



3rd International Meeting of Camillian Parish Priests and Rectors

Fr. Wilson Peñaranda, MI



Last April 19, 2017, 48 participants coming from 15 different nations and different provinces and delegations of the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm met at Santa Fe Center, São Paulo, Brazil. They were gathered to share and reflect on the identity of the Camillian parishes as a place of “Koinonia, Diakonia, Kerygma.” Frs. Jose Eloja, Gabriel Garcia, and Wilson Peñaranda represented the Philippine Province.

On the first day, Fr. Antonio Mendez Freitas, MI, gave his welcome address to the participants and presented the different aspects of the life and ministries of the province. Brazil was chosen to be the venue of this international meeting because it has the largest number of parishes—10 parishes that are taken care of. Aside from that, they have already the statute of the Camillian parishes that will be used in preparing the guidelines for parishes in our Order.

Fr. Leocir Pessini, MI, gave his address reflecting on the reason for the gathering. He looked at the parish ministry as a venue where we could exercise our charism because the people entrusted in the ministry

are also wounded who need to be cared for. He also emphasized the importance of lay collaborators in this ministry and formation should be given to them so that the odor of Camillian charism can be smelled by people in the parish community.

Fr. Aris Miranda, MI, General Consultor for Ministry, presented to the body the flow of the meeting. There will be sharing of invited speakers, reflection and group sharing. He also explained the logo of the meeting: Koinonia, diakonia and kerygma embedded on each person with the Camillian red cross. This logo should be embedded too in every Camillian parish to have its distinct character. He also added, “there are two images that may accompany the development of a ‘Camillian



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Fr. Jose P. Eloja, MI



Installation and Commissioning of the Provincial Superior, Fr. Jose Eloja, MI

On May 1, 2017, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, at the end of the first day of the Annual Retreat of the religious of the Camillian Philippine Province, was the installation and commissioning of the new Provincial Superior, Fr. Jose "Jojo" P. Eloja, MI. The mass and the installation was presided by Fr. Rolando J. Fernandez, MI, outgoing provincial who thanked all the religious for their collaboration and commitment during his term. In a special way, he underlined the great contributions of his councilors for their untiring commitment and great ideas: Fr. Evan Paul Villanueva, MI—Secretariat for Finance; Fr. Renante Sentillas, MI—Secretariat for Formation; Fr. Gabriel V. Garcia, MI—Secretariat for Ministry and Fr. Ruben Mandin, MI—Secretariat for Mission. Moreover, he expressed his confidence and assurance of God's abiding presence and wisdom to the new provincial.

The newly installed provincial, Fr. Jojo, later in the evening held his first ever audience in the form of a General Assembly with the religious in the Philippines. He expressed his guiding principles for his term as a provincial.

"Tenderness is not weakness; it is fortitude. It is the path of solidarity, the path of humility. Please, allow me to say it loud and clear: the more powerful you are, the more your actions will have an impact on people, the more responsible you are to act humbly. If you don't, your power will ruin you, and you will ruin the other. There is a saying in Argentina: 'Power is like drinking gin on an empty stomach.' You feel dizzy, you get drunk, you lose your balance, and you will end up hurting yourself and those around you, if you don't connect your power with humility and tenderness. Through humility and concrete love, on the other hand, power—the highest, the strongest one—becomes a service, a force for good." (Fr. Jojo's message after his installation, quoting from Pope Francis' message during the TED Conference, Vancouver, Canada, April 25, 2017)

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(English translation by Fr. Jacob Wong, MI)

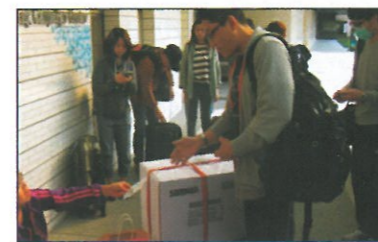
CADIS海外醫療行 (CADIS Medical Mission Overseas)

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7天的海外醫療, 在3/11歸國後平安落幕了!
還記得出發當天, 一早即到醫院報到, 做最後相關程序及醫療物品的確認後, 一行人便在太陽的護送下浩浩蕩蕩前往目的地——菲律賓。

(7 days of overseas medical mission came to the end on 3/11 safe and sound.)

I remember the day that I reported to the medical team so early and made sure all related procedure and medical materials are done. Then, under the bright sunlight, we set off to the destination, "Philippines".



圖一 運送物資的確認
(Photo 1. Confirmed the materials for transportation)



圖二 出發囉! 夥伴們
(Photo 2. Set off! Folks!)

休息了些許時間, 我們在凌晨2點多集合改搭小型飛機趕往偏僻鄉壤, 那裏的鄉民已經準備等著我們的到來……看到周圍的環境, 大概是我們30年前的生活水平吧! 沒有繁華都市的吵雜、沒有高樓大廈、沒有霓虹燈、也沒有汽車呼嘯而過; 有的只是蟲鳴鳥叫、夜晚的星空閃閃亮亮、自己要去汲取需要的水……在準備就緒後, 立即展開這次的任務, 一點也不敢耽擱。

幾天下來, 汗沒少流過, 身是疲憊的, 心是滿足的; 被醫治的病患, 從原本的滿面愁容到溢於言表的感激神情, 一一盡收眼底, 大家幾乎都會吵著要和醫療團隊合影, 只是, 這手邊的工作一放下, 不知道又會耽誤到多少患者, 就不敢貿然答應這樣的請求, 最後只能在結束所有的事情之後, 和大家「搏感情」。

(Took a breath, and we switched to a light aircraft bound for a rural area at 2 a.m. The residents there were waiting for our coming and, well, the surroundings were just like living standard 30 years ago in Taiwan, without the noise of prosperous urban, tall buildings, street lights or loud dense traffic, but the birds and insects chirping, starry night and water fetching by local method. We started our medical mission without hesitation immediately after all the things had been done.)

