



Panimalay sa Paglaum ni San Kamilo Opens in Cebu

Fr. Rodolfo V. Cancino, Jr., MI



Inspired by the life of St. Camillus, who, before his conversion, was also in addiction with vice in this world but came to his senses saying “No more of this world,” the Camillian Philippine Province through the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines–Episcopal Commission on Health Care, Archdiocese of Cebu, and IDUCARE inaugurated last March 14, 2018 *Panimalay Sa Paglaum Ni San Kamilo* (Home of Hope of St. Camillus), a drop-in center for people who are struggling with drug abuse/addiction but also would like to experience conversion through the offer of LOVE and HOPE by our Risen Lord.

Upholding the value of life, treasuring the value of conversion and family, the Home of Hope offers health

promotion, medical and surgical, psychospiritual and social services through the collaborative partnerships with government and non-government agencies to promote a community of people who are former drug users and are now inspired to reach out and help their community.

The celebration started with the Holy Eucharist presided by Bp. Oscar Florencio, DD, auxiliary bishop of Archdiocese of Cebu and Diocesan Administrator of Military Ordinariate with Fr. Socrates Saldua, Director of Caritas Cebu and Fr. Rodolfo “Dan” Cancino, Jr. of the Camillian Philippine Province-Secretariat on Ministry.

The celebration was attended by more than 135 guests from different international, national and local government agencies and NGOs.



I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser... I am the true vine, and you are the branches (Jn 15:1;5)

This text is very appropriate for the Easter season. It sets before us the type of intimate, ongoing relationship into which the risen Jesus invites his disciples.

The vine has a long history and is the Jewish national symbol of the relationship between God and Israel. The pillars of the Jerusalem temple were carved with vines and branches thus setting the image in stone. It is like the symbol of the red cross for us Camillians.

I remember in my theological studies in scriptures that the "I am" sayings of St. John's Gospel always reveal some aspect of Jesus' divine identity. When Jesus says: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser" and "I am the vine, you are the branches," he makes a strong and powerful statement to Jewish ears and to our ears. He reveals the intimate relationship between himself and the Father. He also implies that since he becomes the very source of life for people who accept him, he replaces the temple with himself as the place for worship.

Recalling St. Paul's metaphor of the *body of Christ* where we are all related as interdependent parts of the same body with Christ as our head who drives the body, we have here St. John's version of the similar idea: the vine reminds us that we are interconnected not only to Jesus, the source of our life; we are also interconnected with each other. We need both Jesus and one another in order to produce fruit, which is the aim of discipleship.

The Jews in the time of Jesus were people of the land. They were practical and simple people. Jesus used common experience nouns, like *life* and *light* instead of abstract ideas, like what we call *sanctifying grace*; Jesus used the verb *lives in* instead of abstract verbs like *transcends* or *interconnects*.

If there is one thing that Jesus did where everyone can agree upon, it is that he gathered a community around him. The model of leadership and discipleship here is not hierarchy, power, or authoritativeness; it is **community**. Concerned togetherness is basic and essential for the very life of his disciples.

We receive our life from Jesus, the vine. We are, at once, united to Jesus and to one another. We celebrate this fact clearly at the Easter vigil: the *light/life* of the paschal candle which is the symbol of Jesus, is passed on to us individually. And with our small candles, we share that light with others around us.

Interdepending or interconnecting is necessary for us. We have both St. Paul's image of mystical body and St. John's image of the vine and the branches to explain that more clearly. Both reveal rootedness in Jesus, the source of life, and unity with each other. Let us remain rooted to Jesus and connected to each other as brothers and sisters.

Jesus' absolute gift to us is a sharing in his life and we are invited to live that life with enthusiasm. May the Holy Spirit whom we celebrate at Pentecost enkindle that enthusiasm.

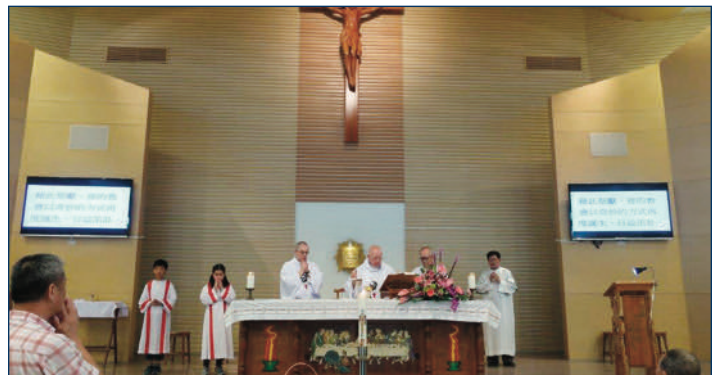
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POSTCARDS FROM TAIWAN

Fr. Giuseppe Didone, MI / Fr. Jose P. Eloja, MI



Holy Saturday: There was a baptism of a child at St. Camillus Shrine with Fr. Giuseppe Didone and Fr. Giancarlo Michelini.



