



Renewal Course 2018

– Fr. Michael Gimena



The Provincial Statutes Article 64 states: “Ongoing formation is a *conditio sine qua non* for all religious as they seek to sustain their spiritual growth and effective ministry.” Hence, all roads led to the Camillian Provincialate compound in Varsity Hills, Loyola Heights as our religious held their renewal course last Sept. 24-28, 2018 and usually celebrated every two years. With the theme “Renewed Servant-leaders for the New Evangelization” deriving from that of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines’ declared Year of the Clergy and Consecrated Persons, most religious from the Philippines attended the weeklong ongoing formation spearheaded by the Secretariat on Formation. They were joined by representative religious from the Indian province, Indonesian and Taiwan delegations, as well as a handful of the Camillian sisters.

The course was graced by the presence of the following resource speakers who inspired reflection, prayer, renewal and call to action:

Bishop Pablo Virgilio David, DD, of the Diocese of Kalookan, CBCP Vice-President and Chair of the Episcopal Commission on Biblical Apostolate gave the keynote address on the theme Renewed Servant-leaders for the New Evangelization;

Archbishop Orlando Cardinal Quevedo, OMI, DD, of the Archdiocese of Cotabato and Chair of the Episcopal

Commission for the Doctrine of the Faith gave a talk on The Role of Religious in the Church’s Communion;

Bishop Gerardo Alminaza, DD, of the Diocese of San Carlos in Negros Occidental and Chair of the Episcopal Commission on Seminaries gave an input on the New *Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis*;

Monsignor Bernardo Pantin, PC, JCD, of the Archdiocese of Palo and guest professor at UST Faculty of Canon Law gave a talk on the Obligations and Rights of a Religious Cleric in Canon Law;

Fr. Jonathan Bitoy, CMF, of the Institute of Consecrated Life in Asia gave a talk on the Challenges for Clergy and Religious as Renewed Servant-leaders;

Fr. Jeffrey Quintela, chief exorcist of the Diocese of Antipolo gave an input on Spiritual Warfare;

Dr. Luzviminda Kwong, MD, of the National Kidney and Transplant Institute gave an input on The Challenges of Palliative Care in the Philippine Setting;

Ms. Maria Cristita Lopez of the Institute of Pastoral Development gave an input in Understanding the Millennials and Bridging Generation Gaps; and

Ms. Ilsa Reyes, radio personality, inspirational speaker and book author, gave a talk on the Spirituality of Today’s Youth.



Archbishop Orlando Cardinal Quevedo, OMI, DD of the Archdiocese of Cotabato



Bishop Pablo Virgilio David, DD, of the Diocese of Kalookan and CBCP Vice-President

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Fr. Jose P. Eloja, MI



In the work of the New Evangelization, we are invited to rediscover and re-appropriate our faith in order to witness the Good News in words and charity. It necessitates our Christian faith to penetrate all the areas of life, culture, economy, business, politics, education, family and ecology. Pope Francis highlights the joy of the gospel and the joy of proclamation as additional dimension to the work of the New Evangelization. Pope Francis wrote, "I want to say one word to you and this word is 'joy.' Wherever there are consecrated people, seminarians, men and women religious, young people, there is joy, there is always joy! It is the joy of freshness, the joy of following Jesus; the joy that the Holy Spirit gives us, not the joy of the world."

This joy must be true and reflective of us Camillian religious and priests, for without joy we cannot proclaim the gospel of joy. We cannot proclaim the joy of healing and forgiveness. This joy must be seen in our faces and hearts so that we can consistently declare that Camillian religious and priestly vocation is a great joy. If we project burdened, overworked, lonely and bitter Camillians, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to attract new vocations.

Hence, we need from time to time that we renew our vocation and re-consecrate ourselves to the Lord so that as religious and priests, we can live our discipleship in a special way, in a prophetic way. It is this witness that Pope Francis expects of us. "Religious should be men and women able to wake the world up." Let us live our lives and ministry with joy so that we can become proclaimers of the Good News not just in words but in our very being!