Gone through these days, the crew sweated a lot and were so tired, but felt so satisfied. We saw many residents, who were cured, from frowning to smiles of appreciation, and almost everyone was eager to take pictures with the crew. However, we

could not delay our work on hand and excuse ourselves from yearning for taking photos for fear that the other patients might wait too long. Eventually, we finally had the chance to bond with the Philippine residents at the end of the work.)



圖三 等待看病的鄉民
(Photo 3. Waiting for physician service time)

在菲律賓的日子, 規律的起床、義診、收工, 總難免有些意外。有一天, 我們像擠沙丁魚般, 全都塞在不算大的箱型車內, 在收工返回下榻住處的途中, 不知道是承受不了大家的重量, 還是輪胎耗損, 竟在陰雨綿綿的氣候下——爆胎了! 這突如其來的意外, 讓大家有點措手不及。幸好, 平時對車子稍有研究的我, 在這個時候派上用場了, 雖不是很熟稔的拿起工具, 卻是希望能夠盡快的掛上新的輪胎, 好讓我們能夠少耽誤點時間, 只是這一來一往, 我背後的衣服, 不知道是雨呢? 還是汗了! 除了醫人, 還外加「醫」車咧!

(During the days in the Philippines, we got up regularly, did pro bono service and finished the work at the end of the day, and sometimes, accidents are inevitable. One day, we, the crew, were packed like sardines in minivans on the way back to the accommodation after a day's work. Not sure whether the weight of the crew or the worn-out tires on such a tiny rainy day... but our tires blew out! This unexpected accident caught the crew off guard. Luckily, it was my stage to perform my private preference to car knowledge. Though I may not be good at holding the repair tools, I tried my best to put on the new tires as soon as possible in order not to waste too much time. I was not sure whether it was the rain or the sweat that soaked my back. Not only performed therapy for the patients, but also to the van.)



圖四 順便治治這輪胎吧
(Photo 4. Therapy for our van)

時間在不知不覺中一分一秒悄悄地流逝~我們的任務也宣告尾聲, 加總這次的看病人數大約一千多人, 大大小小手術也做了幾十人, 在合影留念的時候, 不難看出我們的肩膀是垂下的、背是駝的, 但是這次的收穫讓大家都很有成就感, 每個人的嘴角是上揚的! 這些天, 手一直沒停過, 再加上準備衛材、器械時, 考慮的不夠周全, 在物資貧瘠的地方, 只能說

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A Celebration of Life at 60



(Homily delivered by Fr. Ivo Anselmi, MI, at the Thanksgiving Mass for the 60th birthday anniversary of Fr. Rolando Fernandez, MI [April 29, 2017])

It's a great privilege to be here this evening, to celebrate this special occasion: the 60th birthday anniversary of our dear Fr. Rolly. And your presence here shows how much he means to all of us: relatives, confreres and friends. When I was preparing my homily for today, I asked different people what they thought I should talk about Fr. Rolly's 60th birthday anniversary. "Talk about his personality," someone told me. "Bring up the grace of his call to religious and priestly life," another person suggested. "You might go into the idea of highlighting his good achievements as a formator, financial administrator, provincial superior," someone said. But one of my friends who also knows Fr. Rolly very well, when I asked him what I should say, he thought for a moment. And then smiled, "Tell them," he said, "THAT HE IS A HAPPY PRIEST." There you have it. The shortest homily I could give on an evening like this. In five words: **here is a happy priest!**

But what marks his personality, I think, is more than just happiness. It's something wider and deeper: **IT'S JOY.**

I was thought by my novice master: "that joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." Knowing Fr. Rolly, working beside him all these years, I have seen it. And I agree. Joy brings us close to God, closer to his Holy Spirit, and a joyful priest magnifies that by bringing with that joy, a sense of the holy—a sense of God's grace at work. What a blessing that is!

But there is something else. Something deeply personal. Joy in Fr. Rolly's life comes from responsibility, a committed prayer life, a sense of sacrifice, love for our Order and something else. That something else is pure **LOVE.**

The joy of Fr. Rolly, the joy of every priest, is the joy of a man in love. In love with his vocation. In love with his people. In love with his God.

Look into the eyes of Fr. Rolly and you will see it. You will see someone who has found "that look of love in Christ."

Because the story of the priesthood is a love story. It is about falling in love with the God who loves you, and feeling that love so deeply, that you want to spend your life bringing it to others in the most simple but profound ways: in drops of water, in crumbs of bread, in the sign of the cross, in the confessional or at the bedside of the sick.



Being a priest means you love people and your faith so much that you want to bring Christ to them. Yes, being a priest is a love story.

And how blessed we have been because Fr. Rolly has been here for so many years to share that love story with us. We have been part of it. And he has been part of us.

Dear Fr. Rolly, six long decades of life haven't slowed you down even a bit. You are happy, healthy and tremendously fit. **Grace, dignity, maturity and wisdom—this is how I would describe your personality.** But there is one quality that calls for special mention on the occasion of your birthday. It is the quality of fidelity. You have been faithful to the promises made to the Lord during your religious profession and priestly ordination!