March 28, 2018: Fr. Jose Eloja led the blessing ceremony of the new statue of St. Camillus de Lellis in the garden of St. Mary's Hospital, Luodong.

Easter Sunday 2018 and blessing of new statue of St. Camillus (at St. Camillus Shrine) with Fr. Bruno, Fr. Luigi and Br. Luca.

ST. CAMILLUS NOVITIATE: From Violet to White Celebration

Nov. Ruel Fernandez



This season of Lent, we are again called to do extraordinary preparation, a preparation that demands mortification, intense prayer, penance and fasting as we look forward to the Paschal Mystery of our Lord Jesus. One cannot relive effectively the mystery unless one has a purified mind and heart. Moreover, we are called to reflect and to ponder on how the wood of punishment was transformed into a ladder of hope.

On Feb. 14, 2018, we had a meaningful Wednesday, not because it was Valentine's Day, but because we put ashes on our forehead as we commemorate Ash Wednesday. This day marks our call to mortify, to do fasting and penance. Here in St. Camillus Novitiate, Baguio City, we solemnly observed the demands of Lenten season. We die a little each day and it can be spotted for it has a manifold of manifestations. Punctuality in schedule, temperance in food and drink, perseverance in work and apostolate, the ability to give up personal preferences, to keep calm despite of a bad turn of events, to listen to others or to smile when we are tired: these are tangible expressions of our mortification.

The seminary formation taught us well that love of pleasure and comfort makes us soft and dreadful of sacrifice. As a result, small contradictions that we come across paralyze us and little pain throws us off balance. Difficulties hold us back and therefore, they pull us back to follow Jesus. In the end, we lose the value of Lent. With this, we can appreciate the value of penance. Penance purifies our hearts, strengthens our will, tempers our passion and increases our holy disposition. That is why this season of Lent, we are called to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. The better the preparation, the more effective the celebration will be. Indeed, one can effectively relive the mystery only with purified mind and heart.

Lastly, one cannot think of Lent without thinking about the cross. The cross that was placed on the shoulder of Jesus, the cross which caused Jesus to stagger and fall, the cross where the hands and feet of Jesus were nailed, the cross where Jesus suffered and died, and the cross that brought salvation to humanity. The cross alone cannot save, and in fact it was used as a punishment for crim-

inals and insurgents, but through the unconditional love of Jesus, the cross became our hope. Love transformed the cross. In our daily lives, we are greeted with a host of concerns that demand little sacrifices. No one is exempted to this cross and that is why, as we prepare ourselves for the Easter celebration, let us value our own crosses. When we make the cross as part of our daily life, we progressively become more spiritual and less carnal in our thoughts, intentions, feelings and desires. Reac-

tions are better controlled, decisions are well-pondered. Problems are handled serenely. Moreover, we become more attentive to the needs of others, patient with their defects and refined in our manners.

Indeed, Lent is a time to open the door of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Easter Triduum comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer.

Last Week of Lent in the Hospital

Pines City Doctor's Hospital has been an essential part of our Novitiate formation. That is why the Novitiate Community did not hesitate to celebrate the Holy Week there. With the cooperation of the staff and employees and with the help of Fr. Ivo Anselmi, chaplain of the hospital, we experienced a "Camillian version" of Holy Week this year. The celebration of *Domingo de Ramos*, the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* on Maundy Thursday, *Stations of the Cross* during Holy Friday and *Sabado de Gloria* were celebrated in the hospital. Some patients and their relatives, staff and employees participated actively in the activities. They appreciated the celebration and in our part, it was nurturing and fulfilling because in that way, we were able to feel the joy of witnessing the Paschal Mystery of Christ together with the sick people.



SCH FIRE DRILL WITH BFP – CALBAYOG (April 23, 2018)

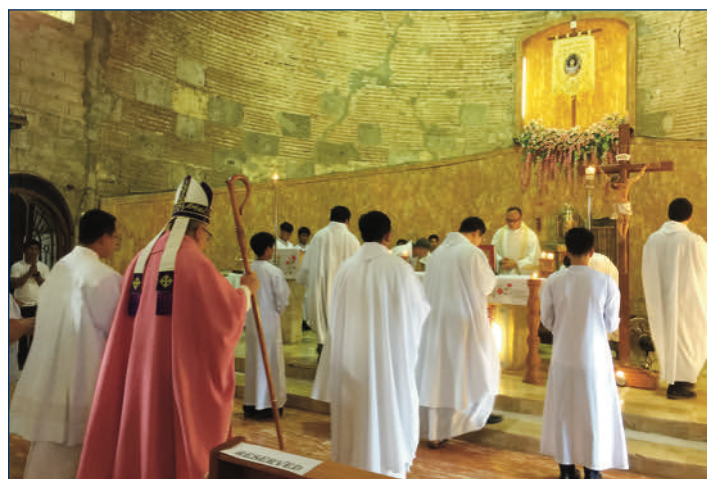
Everyone is responsible for preventing fires in the workplace—employers and employees alike.

