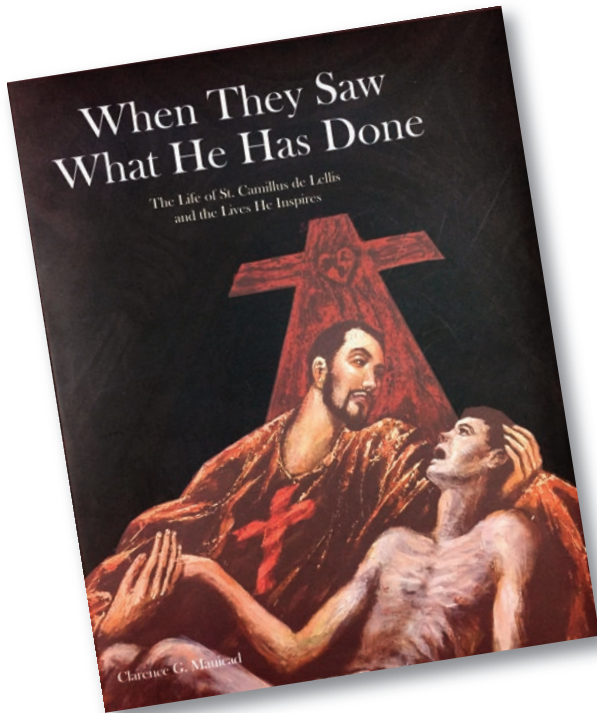
Thank you for this program to the Camillian Congregation—through Fr. Rodel, the Asia Center for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACCE), through Pastor Rey G. Salo, the Philippine Heart Center, the patients and their families and the staff and to all of you who became our co-journeyer, thank you so much. And to our formators and rectors, our deepest gratitude.

May God bless us all!



# OUR GRATITUDE IS FOREVER: The Blessing in Helping

Maria Jesusa C. De Jesus



Yes, you read the title right. I referred to the act of helping as the blessing. Not vice versa.

I know what you may be thinking, how can helping be the blessing when the one helping is supposedly the one bringing the blessing? Isn't it supposedly the other way around? Normally, we consider something a blessing if something is given to us—a gift, a token, something with monetary value. As a result, the one receiving something is grateful. And that night on Oct. 15, 2016 at St. Camillus Provincialate compound was all about being grateful, thus the theme, Our Gratitude is Forever—Benefactors and Collaborators Night.

But that night was different. As Rev. Fr. Evan Paul Villanueva said in his welcoming remarks, he did not gather their benefactors and collaborators to raise funds, but rather to thank them, referring them as the Camillians' PARTNERS. Rev. Fr. Dan Cancino presented what the Camillians are doing—the programs, the projects, the people being touched, the lives being changed—and their Partners' significant role in all of these.

The celebration started with the Holy Eucharist presided by Rev. Fr. Rey Sentillas, who, in his homily, stressed the importance of being persistent in prayer. The Mass was followed by the program. The brothers from the SCCS shared their singing talent in a musical number about the life of St. Camillus.

After dinner, the Camillian Fathers called each Partner on the stage; and as a token of appreciation, each one was presented with the much-awaited coffee table book, "When They Saw What He Has Done," written by Mr. Clarence Manicad.

I, a Partner of the Camillians, see this night as an opportunity to be thankful and feel blessed for being one with them in all their ministries. Being given the opportunity to help is a blessing, the most humbling and most rewarding gift that can ever be given to anyone. Indeed, it was a night of celebration for the gift of "persons," who, in one way or another, have helped the Camillians.

May we all continue to be persevering in prayer for us to be able to continue being each other's partners in praying, in levelling up our call to serve and in carrying out the mission of our Father St. Camillus in serving the sick.





# CTF PHILIPPINES: New CBDRM Trainors

Fr. Rodolfo "Dan" Cancino Jr., MI

With the help of Community Disaster Preparedness Foundation, Inc., more than 30 trainors were formed for the Camillian Task Force Philippines on Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction Management (CBDRM). All of the participants come from the Camillian Ministry areas in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao including Camillian-run hospitals.

Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) is a specialization course that introduces concepts, tools, and mechanisms to help design and implement community-based disaster risk management programs. The course highlights the flexibility and innovation required for these community-based initiatives. Further, it underscores the need for greater engagement with people and a better understanding of their risks and resources in Camillian communities.

## Aims

The workshop, held on Oct. 24–29, 2016 at St. Camillus Pastoral Health Center, Quezon City, aims to enhance an understanding among the disaster managers and development practitioners about community-based approaches to disaster risk management, its relationship with sustainable community development and participatory tools and techniques for disaster and development.

## CBDRM1

This first 2-day learning workshop is the first introductory module on community-based approaches to disaster management (CBDM). This module aims at introducing basic concepts of community-based disaster risk management and develops a common understanding about the link between disaster and development management.

## CBDRM2

Community participatory approaches in CBDRM. This is the second module that introduces community-based participatory approaches, tools and techniques used throughout the disaster risk management cycle. This session also helps the learners understand the applications of the same approaches in linking disaster risk management with development. The tools and techniques introduced under this module will be applied to carry out the disaster risk assessment, community-based disaster risk management planning; designing local initiatives and participatory monitoring and evaluation. This 3-day long learning workshop aims at developing practical skills among the learners on the applications of participatory tools and techniques to carry out CBDRM activities.





# CBDRRM Orientation

About 45 partners from the Cainta community, 42 partners from Our Lady of La Paz Parish, Makati City and 52 partners from Our Lady of Annunciata Parish, Boso-Boso, Antipolo City have undergone orientation on Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction Management (CBDRRM) last Oct. 9, Oct. 15, and Oct. 22, 2016, respectively.

The orientation is an initial step that aims to:

1. Create service delivery network/multisectoral partnership especially during disasters
2. Identify potential Camillian Task Force Philippines (CTF-Ph) focal persons for partnerships
3. Link CBDRRM with existing local DRRM plans in barangays and local governments units (LGUs)
4. Build communitarian awareness on the need of CBDRRM

To the three communities, our heartfelt thanks!

## CAINTA



## MAKATI



## ANTIPOLO







in: social media, networking, communications, relationships, and more. In the morning Fr. Norman Melchor Peña, SSP, shared on the use and misuse of Social Media in the New Evangelization. In the afternoon was the discussion on the abuse and misconduct among Religious facilitated by Bob Garon with Frs. Mel and Allan.

Frs. Nato Maliwat (presider), Ignasius Sibar (homilist) and John Jay Magpusao led the community in thanking the Lord for the gift of relationship.

**Day 4:** Updating the Camillians with bioethical issues that are very useful in the Camillian ministry especially in the hospitals and care for the sick. Fr. Rodel Enriquez, MI, led in this updating and challenged the community that this is one way of expressing God's very heart—MERCY.

**Day 5:** Fr. Baby Ellickal, MI, Provincial of the Indian Province, gave a heartwarming talk on the topic "Rereading the Camillian Charism and Spirituality in the light of the Year of Mercy." It was a good way of concluding these series of talks with Camillians and God's Mercy as exemplified by our saintly Father Camillus.

The seminar culminated with a Marian Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Annunciata Parish in Boso-Boso, Antipolo City and Regina Rica in Tanay, Rizal on Oct. 22, 2016.

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#### Birthdays

Fr. Aristelo D. Miranda	03/09/1967
Fr. Amelio Troietto	05/09/1950
Fr. Avensius Harung	11/09/1978
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Fr. Marcelo L. Pamintuan Jr.	16/09/1968
Fr. Diosdado C. Haber	28/09/1965
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Fr. Jacob Wong Haw Ran	04/09/2006
Fr. Ignasius Sibar	25/09/2011
Fr. David Lee Taichuen	28/09/1996

### OCTOBER

#### Birthdays

Fr. Renato P. Sales	07/10/1960
Sch. Ronnel B. Agpay	14/10/1992
Fr. Angel V. Crisostomo	30/10/1975
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Fr. Alfons Oles	18/10/2009

Fr. Cyrelus Suparman Andri	24/10/2010
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Fr. Brian Vincent Q. Rances	25/11/1982
Fr. Primitivo S. Guinit	27/11/1969

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