Of course Fr. Rolly would be the last person to say that life has been all a bed of roses. Joy is the by-product of suffering and sacrifice. We all have had to tread our stony paths, yet as one writer had said so well: "If God sends us on a stony path, he also provides us with strong shoes." Fr. Rolly has walked through life in strong

shoes and has successfully maneuvered many stony paths over the last 60 years. The prophet Jeremiah says the same thing in a challenging phrase: "it is good for a man to bear the yoke from youth to a buoyant old age." In this way we reach a nobility and a humanity, which is something more precious than gold.

Dear Fr. Rolly you have blessed so many lives through your faithful ministry. May you be blessed greatly in return on this special day.

On the occasion on your birthday we want to tell you how much you mean to our Camillian community. You truly exemplify what it means to serve as a faithful Camillian religious priest. Truly you can proudly say "I have crossed six decades of a very meaningful life."

However turning 60 maybe the beginning of the sunset period of your life. But don't be disheartened because sunsets are some of the beautiful spectacles. All you have to do is to sit back and enjoy the view.

One last remark: don't worry about turning senior citizen: look at the bright side; you can now avail of senior citizen discounts! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. ROLLY!**

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE ANNUNCIATA: Fiesta 2017



His saving plan, He called Mary to be the mother of His Son. Her "fiat" realized God's saving plan for us. He also challenged the faithful to give importance to God, to his Son Jesus Christ our Savior. To put into action our prayers could be the best way to show that we give importance to God, too. Towards the end of the Mass, he blessed the small image of *Nanay Ciata*. Through the generosity of Fr. Marvin Borda of the Diocese of Antipolo and Larry Javier of Our Lady of Abandoned Parish, the dream of the parish of bringing back the old tradition of *Nanay Ciata* could now be realized. The parish would use the said image for "piging" and blessing of farmland. A sumptuous lunch was served after the Mass and everybody was welcomed to join the feast. Frs. Jojo Eloja and Evan Villanueva also came and joined. Fr. Wilson would like to extend his thanks to all who, in one way or another, shared their time, talent and treasures. It was a great day of celebrating the fiesta of our *Nanay Ciata* because she blessed us and would continue to bless us through her intercession to her Son, Jesus Christ.



March 11 and 12 of this year marked the fiesta of the parish in Boso-Boso. On the eve of the fiesta, there was a procession for our *Nanay Ciata* (as we call our patroness). She was joined by other patron saints of different chapels: Black Nazarene, Sto. Niño, Our Lady of Fatima, San Isidro Labrador, San Antonio de Padua and St. Camillus. It was a long queue of people and everybody was praying during the event. Those in their homes went out to see our Lady with their lighted candles. The procession was concluded by the parish priest, Fr. Wilson Peñaranda, with a prayer and blessing of sacred images and the people.

On the feast day itself, several Camillian priests celebrated the Mass, which was presided over by Fr. Rolando Fernandez, MI, provincial of the Camillians in the Philippine Province. Frs. Rey Sentillas, Brian Rances, Ely Navarro, Michael Gimena and Dado Haber came. Sch. Anthony Ongcal also helped in the celebration of the Mass. In Fr. Fernandez's homily, he emphasized how God showed to us our importance. In order to realize

OUR LADY OF LA PAZ PARISH: OLLP Lenten Pilgrimage

Aileen Sacdalan



Inside St. John the Baptist Church, Liliw, Laguna

PILGRIMAGES evoke our earthly journey toward heaven and are traditionally very special occasion of renewal in prayer. (CCC, 2691)

Pilgrimage has been a part of our spiritual nourishment. We visit different churches and places not only to view the aesthetic structures of each church but more importantly it answers our yearning to be intimate with God and gives us a purer sense of His mercy and love. To make our pilgrimage more interesting Fr. Rodel Enriquez, MI, educated us about the history of each churches.

In the observance of the Lenten season, Our Lady of La Paz journeying as one community went on a Lenten pilgrimage in the different towns of Laguna. Incidentally, the Diocese of San Pablo is celebrating its Golden Jubilee, hence, the bishop declared a Holy Year of Thanksgiving and during this year, with the grant of Pope Francis, the faithful who will visit a jubilee church in the diocese can obtain plenary indulgence for themselves or for the souls in purgatory.

The first church that we visited was the Our Lady of the Pillar Parish in Alaminos, built in 1815. St. Joaquin was its first patron but because the image of the Blessed Virgin was miraculously found inside a well and

the many answered prayers of the faithful, the people made her their patroness to show their gratitude.

There was an ongoing Mass when we arrived so we prayed the 1st and 2nd Stations of the Cross outside the church where Fr. James led the prayer. After praying a Brother welcomed us.