In addition to possible injury and loss of life, a serious fire can close down a workplace resulting in significant job losses. It is possible to reduce the threat of fire to people and property by teaching everyone to work together to prevent fires with comprehensive fire safety training.



OUR LADY OF ANNUNCIATA: Boso-Boso Fiesta

CamUp



On March 11, 2018, CamUp attended the town fiesta of Boso-Boso in Antipolo City in honor of the Our Lady of Annunciata. Since we started early morning that Sunday, the trip from Cubao was comfortable and fast. When we reached the place, there were only a few people and it was easy for us to take pictures of the classic Annunciata Church and the image of our Lady. Gradually, people came and a marching band started to play with little girls as majorettes, typical on a Filipino town fiesta. By 8:30am, the Most Rev. Francisco de Leon, DD, Bishop of Antipolo, the main celebrant for the mass, arrived. People started to rush towards him mainly to get a chance to kiss his hand and get his blessing. And at exactly 9am, the mass started. The mass was concelebrated by the Camillian fathers—Fr. Evan Paul Villanueva, the parish priest, Fr. Salvador Cariño, Fr. John Paul Alvarado, Fr. Marvin Ruyeras, Fr. Bon Arimbuyutan, Fr. Angel Crisostomo, and Fr. Steve Zabala, a diocesan parish priest of the Parish of the Lord of Divine Mercy in Sikatuna Village, QC.

Since the feast of the Our Lady of Annunciata coincided with the 4th Sunday of Lent, Bp. de Leon, in his homily, linked the two occasions together. It was during the annunciation that Our Lady accepted God's will by saying "Yes," unaware of the hardships that it would entail. Jesus, on the other hand, accepted his fate by his suffering and, ultimately, death on the cross to redeem mankind through his resurrection. Jesus and Our Lady obeyed what God asked them to do because of their love and faith in Him.

After the communion, Fr. Evan expressed his gratitude to all the people involved for the success of the parish festivities. He also thanked Bp. de Leon, guests and local government officials who came to celebrate with him and the parishioners.

Then after the mass, the marching band began to play again as we proceeded to the parish's modest function hall for the reception.



PENITENTIAL WALK IN CELEBRATION OF LENT AND EASTER

21 March 2018: Camillian Fathers and Camillian Sisters with SPC Sisters joined forces to highlight the ministry to the sick during the penitential walk organized by the Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines (AMRSP). The *Confessio Peccati* (confession of sin) started at 3pm followed by the Penitential Walk from Sto. Domingo Church, Quezon City to San Pedro Bautista Parish, depicting the 14 stations of the suffering Christ. Archbishop Soc Villegas graced the *confessio peccati* and the whole community started their penitential walk showing the different pressing issues of the country—from EJK, drug war, the sick, HIV, environmental crisis, migrants, poor and hungry, and others. The 13th station showed the plight of the sick in the country giving emphasis on PWD, people living with HIV and those who are deprived of health services.

—Fr. Dan Cancino, MI

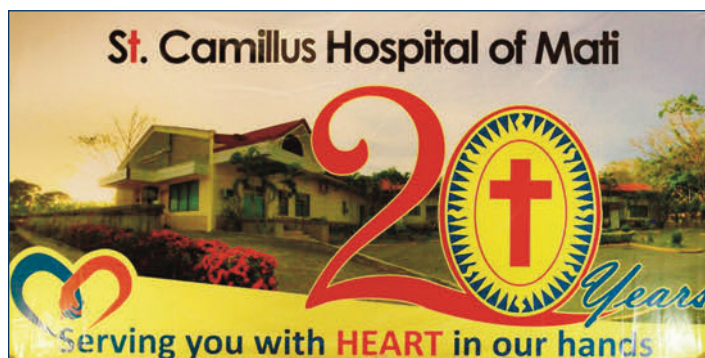


Thank you to CFI Staff, SMI and SPC. Mabuhay kayo!

APRIL 9-12, 2018 : Year of the Clergy and Consecrated Life Celebration of the Province & Annual Retreat of the Perpetually Professed Religious in the Philippines at St. Scholastica's Center for Spirituality, Tagaytay City. The retreat facilitator was Most Rev. Broderick Pabillo, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Manila.



MATI: 20th Founding Anniversary Celebration of St. Camillus Hospital of Mati last April 16, 2018





Camillian Philanthropic & Health Development Office

CPHDO Advocacy: Care for the Vulnerable

Gerlita C. Enrera, RSW

In one of the field visits to the feeding area site last March 15, 2018 in Lawigan, Mati, Davao Oriental, 45 children and an adult is reported to have gained weight after four months of nutritional support.

The St. Camillus Hospital Foundation, Inc. identifies marginalized communities to be provided with nutritional support to children who suffer from malnutrition that could affect their health and growth.