Special thanks to the guest speakers who gave interesting insights to their respective topics and to those who attended the Renewal Course last Sept. 24-28. Many expressed their joy for being "renewed servant-leaders in the New Evangelization." Kudos!

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generosity and courage. As we started our retreat, our retreat facilitator invited us to set aside all our concerns and preoccupations and be totally present to the "here and now" in which we plead God for a renewed commitment to Him. We had our own areas of concern—some novices melt at the allurements and charm of bed and pillows; others found it hard to sustain the silence but, remarkably, everyone strived to fulfill their commitments and duty to pray.

One striking element which Ignatius himself emphasized is the internal freedom or what he calls "indifference." This is not a freedom that is free from any interference from others but a freedom to grow in relationship with God and eventually share in God's redemptive work. Hence, we prayed persistently for the grace of being detached from things, people or experiences, etc. to be able to either leave them behind or take them up, depending on whether they help us to "praise, revere and serve God." And so, we cannot let go of what does not

help us to love God or love others while staying engaged with what does, unless we love and love deeply. In the end, we have realized that everything boils down to His love—God is love and He loves each and one of us no matter what. His love frees us. Such has been the grace that we have been praying for, that is to really feel His love and make that love be our own treasure.

As we are about to conclude our 30-day retreat, our Retreat Master emphasized that the retreat does not end. The external structure ends but the graces that we have prayed for and the discipline that we have acquired will not be ending. They must be manifested in our words and deeds all throughout our formation and forthcoming mission. We have been blessed for having been given such opportunity that is a rarity. We will be always grateful to our Retreat Master, to our Novice Master and to all those who supported and prayed for us and with us to grow in our relationship with God. Indeed, to be in His ways for 30 days is a blessing that will keep us always! *Gracias!*

OUR LADY OF LA PAZ PARISH: Kasalang Bayan

Marylène Nicolas



Six loving couples walked down the aisle last Sept. 8, 2018 to exchange “I dos.” It has been quite some time since Our Lady of La Paz Parish church was filled with future husbands and wives and well-wishers alike.

The grooms were dashing in their barongs and the brides were gorgeous in their wedding dresses. Most of them have been living together for several years without officially “tying the knot.” Not that they avoided getting married but the delay was due to difficulty in procuring

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The renewal course aimed at forming our religious to become servant-leaders in the manner of the Good Shepherd by living the spirit of the evangelical counsels and the fourth vow and by being authentic prophets of the good news of Jesus and of the Kingdom. It also endeavoured to revisit ways of seminary (initial) and religious (ongoing) formation. Further, it sought to strengthen collaboration of the laity in crucial approaches to integral growth and development in view of mission and ministry.



the required documents and their mind-set regarding prohibitive expenses that go with the ceremony.

Through the initiative of the Family and Life Ministry with the collaborative sponsorship of other church organizations, their dream wedding finally became a reality. After months of preparation, eased by the fact that our parish has done away with the fees that are charged in the administration of all sacraments (known as *arrance*), these six couples experienced their union made sacred through Holy Matrimony officiated by our Parish Priest Fr. Renante Sentillas.

Although not the first *Kasalang Bayan* in our parish, this was the first occasion complete with reception and all trimmings from doves, wedding cake, ceremonial toast, etc., all for free. Even the ceremony was not short of glamour. It was brightened by flowers, the red carpet and the Knights of Columbus honor guards. Surely, our six loving couples will remember the first day of their married life as a wedding “made in heaven.” Congratulations!

We, at SCCS community, are truly blessed with people who are helping us: to the Camillian Philanthropic & Health Development Office for raising funds for the scholarship of our five seminarians; to Mrs. Elena Tan who shouldered the tuition fees of our indigent student-seminarians; and to Mr. Jun Quijada who donated a LED TV for our grade 11 students. Indeed, we are grateful for your generosity. May God continue to bless you with more graces that you may also be the Lord's blessing to others.