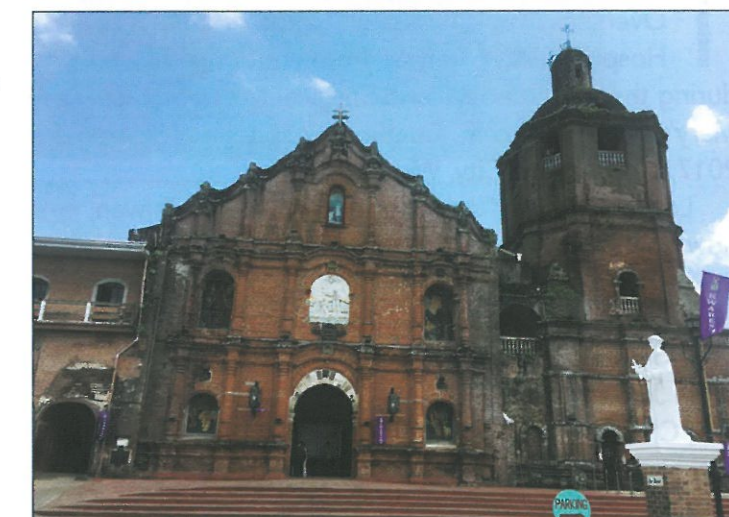
The second church we visited was St. Paul the First Hermit in San Pablo founded in 1590 by the religious order of St. Augustine, better known as the Augustinians. Fr. Mateo Mendoza was its first parish priest. In 1749 its administration was ceded to the Franciscans. In 1967, with the erection of the Diocese of San Pablo, it gained the dignity of a Cathedral and is the Mother Church of all the Catholic churches and chapels in Laguna and San Pablo City. Fr. Gabby Garcia, MI, led the prayers for the 3rd and 4th Stations of the Cross. There was a wedding so we prayed in the patio. The weather was hot but the pilgrims did not mind. Afterwards we had picture taking.

The third church we visited was St. Bartholomew of the Apostle in Nagcarlan built in 1752 but was destroyed by fire in 1781. It was rebuilt in 1845 and had an architectural baroque style.

There was again a wedding so we prayed in a little chapel at the back. Fr. Rodel led the 5th, 6th and 7th Stations of the Cross.

Then the fourth church was St. John the Baptist in Liliw. The original structure was built in 1620 but a stronger stone church was built from 1643 to 1646 and was partially destroyed during the 1880 Luzon earth-

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St. John the Baptist Church, Liliw, Laguna

Fr. John Jay C. Magpusao, MI

Service has no language barrier



This was once again proven by the members of the Overseas Medical Mission Corps of St. Mary's Hospital/CADIS Taiwan from Luodong, Taiwan, during the joint Medical and Surgical Mission of St. Mary's Hospital and St. Camillus Hospital on March 6-8, 2017, in Calbayog City, Western Samar.

Led by Fr. Jose "Jojo" P. Eloja, MI, Team Taiwan, now on its third time of doing mission in the island of Samar, was composed of doctors (surgeons, neurologist, and general practitioner), nurses, pharmacists, social worker, dietician, and other volunteers. They were Chen Jen-Yong, Lin Guo-Bo with his wife Dr. Roselyn Jim, Chu Tung-Wei, Kao Yeh-Chan, Weng Ching-Yi, Lu Mei-Lin, Lin Jui-Yu, Li Chih-Ying, Li Chang, Chi Chih-

Hsien, Wu Yu-Ju, Lee Li-Chiu, Lin Jia-Duo, Yu Fang-Ling, and Hsu Yu-Yuan.

Fr. Jaime "James" A. Roa, MI, together with couple Drs. Arnel and Gina Angeles from St. Camillus Polyclinic in Brgy. La Paz, Makati City, also came over and extended their services during the mission held at St. Camillus Hospital Social Center, Brgy. Pilar, and Oquendo Poblacion.

Aside from the staff from St. Camillus Hospital, nurses coming from Calbayog City Health Office likewise helped in the 3-day activity which served a total of 1,121 senior citizens, persons with disability, adults, and pediatric patients.

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quake. The most impressive feature of the church is the facade made of striking red bricks and adobe. An image of San Buenaventura sits at the center of the chapel. "In 1664, this image wept and sweated blood with Padre Juan Pastor and 120 witnesses."

We celebrated the Mass here and afterwards we had our picnic lunch. We were delayed on our way out because of the many pilgrims who also visited the place but that did not dampen the jovial mood we all had.

The fifth church was the St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Majajjay. The church was first built made of cogon and wood and was dedicated to Mary Magdalene. A permission to build a stone church was ordered in 1829. To secure funds for the building of the stone church, the people were obliged to pay taxes and dredge sand and stones from the river. The construction was halted in 1849 but was finished in 1855. The Filipino revolutionary leader General Emilio Jacinto sought refuge in the convent where his blood stains has been preserved and can still be seen.

Here we prayed the 8th, 9th and 10th Stations. Then the pilgrims looked around and bought souvenirs.

The sixth church we visited was the Diocesan Shrine of St. Anthony of Padua. It was built in 1578 and was

made only of bamboo and for 18 years the people of Pila helped out in building a church made of stone. It is said that it was the biggest and the most beautiful church in Laguna in those days. Fr. Oropesa was the first Parish Priest and received the first bell, a gift from the King of Spain in 1581. In July 9, 2002, the parish was elevated to Diocesan Shrine of St. Anthony of Padua. Here we prayed the remaining Stations of the Cross and afterwards took pictures and looked around.

The seventh and last church we visited was the Diocesan Shrine of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in UP Los Baños. A chapel was built in honor of St. Therese in 1927 with a seating capacity of 120 people. Since then, it became the unofficial university chapel. The parish was officially established under the Archdiocese of Lipa in 1958. Priests from the Society of Divine Word (SVD) administered the parish for 33 years. The present church with a seating capacity of 1,500 was built and blessed in 1971. In 2013, the relics of St. Therese visited the UPLB community as part of its world pilgrimage. The parish church was elevated to a Diocesan Shrine on Oct. 1, 2016. We were late in getting here because of the heavy traffic but nevertheless we had our final blessing. On our way home, despite of the heaviness of the traffic we all felt renewed and that we all were truly journeying as one community.