The feeding program falls under the advocacy of the Camillian Philanthropic & Health Development Office (CPHDO) in caring for the vulnerable in partnership with the hospital-based program component of St. Camillus Hospital-Mati to provide support for six months ensuring that the identified children and adult gain weight.

There are plans to further improve the knowledge and skills of the parents and adults who provide volunteer time to address primary health care needs of the community through the skills training for the youth and mothers in the adopted communities.



Heart in our Hands

anthropic and ent Office (CPHDO)

SPRING RAIN Mission's Cup

The 5th Inter-Clergy Basketball Tournament

"Playing for the Mission"



On July 16–20, 2018 in Cebu City, the newly formed Camillian Basketball Team (Frs. Jojo, Gabby, Rene, Nato, Wilson, Marven, Placido, Brian, Jayson, Paul, Anthoni and Bon) will vie for the Spring Rain Mission's Cup, an Inter-clergy Basketball Tournament promoting philanthropy through sports among clergy as a way to play for a specific mission. As we share in the dream of St. Camillus of "having a hundred arms" to serve more the sick, this tournament will provide scholarship to the formation of seminarians, future Camillian priests and brothers. In so doing, there will be growth and continuity of our mission.

You can support our cause through the following:

- Buying of raffle tickets
- Sponsorships
 - Jersey patch (logo of groups and companies)
- Donations
 - Cash or in kind (for food and accommodation)

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ST. CAMILLUS HOSPITAL–CALBAYOG: Medical Mission 2018

Roi Amiel D. Juanillo, RSW

A successful medical mission has been conducted on March 6–9, 2018 and was held in different barangays in Calbayog City and Samar Province that catered to about 3,493 patients.

The undertaking was through a joint medical, surgical, ophthalmological and dental mission of St. Camillus Medical Practitioners with the help from the Local Government Unit of Calbayog City and CADIS Taiwan Camillian Volunteers.

The St. Camillus Hospital administration conducted information dissemination on services that the hospital is offering along with other services such as PhilHealth and Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) that they could lean on if they need financial assistance for their hospital confinement.

MARCH 6, 2018 : First Day of Medical Mission

Venue: St. Camillus Hospital (Rehabilitation Department)

OPHTHALMOLOGIST/EENT	M – 20	F – 66	Total = 86
DENTAL	M – 54	F – 50	Total = 104
PEDIA	M – 44	F – 46	Total = 90
SURGICAL	M – 74	F – 130	Total = 204
MEDICAL ADULT	M – 42	F – 101	Total = 143

MARCH 7, 2018 : Second Day of Medical Mission

Venue: Brgy. San Joaquin Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Western Samar

DENTAL	M – 78	F – 135	Total = 213
PEDIA	M – 194	F – 178	Total = 372
SURGICAL	M – 48	F – 15	Total = 63
MEDICAL ADULT	M – 101	F – 281	Total = 382
MEDICAL SENIOR CITIZEN	M – 34	F – 134	Total = 168

MARCH 8, 2018 : Third Day of Medical Mission

Venue: Pagsanghan, Western Samar

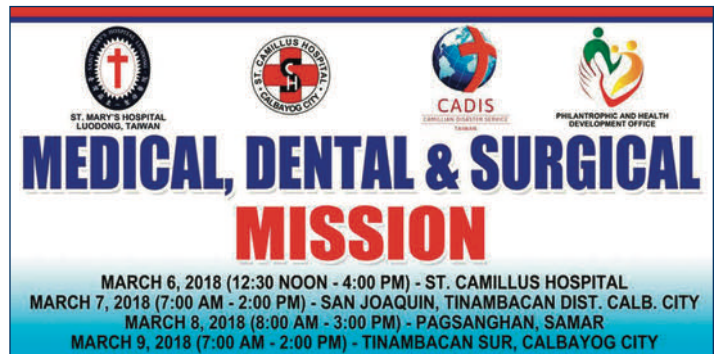
DENTAL	M – 76	F – 125	Total = 201
PEDIA	M – 116	F – 117	Total = 233
SURGICAL	M – 19	F – 26	Total = 45
MEDICAL ADULT	M – 43	F – 125	Total = 168
MEDICAL SENIOR CITIZEN	M – 60	F – 194	Total = 254

MARCH 9, 2018 : Fourth Day of Medical Mission

Venue: Brgy. Tinambacan Sur & Norte Calbayog City, Western Samar

DENTAL	M – 64	F – 111	Total = 175
PEDIA	M – 122	F – 121	Total = 243
SURGICAL	M – 22	F – 21	Total = 43
MEDICAL ADULT	M – 48	F – 178	Total = 219
MEDICAL SENIOR CITIZEN	M – 24	F – 63	Total = 87