Mrs. Elena Tan



Mr. Jun Quijada (second from left)



Camillian Philanthropic and Health Development Office

Operation Habagat (Sitios Apia and Paglitao)

Khalelha Añonuevo

The Camillian Philanthropic and Health Development Office (CPHDO) led by Executive Director Fr. John Paul Alvarado with Nuestra Señora de la Anunciata Parish Priest Fr. Evan Paul Villanueva along with youth and local volunteers made a community assessment in Sitios Apia and Paglitao on Sept. 5, 2018.

Sitio Apia and Sitio Paglitao belong to Barangay Calawis (the second largest barangay in Antipolo City) along with five other sitios. During the *habagat* season, residents from these elevated areas are affected by life-threatening landslides and access to basic necessities is completely hampered by roads covered in ankle-deep mud, so both sitios can only be accessed by foot or by horse. It takes at least an hour and a half from the Calawis Barangay proper to reach Apia, and at least another hour and a half from Apia to Paglitao. There are around 310 families residing in these sitios: 250 in Apia and 60 in Paglitao.

After the community assessment, the CPHDO spent the following week preparing for the relief operations. The team bought food items from different supermarkets on Sept. 11–13. Originally, only around 310 families were listed as beneficiaries but the team opted to prepare 330 packs just in case there were families not on the list.

The goods were brought to the Nuestra Señora de la Anunciata Parish where volunteers waited to repack them. The volunteers included the Camillian Health Volunteers and the youth from the parish.

On Sept. 14, news about Super Typhoon Ompong spread but after deliberations and consultations, the team decided to push through with the relief operations because the team promised the families that rain or shine, the goods would be delivered to them. On the same day,

the team was able to secure an elf truck owned by one of the parishioners to help deliver the relief packs.

As Ompong was wreaking havoc in the morning of Sept. 15, Fr. John Paul surveyed the roads to the distribution site. The team was worried that the rivers would overflow and flood the roads and bridges. After an hour, Fr. John Paul confirmed that it was safe to bring the goods to the site. The volunteers started loading the truck with sacks of relief goods.

The mass was not starting until 10am, but the relief team arrived at the covered court at 9am to prepare and to accommodate beneficiaries who were early. The families started arriving by 9:30 and the goods were slowly unloaded from the truck by the volunteers.

The mass was concelebrated by Fr. Evan and Fr. John Paul. The community listened to the homily intently; they held hands and sang together. The beneficiaries offered their harvests; guyabano, bananas and pomelo. Despite the heavy rains and the strong wind, everyone was in a cheery mood.

Soon it was time to distribute the relief goods. One by one, the names of the heads of the families were called. They were all smiles as they received their bags. They were dancing and singing; everyone in the covered court was ecstatic and celebrating. All 330 relief packs were distributed; 318 to the families of Sitios Apia and Paglitao and 12 to the volunteers who were also devastated by the *habagat*. As the beneficiaries brought home their goods, the whole Operation Habagat team gathered together with a simple lunch. Everyone—the beneficiaries, the volunteers, the whole team—went home with their bellies and hearts full.

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ST. CAMILLUS NOVITIATE: Inauguration

Nov. Ruel Fernandez

August 14, 2018 was indeed a significant day for the St. Camillus Novitiate Community in Baguio City. They had a double celebration: the inauguration of the Chapel dedicated to St. Camillus de Lellis and Our Lady Health of the Sick and the 71st birthday of Rev. Fr. Ivo Anselmi, the Novice Master and Superior of the Community.

On the day of the inauguration at around 9 o'clock in the morning, the weather was unfavorable as the rain never stopped. However, the cloudy skies and the rains did not dampen the spirits of everyone because the inauguration went on smoothly. The mass was overwhelmingly attended. Some parishioners of St. Vincent Parish, the barangay officials, the lay people, friends and benefactors, some Camillian religious from Manila and most especially, the newly organized Lay Camillian Family were there spearheading the event.