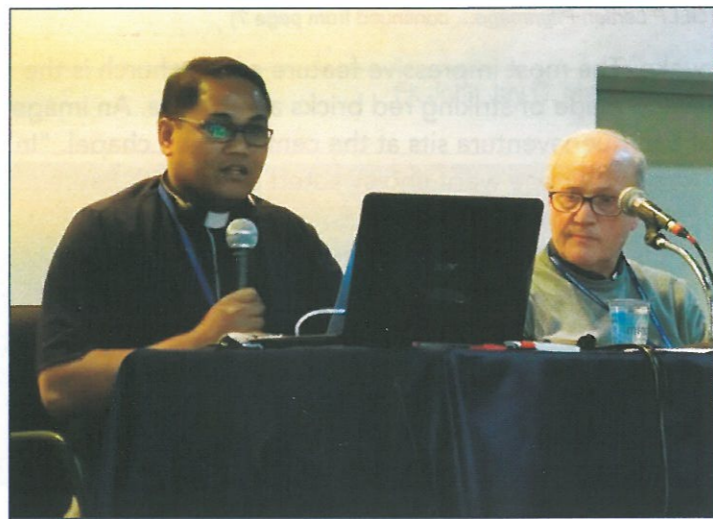
Altar of St. Anthony de Padua Church, Pila, Laguna



Outside the Our Lady of the Pillar Parish

parish' in the modern times—being a 'field hospital after the battle,' and being an 'open hospital' for welcoming and caring the wounded. In this context, as Camillian religious we can depict ourselves at present as the 'Samaritan Camillians,' with the 'heart in their hands,' moving towards the existential peripheries of life especially to the most needy."

On the second day, the meeting started with the reflection of the Most Rev. Prosper Kontiebo, a Camillian Bishop of Tenkodogo, Burkina Faso. His talk was centered on the parish as a place of communion, evangelization and mission. He said "the Camillian religious who have parochial or diocesan pastoral responsibilities should remain Camillian in their mission, to live fully the charism in their respective assignment, and in forming communities, to live the spirit of St. Camillus who was sensitive to the suffering people and the needy." He also added: "Pope Francis says, the shepherd must emanate the smell of his sheep, and the sheep must emanate also the smell of their shepherd." He also said: 'beginning with the tension between the Camillian vocation and parochial pastoral commitment, we will try to show that managing a parish or a sanctuary by a Camillian religious is not a deformation of his vocation, but

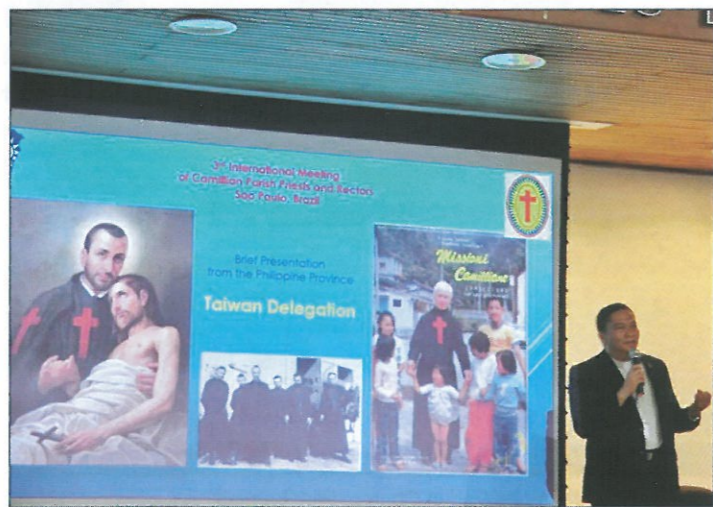


traying his vocation, his mission? How can you be a Camillian and parish priest? Is not a deformation or a vocational deviation? Does managing a parish or sanctuary really correspond to the Camillian charism? Then reporting followed. In our group, the sharing started with the question: How can we relate the charism of the Order to the young people? Our group started to exchange in answering the question as well as going through other reflections. Fr. Wilson, the reporter of the English-speaking group, reported the following: first, there are people working and sharing our charism because there are people who share our ministry in visiting and caring for the sick. The reason for this is that they are attracted with our charism. Second, we invite them to join us in living out our charism. Third, as our responsibility as Camillian, we have to train and catechize them the importance of serving the sick and in serving them we should respect their religion and belief. Fourth, we have to make them feel that they are also Camillian, engaged in serving the sick. Last, a call for personal witnessing as Camillian that lay people should see in us religious.

In the afternoon, Fr. Viceno Capozza and his two lay

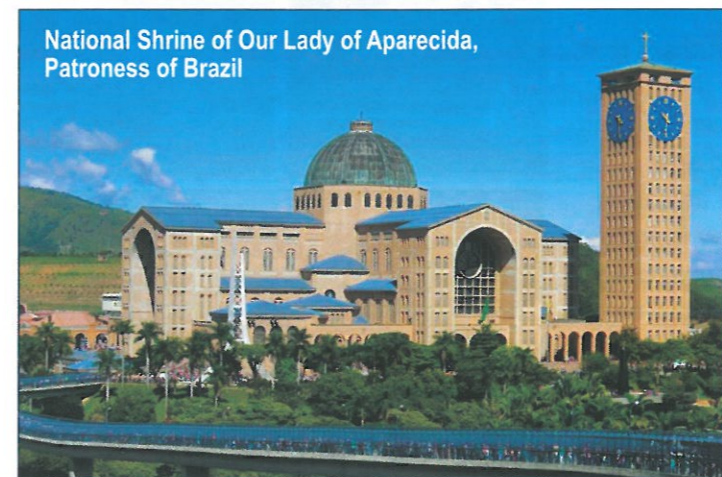


another way of living the Camillian charism." It was responded by Fr. Gabriel, a parish priest from Makati City, Philippines. He shared his experiences "in managing parish pastoral program with a commitment to integrate in a more structured was pastoral health care and animation of service to the sick into the complex parish ministerial activity." After their talks, the group started their sharing with questions: How can a Camillian religious who has vowed to serve the sick even at risk of life, become an assistant parish priest or rector of a sanctuary and then a pastor and much more a bishop without be-