M – Male; F – Female



MEDICAL, DENTAL & SURGICAL MISSION

MARCH 6, 2018 (12:30 NOON - 4:00 PM) - ST. CAMILLUS HOSPITAL
 MARCH 7, 2018 (7:00 AM - 2:00 PM) - SAN JOAQUIN, TINAMBACAN DIST. CALB. CITY
 MARCH 8, 2018 (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM) - PAGSANGHAN, SAMAR
 MARCH 9, 2018 (7:00 AM - 2:00 PM) - TINAMBACAN SUR, CALBAYOG CITY



CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION: Reflection

Leonard Laurio, *Immaculate Conception Major Seminary*

Last Oct. 12, 2016, at exactly 4:05 in the afternoon, I came into a room of a patient. She was 34 years old and a married Catholic. She lived in Iligan City, Lanao del Norte.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer last year which later on affected other internal organs of her body. As I came in, the patient was lying on her bed. She was very thin and her head was balding. Half of her body was covered with a white blanket. Tubes were seen attached to her. Apparatuses were heard operating.

Such scenario was heartbreaking, yet by that time, I continued the task.

I introduced myself and so did she. I smiled at her, she smiled too. I asked her questions and she did answer them in the best way that she could. Positively saying, the woman was responding to my duty there.

However, such duty was seemingly unfair for her.

She introduced herself even though part of that introduction was the humiliation brought to her by the sickness.

She still smiled at me even though she was agonizing amidst the hurting needles, the restricting tubes, the deafening sound of machines, and the desperation which the lonely room imparted to her.

She tried her best to answer my questions even though the question on why should this be happening to her was left unanswered.

Yet, unfair as it may seem, the patient still gave much to me.

The patient was quite talkative then. With that, I happened to be just listening to her. Yet, the words she enunciated became so unclear to me because of her tears. Yes, she was bitterly crying as she was telling her stories of struggles and denial, hope and faith.

Suddenly, amidst her words and tears was a realization I heard from the patient. She said, "Do you know what the heaviest thing to do in life is?"

I responded, "What is it?"

Then she answered me, "The heaviest thing to do in life is to help yourself." (pause)

Then there was silence. And I was caught speechless in silence by that time. I did not know why but it seemed

then that the patient had known me for a long time—that she knew that my struggle in life is to help myself.

Truly, it was hard for me to help myself. There were many worries hindering me. There were many hesitations in every demanding moment. With this, I tend not to trust myself. I would always think "I do not deserve this. Why me? There are better people than me. I cannot do this; I cannot say that."

In short, I have low self-esteem. Actually it is not a problem of the now, but it is rooted in the past wherein I had boxed myself as a weakling. Such perspective from my childhood years affected the proceeding stages in my life. Consequently, it already affected my relationship with others. Paralyzing my ability to trust and befriend others. Thus, I became helpless as the patient whom I talked to was also helpless.

Though helpless I was, I knew my time would not allow me to be such forever. The people around me remained to believe in my capabilities. But most of all God was never surrendering with me. He gave enough grace so that I can manage to be myself. He gave me the opportunity to undergo the CPE.

I must admit, I was afraid to undergo CPE before. I was so clueless on it. There was this fear of the unknown. Yet a desire rose in me. I will try. And in that determination was the happiness I felt in CPE.

Truly, the happiness was real. The interesting and meaningful activities, the understanding and patient supervisors, and my loving co-trainees—these were what consisted my happiness, a happiness that gave me the awareness that there is no reason to be lonely and be affected by worries. However, this happiness assured me that I am unique, that I have talents of my own, and that I can change greatly through my simple works.

In short, CPE taught me to be contented, accepting and appreciative with my weaknesses and strengths as a person.

In the end, the patient is right. Helping oneself is truly the heaviest thing to do. But it does not mean that I cannot do anything about it. I can live life one step at a time, little by little, and with much confidence through the help of others and the loving grace of God. Thank you!

ANNUAL RETREAT FOR THE ITALIAN CAMILLIANS

Fr. Luigi Galvani, MI



Ten Italian Camillian missionaries attended the annual retreat in Luodong, Taiwan, last April 2–6, 2018 on the theme: “*Camillian charism and mission.*” Fr. Bruno Nespoli, the Provincial of the North Italian Province, missionary in Colombia for more than 20 years, animated the reflections of the five-day retreat.

The Italian language made the participants more comfortable in following the interesting topic and in sharing their missionary experiences which were going from 41 to 64 years of missionary life in Asia.

Their sharing was truly interesting, which was found in the service to the sick and the poor, the inspiration and the strength to dedicate the best of themselves to the cause of the Gospel.

In so many years of missionary life there were several initiatives promoted by them like: teaching catechism, parochial work even in faraway mountainous areas and social activities in organizing hospitals, homes for the aged and disabled, kindergarten and charitable programs for needy children and formation houses for future local missionaries.

The presence of the Camillians in Asia which started in 1943 in mainland China expanded, in the course of the years, to other 10 Asian countries realizing several institutions which honor the Camillian Order and the Church.

In Taiwan, for instance, in 66 years of Camillian presence, the mosaic of activities was very impressive. Among the institutions are: the St. Mary’s Hospital with 700-bed capacity, the St. Camillus Center for Disabled with more than 200 patients, the Nursing school with 3,000 students, the new home for the aged with 150-bed capacity, the Lan Yang Cultural Center with hundreds of young students and the construction of several parochial churches in the mountainous areas.

In the Philippines, furthermore, in 43 years of presence, the Camillians organized three small missionary hospitals, three polyclinics, a center for aged and disabled, a school with more than 1,000 students in Manaoag and a well-organized pastoral work in two parishes and in hospitals of big cities like Manila, Davao and Baguio.

In Indonesia, in only nine years of presence the main objective remains at the moment, the vocation promotion and formation. Two formation houses gathered already about 60 young people who are the future hope of the new mission. Furthermore, very soon two social centers will be opened in the islands of Flores and Timor, as shelters for needy students. Certainly, other initiatives of the young Indonesian mission are in their future dreams.

It is really beautiful and encouraging to see how the Camillian charism is still so alive and actual in the four countries which are forming our Province. This is a clear sign that the “life of the Spirit” walks in the mission.

With good will, trust in the Providence, the solidarity of generous benefactors and the encouragement of the major superiors, we feel that our missionaries will be able to do “other small miracles” for the Gospel, the Church and the Order of St. Camillus.



DELEGATION OF TAIWAN UP CLOSE: Part II

CamUp

In the mountainous area of Szuchi, Datong Township, Taiwan, where the residents are mostly aborigines, stands the **Our Lady of the Assumption Church** whose parish priest is Fr. Raimondo Yang. Fr. Raimondo lives alone, has no assistant, cooks and eats by himself. While we, with Fr. Robert Chua, Jr. and Fr. Jojo, were there, we noticed that there



were a lot of produce, including rice, which he said were given to him, which he will later give to the needy in the area.

At the second floor of the parish church is a medical/rehabilitation clinic, which is open from 3–9pm, Mondays to Fridays. According to Fr. Raimondo, the government wants to see to it that the aborigines, particularly the elderly, are well taken care of. Anybody can avail of free clinic services on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. He said that he plans to set up also a Day Care for the Elderly somewhere at the parish grounds. Fr. Raimondo also goes house to house to join the family pray the rosary.

Aside from being the parish priest in Szuchi, Fr. Raimondo is also the priest-in-charge of Liumaoan Church (Zhihang Ln., Datong Township), Nanshan Church (Pinan Ln., Datong Township) and also serves at Hwanshan Catholic Church in Taichung, which is in another diocese.

In Sanxing Rd., Sanxing Township, we had the opportunity to visit the **Center for Mentally Handicapped** and **Long-**



CODE OF DISCIPLINE

Ms. Jean de Guzman, the HR consultant hired by The Camillian Fathers, Inc. (CFI) discussed the Code of Discipline among the employees from the Provincialate and Scholasticate communities last March 27, 2018 at St. Camillus Pastoral Center.

The Code of Discipline aims to develop and maintain an acceptable standard of conduct in accordance with CFI policies. The code serves as guide in terms of behavior for all employees of Socio-Health Institutions (SHI) under the umbrella of CFI. Employees are reminded what is expected of them and that whatever misdeeds or misdemeanor they may have done will have an impact on their career. However, the CFI recognizes each employee's rights as each one is entitled to due process if and when disciplinary action is meted on him.

The two-and-a-half-hour meeting was an opportunity for the employees to field questions as Ms. De Guzman candidly answered them. She also said that those who still have questions can email her so she can properly respond to them. – *CamUp*



Term Care Center. These institutions are next to each other. The Centers are under the directorship of Fr. Giuseppe Di-done.

There are around 135 students who are staying in dormitories at the Center for Mentally Handicapped, while about 80 are staying out and are transported by coasters donated by the government. The students are taught skills under the guidance of abled teachers so that eventually they can learn how to be independent.



Before going home, the students graced us with a dance number, guided by the teacher. One can almost see the excitement on their faces. This activity is done also before classes start.

According to Fr. Giuseppe, they have six students who are renting a house under the supervision of a teacher and are working in a restaurant located also inside the compound. This setup is one way of encouraging or teaching them how to become productive individuals.



The Long-Term Care Center is a three-level building that helps mostly people who are disabled and need supervised care. While there, we met Ms. Ana Lin, a Filipina married to a Taiwanese, who has been working with the Camillians for over 10 years now. According to her, there are about 100 residents in the Center and around 30 are staying out. The Center also makes home visits to only four patients a day because of the strenuous process tending to them like bathing them, dressing them, etc.

St. Camillus Shrine, declared a jubilee church during the Year of Mercy (2015–2016) is the third Camillian structure in the compound where Fr. Giuseppe is the priest-in-charge. Around the shrine are marble statues representing the Stations of the Cross.