collaborators of the Sicilian-Neapolitan province, present an experience of a "Camillian parish mission," a new model of witnessing the merciful love of Jesus Christ. "The role of the parish priest is to raise awareness of his person, his pastoral care to the same community towards the pastoral health and humanization of health. It is a moment of involving young people, families, and other members of the parish community who are formed and sensible to the theme of pain and suffering through sharing of their personal experiences, the celebration of the sacraments of healing and hope." After his talk, the different provinces started to present their respective parishes with its short history and describing its total context. This continued until the morning of the third day.

After the presentation on the third day, the rest of the day was intended on discussion about the statute of Camillian parishes of the Brazilian Province. The group tried to reflect and contextualize the said statute. The Archbishop of São Paulo, Cardinal Odilo Pedro Scherer, visited us during lunch. He made a short reflection on the importance of parish ministry and he was also grateful to the Camillian presence in the country.



After collating what we have shared, Fr. Gabriel presented to the body what we feel need to be revised in order that the statute would be applicable to all.

The fourth day was a break from the meeting. The group went on a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida, Patroness of Brazil. It will be celebrating its 300 years foundation. The group practically stayed there for a day, celebrated the Mass, explored the place and bought some presents.

The concluding day was the presentation for the final drafting of the statute for Camillian parishes. It was presented by Fr. Aris. The body listened and clarified things about the statute. Before officially ending the meeting, some delegates gave their words of thanks to the Brazilian Province in general for the warm welcome and accommodations.

We ended the meeting with Eucharist presided over by the Superior General, Fr. Leocir.

The three of us left São Paulo fulfilled and convinced that we have done our part well in the meeting and it produced a document that will be beneficial to all parishes administered by the Camillians.

(Source: www.camilliani.org)



**“Changing Children’s Lives,
One WISH at a Time”**



Wishes may come in many forms and may cost thousands of pesos. For people with a lot of excess money, granting their child’s wish may seem just like a one-snap-of-a-finger kind of deal. But for others, it seems like reaching out for the stars in the sky. But what if the child making that wish is not their child? Then it just gets even more harder to grant, some would think. But again, what if the child making that wish is sick, not just with a simple fever but with something more complex... maybe with something life-changing or something life-threatening? Would it be easier for them to grant that child’s wish?

Woodwater Center for Healing is one of the Centers put up by the Camillians—Rev. Fr. Rodolfo Vicente “Dan” Cancino Jr, MI, Rev. Fr. Eric Tampus, MI, and Rev. Fr. John Jay Magpusao, MI, in March 2011. It is a center focused in covering all the dimensions of HIV/AIDS that gives priority, not only on the illness but in working with people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. As we know, HIV/AIDS does not choose whom to infect or what age that person is. One of the sad truths is that younger people, the youth, are the ones greatly affected by the virus and some even go below the youth age range. These innocent children now face one of the life-threatening illnesses at a very young age.

But Woodwater Center for Healing aims not only to give attention to the illness, but more importantly, to the person affected by it. It does not want these young children to feel like their life ends at being diagnosed. It wants to remind them that they are children who should enjoy their lives as children—with dreams and wishes. So, the Center has partnered up with a foundation that not only gives out and showers gifts to people but a foundation with a heart for these innocent angels with life-threatening illnesses. Make-A-Wish Philippines is an affiliate of Make-A-Wish International, a respected wish-granting organization based in Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A. On March 25, 2017, Woodwater Center for Healing and Make-a-Wish Foundation Philippines carried out a gift-giving day for children living with and are affected by HIV/AIDS. It was held at California Pizza Kitchen in Taguig. The children were screened and were asked to write down their wishes that the foundation granted.

It was a day filled with joy, laughter and thankfulness as if renewing their lives and energies to keep fighting. It was also a day full of gratefulness to Woodwater Center for Healing and Make-a-Wish Foundation Philippines and their respective staff for being the instruments of God’s love and hope to keep them dreaming, hoping and believing as they continue their battles against HIV/AIDS and for a society filled with 100% love and 0% fear.



ACTS Class Graduation, 2017

On March 11, 2017, Saturday, the ACTS Class consisting of 15 students from different congregations had their graduation that was held at the St. Camillus College Seminary (SCCS) Auditorium. The members of the graduating class were the following: Sem. Florwinny Balbarota (PACEM), Sem. Arturo Boligao, Jr. (PACEM), Sem. Verwin Daan (PACEM), Sem. Paul Austin Echavez (MI), Sem. Ruel Fernandez (MI), Sem. Vengie Ibañez (MI), Alvin Julius Justiniano, Sem. Abbey-J Macapanas (CRSP), Sem. Mark Ian Maderal (CRSP), Sem. Jerome Ocampo (MI), Sem. Alvin Palma (PACEM), Sem. Allen Francis Polinar (MI), Sem. Charles Eugene Quiazon (MI), Juliane Paul Tabarangao, and Sem. Joshua Daniel Villanueva (MI). The occasion was divided into two parts: the Baccalaureate Mass and the Graduation Rites.