Originally established as the Luodong Youth Catholic Center (now **Lan Yang Youth Catholic Center**), Fr. Giancarlo Micheli's ministry was founded in 1966, shortly after he arrived in Taiwan. The Center organized art, dance and music classes and sports teams to join in local competitions. Due to lack of funds, it was forced to discontinue most of its activities; however, because of Fr. Giancarlo's love for the arts, particularly traditional Chinese arts and culture, he made it possible for the Center to continue its dance classes, thereby establishing the Lan Yang Dancers, the first children's dance troupe in Yilan.



Some teachers of Lan Yang were former students of the dance school. After they finished their studies in the university, they came back to teach dance. A teacher from Russia comes every year to teach ballet to improve and develop the skills of the students. At the moment there are about 300 students in Luodong and 250 students in Taipei.

The Lan Yang Dancers have traveled extensively worldwide and competed and won in several dance festivals. They also performed before Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II, and Pope Benedict XVI. They join the International Folklore Organization for children in summer (July and August) as representatives of Taiwan.

Fr. Giancarlo toured us around the center to classrooms where folk dance and ballet are taught.

They also have kindergarten classes and daycare of 40 children from two months to two years old for working mothers in cooperation with the government of Yilan (and there is another daycare in Su-ao).

A group of selected young girls were very kind to perform before us their prepared ballet dance called "Fish" as their lithe bodies danced to the rhythm of the music with grace and poise. It was a beautiful performance indeed!



The sprawling ground of the center is littered with animals like deer, peacocks and goats. It has also a big swimming pool and another pool that can be used by families. He said that he plans to open a campsite for families and a Multicultural Village.

The government recently paid a tribute to him in celebration of the Center's 50 years of existence, thus making him a sort of "Ambassador for Dance."

We were not able to interact with some of the members of the delegation as they were out of the country or simply we did not have the chance. But we can give some observations based on our short experience.



Br. Davide Angelo Cattaneo

Br. Davide Angelo Cattaneo is like a timekeeper. He is the one who always says the graces before the meals. When he sees that everyone has finished eating and already in conversation mode, he interrupts by saying the prayer after the meals. A nurse by profession, he dons his white robe before going to the hospital to make rounds.

Br. Paul Han is the religious-in-charge of St. Camillus Hospital in Makung, a 45-minute plane ride from Taipei.

Fr. Celestino Rizzi takes care of physically challenged persons. One time we saw three people in motorized wheelchairs alighting from his vehicle in the hospital grounds.

Fr. Joseph Pham Van Dong takes up most of his week as chaplain of St. Mary's Junior College of Medicine, Nursing and Management in Sanxing Township. He also celebrates mass with the Vietnamese community and goes to the mountains to have mass with the aborigines.

It may be with God's providence that a few days after



Br. Paul Han



Fr. Celestino Rizzi



Fr. Joseph Pham Van Dong

our arrival in Luodong, Fr. Amelio Troietto arrived from Dolores, Eastern Samar for treatment. Fr. Amelio is serving the people of Dolores through its Polyclinic Sardegna.

Taipei Community

Fr. Jacob Haw Ran Wong, a Malaysian Chinese, is the superior of Taipei community. He has PhD in Management. He teaches in Fu Jen Catholic University in courses like Social Enterprise Management and Non-Profit Organization, Business Ethics, Religious in Service Non-Profit Organization, Social Teachings of the Catholic Church and Marketing. He is chair for Decision-Making Committee of Camillian Medical Foundations (St. Mary's Hospital and hospitals in Jiaoxi and Makung).

Fr. Robert Chua was very kind to serve as our tour guide when he took us to some scenic spots like the Taipingshan National Forest Recreation Area; Buddhist Temple and Meihua Lake in Dongshan; and the Catholic Sanctuary of Wu-FongCi in Jiaoxi. Fr. Henry, who still attends to his advanced Chinese Language classes, drove us to Luodong Park, a sports park and to the famous Luodong Night Market.

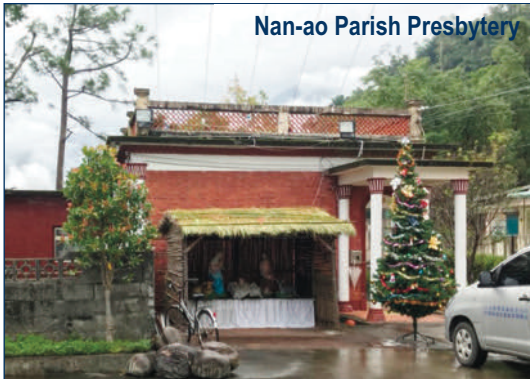


We left Taiwan on Jan. 20 with a heavy heart but filled with inspiration and loaded with stories to tell.

UPDATE (March 2018): A new community has been added to the Taiwan Delegation. See related story on page 16.

NAN-AO TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY

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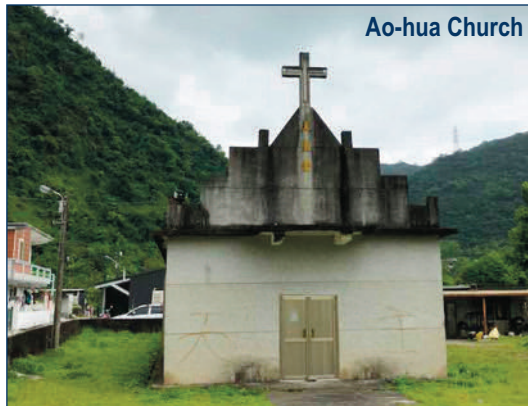
Nan-ao Parish Presbytery



Dong-ao Church



Nan-ao Church



Ao-hua Church

The Nan-ao Community has been added to the Delegation of Taiwan and was canonically erected last Jan. 23, 2018. The Nan-ao Parish, which is under the diocese of Taipei, includes the Nan-ao St. Joseph Catholic Church, Dong-ao Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, and Ao-hua St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. The Camillians will also practice their ministry at Hongdao Home for the Aged (a geriatric center). Fr. Robert Chua was appointed as the Local Superior. Joining him are Frs. Joseph Pham Van Dong and Paul Tran To Hoai.

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

MARCH

Birthdays

Fr. Renato D. Maliwat	07/03/1977
Fr. Anthony A. Ongcal	18/03/1981
Fr. Tex Rico V. Buntol	24/03/1971
Fr. Gabriel V. Garcia	24/03/1974
Fr. Rolando J. Fernandez	28/03/1957

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Giuseppe Didone	19/03/1962
Fr. Felice Chech	19/03/1966
Fr. Luigi Galvani	19/03/1966
Fr. Evan Paul A. Villanueva	25/03/1995
Fr. Jacob Haw Ran Wong	25/03/2006

Presbyterate Ordinations

Fr. Ivo Z. Anselmi	02/03/1975
Fr. Ruben J. Mandin	11/03/2000
Fr. Jung Ju Seo	19/03/2016
Fr. Remigio E. Jamorabon	25/03/1986

APRIL

Birthdays

Fr. Alfons Oles	01/04/1977
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Sch. Dennis Morales	01/04/1980
Br. Marcelino Digal	13/04/1971
Br. Davide Angelo Cattaneo	21/04/1939

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Antonio Didone	01/04/1956
Fr. Diosdado C. Haber	17/04/1993
Fr. Marcelo L. Pamintuan Jr.	17/04/1995
Fr. Samuel A. Cuarto	21/04/1996
Fr. Giovanni Rizzi	24/04/1948

MAY

Birthdays

Sch. Richard Fajardo	01/05/1990
Fr. Manuel M. Tamayo	14/05/1963
Fr. Francis Zhang Zhirong	15/05/1963
Fr. John Jay C. Magpusao	20/05/1979
Fr. Giuseppe Didone	26/05/1940

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Renante T. Sentillas	25/05/1997
Fr. Gabriel V. Garcia	31/05/2002
Fr. Primitivo S. Guinit	31/05/2002
Fr. Jaime A. Roa	31/05/2002

Fr. Angel V. Crisostomo	31/05/2006
Fr. Renato D. Maliwat	31/05/2006
Fr. Wilson D. Peñaranda	31/05/2007
Fr. Francis Zhang Zhirong	31/05/2008
Fr. Alfons Oles	31/05/2009
Fr. Marven G. Ruyeras	31/05/2009
Fr. Cyrelus Suparman Andi	31/05/2010
Fr. Avensius Harung	31/05/2010
Fr. Placido B. de Jose	31/05/2010
Fr. Brian Vincent Q. Rances	31/05/2010
Fr. Mushtaq Anjum	31/05/2011
Fr. Rodolfo V. Cancino Jr.	31/05/2011
Fr. Ignasius Sibar	31/05/2011
Fr. Roderick R. Tampis	31/05/2011
Fr. John Paul B. Alvarado	31/05/2012
Fr. Jayson A. Labrador	31/05/2012
Fr. John Jay C. Magpusao	31/05/2012
Fr. Eliseo L. Navarro	31/05/2012

Fr. Eliseo L. Navarro	14/06/1968
Fr. Roderick R. Tampis	17/06/1980
Sch. Almar S. Roman	21/06/1990
Fr. Cyrelus Suparman Andi	26/06/1979
Fr. Rodel R. Enriquez	27/06/1976

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Michael G. Gimena	25/06/2006
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Presbyterate Ordinations

Fr. Amelio Troietto	19/06/1976
Fr. Salvador Cariño	19/06/1993
Fr. Felice Chech	21/06/1970
Fr. Giovanni Rizzi	22/06/1952
Fr. Antonio Didone	22/06/1958
Fr. Giancarlo Michelini	23/06/1963
Fr. Celestino Rizzi	23/06/1963
Fr. Giuseppe Didone	23/06/1964
Fr. Luigi Galvani	23/06/1968

JUNE

Birthdays

Fr. Thomas C. Welu	13/06/1938
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