The Baccalaureate Mass was presided by Rev. Fr. Rolando J. Fernandez, MI, Provincial Superior of the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm, Philippine Province, and was concelebrated by the different Rectors and Formators from the different congregations. In his homily, Fr. Fernandez reminded the graduates and all who attended the Mass that we must imitate the way the Lord loves His people—love that is inclusive and not exclusive, loving not only our friends and those dear to us but also our enemies, God’s greatest commandment (message from the song “Love Never Fails,” in Corinthi-

ans). The Eucharistic Celebration was made more solemn by the Vox Dei Choir.

Shortly thereafter, the graduation ceremony followed. It began with the invocation led by Sem. Justiniano and then followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem which was conducted by Sem. Quiazon. Next, Fr. Renante T. Sentillas, MI, Rector/President of the SCCS gave his opening remarks.

Then, Dr. Estrellita A. Madriaga, the Dean of Studies, presented the 15 candidates for graduation and after which Fr. Rey conferred them graduates. The proud parents of these young gentlemen were invited to place the graduation hoods on their sons.

Fr. Sentillas, Fr. Fernandez, and Dr. Madriaga assisted on the distribution of the diplomas to the graduates. Fr. Michael G. Gimena, MI, introduced the commencement speaker, Fr. Diosdado Wenceslaus C. Haber, MI.

Fr. Haber focused his message on the batch name of the graduates—ACTS (Agents of Compassion, Truth, and Service). He reminded everyone the meaning of being an agent, especially an agent of God. He said that as agents of God, we must all be partakers on bringing the message of God’s compassion especially to the poor and marginalized people, being responsible in telling the truth and nothing but the truth and the importance of being at service to others at all times.

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Communion of Communities through Sports

Sem. Kenneth Nualla

Last March 15–17, 2017 the annual intramurals of St. Camillus College Seminary (SCCS) was held with the theme “Communion of Communities through Sports.” The intramurals was a three-day activity to communion the different communities or congregations studying in SCCS through playing of different sports. The various activities were prepared by the intramurals 2017 organizers: Sem. Kevin Lee Alex Sebuco (the chairman of the Music, Art, and Fitness Circle) through the help of Sems. Crisfun Marvi Ajoc (Student Coordinating Council President), Francis Paul Baghucan (Vice President), Jonathan Neil Tayco (Secretary/Treasurer) and by various seminarians, especially the facilitators (Team *Communio*).

The intramurals began with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided by Fr. Wilson Peñaranda, MI, professor in the college and parish priest of Nuestra Señora dela Annunciata in Boso-Boso, Antipolo City. In his homily, he reminded everyone that in every game,

there is always a winner and a loser, but what matters most are the memories and camaraderie that everyone shares. He also reminded everyone to remain humble if he receives a medal or award.

The name of each team was derived from the different translations of “communities” or “assembly” in celebration of 2017 as Year of the Parish. The Gray Team-Facilitators name was *Communio* (Latin), The Red Team, *Qahal* (Hebrew) and the Aqua Blue Team, *Koinonia* (Greek). After the Mass the teams, with their respective muses, paraded along the streets of Marikina Heights with its barangay patrols giving assistance and providing order to the parade. The SCCS Drum and Lyre Band consisting of four members (Kenneth, Niño, Francis and Crisfun) provided music. Everyone proceeded to the basketball court to formally open the intramurals. Sem. Prence Quillo led the opening prayer, while Sem. Adrian Anglo conducted the National Anthem with the musical accompaniment of the SCCS band. Sem. Kevin Sebuco gave his opening remarks.

Sem. Kenneth Nualla (Team Leader of *Qahal*), Sem. Reynald Lismoras (Team Assistant Leader of *Koinonia*), and Sem. Edgar Basas (last year’s MVP in basketball) made the ceremonial lighting of the torch. Everyone recited the Pledge of Sportsmanship led by Sem. Crisfun Ajoc. Excitement was very evident by the way



they presented their team cheers and yells as everyone was laughing and applauding.

Indoor and outdoor games that were played during the intramurals included basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, billiards, sepak takraw, track and field, chess, dama, games of the generals, arm wrestling, push-ups, plating rice relay, Chinese garter, and three-point shootout.

On the second day before the games resumed, the facilitator decided to pray the rosary for the morning praise which was headed by the chairman of the Theological Circle, Sem. Jonathan Neil Tayco. The rosary procession was held at the basketball court where we asked God through Mary to give everyone guidance and protection from all injuries that may happen. On the third day when all the games were finished the medals and tokens were awarded to the winners by Dr. Estrellita Madriaga (Dean of Studies) and Fr. Michael Gimena, MI (college registrar and professor) during the Awarding Ceremony. The first runner-up went to Aqua Blue team (*Koinonia*) and the Champion was the Red team (*Qahal*). Sem. Edgar Basas once again bagged the Most Valuable Player medal in basketball and Sem. Jimmy Cabanigan got a medal for being MVP in volleyball which were the highlights of the intramurals. After the awarding Fr. Gimena, in his closing

remarks, thanked everyone for active and lively participation in the intramurals and he invited everyone to proceed to the canteen for the boodle fight prepared by the facilitators with the help of Ate Irish Franco. The activity was formally closed by the singing of the college hymn which was conducted by Sem. Joachim James De Castro.

While waiting for the food in the canteen, some shared their stories, some were dancing and some took pictures for remembrance. Everyone was laughing with their loud voice, but when the food for the boodle fight was served and when everyone settled in their place at the table and started to eat, silence reigned. Later, Fr. Gimena invited everyone to the college facade to take a group picture.

The goals of the intramurals were indeed achieved by everyone through the communion of the communities. The intramurals helped everyone to value and help each member of their communities, have a sense of teamwork in order to come up with good results and strengthen the relationships. Communion of communities is important for the seminarians especially in their vocation journey. This activity inspired everyone to become more united, strong and “be with” their communities not only in sports but also in their daily life.

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Sem. Ocampo delivered a message in response to the address given by the commencement speaker in behalf of his fellow graduates.

The Awarding of Medals and Certificates followed. Five seminarians from the graduating class were awarded for being the Top Five in their Synthesis Papers: Sems. Echavez, Tabarangao, Macapanas, Maderal, and Ocampo. Among the five, Sems. Echavez and Tabarangao, were awarded best in written synthesis and best in synthesis oral defense, respectively. Also, five were awarded for excelling in one of the academic requirements of SCCS, the Oral Comprehensive exam. Four were Magna cum Laude: Sems. Echavez, Fernandez, Maderal and Justiniano, while Sem. Ocampo got the highest distinction, Summa cum Laude. Sem. Echavez also received an award for his academic performance.

Academic achievers in the Dean’s List for the First Semester Academic Year 2016–2017 from the different year levels were also recognized—First Year: Sems. Rey

Mark Coniendo, Jonathan Neil Tayco, and Joachim James De Castro; Second Year: Sems. Francis Paul Baghucan, Vian Rey Quipanes, and Marlou Aguilar; Third Year: Sems. Niel Christian Alquizar, Jimmy James Cabanigan, Robert Panizales, and Reynald Lismoras; and from the graduating class: Sems. Ruel Fernandez and Paul Austin Echavez.

After the awarding of medals and certificates to the academic achievers, Sem. Echavez delivered his Graduation Message. The Pledge of Loyalty was led by Sem. Tabarangao, and the Alumni Pledge was led by Sch. Anthony Ongcal, MI, an alumni association representative.

The graduates sang their graduation song and their tribute to parents and professors and the College Hymn. After the program, the Camillian seminarians shared their meals with the professors, formators, co-seminarians and their families at the refectory before they finally bade their goodbyes.

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做多少算多少，在那裡，甚至是一大塊木板也能拿來當成是手術台來使用，真的是物盡其用！

(As the time passed by quietly, our medical mission had come to an end. The total amount of patients during the mission this time was approximately more than 1,000 people and minor surgeries were done for dozens of patients. It was easy to tell that our shoulders and backs were slouched but the smiles were wild because the whole crew felt so satisfied about the medical mission. These days, we tried our best to prepare the medical supplies or medical apparatuses. The crew may sometimes lack of consideration, but we had done what we could have done. In such a deficient countryside, even a wood plank could be the operating table, which is making the best possible use of material.)



圖五 用飯桌架成臨時手術檯
(Photo 5. Used the dining-table as temporary operating table)

回顧忙碌的這個星期，熱情的鄉民們、人滿為患的鄉民們、殷殷切盼的鄉民們，都很讓人懷念，給予他們的幫助事件中，最令人印象深刻的事是：在切除一位鄉民頭枕部脂肪瘤的過程中，因為沒有電燒的醫療設備，而使用人工壓迫止血，在要處理出血那部分的時候，護理人員移開壓迫的紗布時，鮮紅的血，就如同小水柱般，速度之快的往護理人員身上噴去，在她單調的綠色衣服上，點綴了大小不一的紅。有了這前車之鑑，之後的處理就更加小心翼翼了！

這次海外醫療行收穫最大的是那些鄉民嗎？也許有吧！但我覺得自己獲得更多，那種可以用自己的力量去幫助別人，

心中滿滿的成就感，是無價，也是滿足的；而且，到過了醫療與環境不佳的地區，我更珍惜現在這眼前的一切！

(Looking back on the week in Philippines, I miss crowded, eager and passionate residents so much. The most impressive thing for me is that during the procedure to cut off the lipoma in headrest, due to lack of the medical device of radiofrequency ablation, the crew adopted manual compression instead. When we were about to deal with bleeding and nursing colleagues removed the oppression of the gauze, the red blood, like a small water fountain, sprayed so fast to the nursing colleagues, whose monotonous green clothes were dotted with red in all sizes. Through this lesson, the crew became more cautious to the treatment!

Is it the Philippine residents who had the biggest harvest this overseas medical mission? Maybe they had. However, I feel that I gained more. That I can use my own strength helping others, my heart is content with accomplishment, which is priceless, and also satisfied. Furthermore, having been to the region that is lacking of medical service and satisfactory living environment, I cherish all the things I have now!



圖五 在非律賓的合影留念
(Photo 5. Took a group photo in Philippines)

A N N I V E R S A R I E S

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<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Birthdays</i>
Fr. Renato D. Maliwat 07/03/1977	Fr. Alfons Oles 01/04/1977	Fr. Manuel M. Tamayo 14/05/1963	Fr. Primitivo S. Gunit 31/05/2002
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Fr. Rolando J. Fernandez 28/03/1957	Fr. Diosdado C. Haber 17/04/1993	Fr. Gabriel V. Garcia 31/05/2002	Fr. Francis Zhang Zhirong 31/05/2008
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Fr. Felice Chech 19/03/1966	Fr. Giovanni Rizzi 24/04/1948	Fr. Jayson A. Labrador 31/05/2012	Fr. Cyrelus Suparman Andi 31/05/2010
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			Fr. Eliseo L. Navarro 31/05/2012
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			Fr. Gian Carlo Michellini 23/06/1963
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