The Holy Eucharist was officiated by the provincial superior, Rev. Fr. Jose Eloja. Quite a number of Camillian

religious from Manila concelebrated. Towards the end of the Mass, Fr. Ivo gave wonderful words of gratitude to those who contributed to make the project possible. He also shared his experience that when talking about St. Camillus de Lellis to ordinary people, he felt bad because they do not know St. Camillus. Such experience inspired him to erect a chapel dedicated to the saint and Our Lady Health of the Sick in order to spread the devotion among the people. The chapel will be managed by Lay Camillian Family and there will be masses and novena regularly. The people around were indeed grateful.

During the evening, the Novitiate Community and Camillian confreres gathered together for dinner which was followed by an unexpected program for the birthday celebration of Fr. Ivo. They made the night memorable for it was filled with laughter and memorable stories which certainly gave inspiration to the novices. Indeed, fraternal bond makes the religious happier and united.



SCCS: 33rd Foundation Day and English Week

Sems. Kharl Dulceras and Francis Torculas



It has been 33 years since St. Camillus College Seminary (SCCS) was established. One can say that the Camillian institution has been at its very best in providing high-quality education and is now continuing to prove itself more, particularly with the Senior High School's HUMSS strand and the College's AB Philosophy degree. This can be reflected to what Christine Gregoine said, "Education is the foundation upon which we build our future."

The recent Foundation Day was held on Sept. 24, 2018 coupled with the celebration of English Week with the theme, "English language makes us mold lives, destroy boundaries and build future" displayed at the SCCS Auditorium. At the beginning of the day, the Holy Eucharist was celebrated at the chapel and it was presided over by Fr. Ruben Mandin, rector of SCCS, concelebrated by Frs. John Paul Alvarado, Wilson Peñaranda, and other religious formators. After the mass, a check was given to

few lucky Camillian seminarians who were granted scholarship by the Camillian Philanthropic and Health Development Office.

The next events for the Foundation Day were then held at the auditorium and it began with a prayer and a flag ceremony. The program proper started with a brief but meaningful opening remarks by the Dean of Studies, Dr. Manuel Dy. Then the different competitions situated around the school took place; the spelling bee and the amazing race, which were all participated by every year level, took place during the morning. All participating congregations of the college ate their lunch at the SCCS refectory.

Other programs followed in the afternoon: jazz chant, dance/singing performance of different year levels, declamation, storytelling, and the dress-your-door competition. Each respective competition showed the talents of the seminarians. Truly, the event was a success as this was an experience audience members and guests will never forget, especially the grand performance of the year, the Zumba session. The closing remarks were made by Dr. Robert M. Picart, who by sharing his comedic skills and few experiences in life, made the event more memorable. With the help of Sem. Fritz Saguil and the Languages Circle, the SCC Seminarians, the presence of Fr. Ruben and the other religious priests, the foundation of relationships, brotherhood, and spiritual life have been strengthened.

In His Ways for 30 Days

Nov. Ruel Fernandez

We are grateful as we, the novices of St. Camillus Novitiate, Baguio City, went through the Ignatian Retreat for 30 days. We joyfully spent the whole month of September in heart-piercing prayers, contemplation and silence. Deacon Stanley Lee, a permanent deacon, facilitated our retreat and he journeyed with us as we strive to continuously progress in our intimate and personal relationship with God.

The Ignatian Retreat necessitates at least four to five hours of individual prayer daily apart from the community prayer. And alternately, each novice is scheduled for colloquium and for spiritual consultation with our Retreat Master. The retreat circulates primarily on the three indispensable gears—"good food, good rest, and good



prayer," in which we delightfully assimilated. We gladly commenced with enthusiasm, excitement, openness,

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NEW FORMANDS



The Nicola D'Onofrio community (Scholasticate and Adult Formation Center) in Loyola Heights, QC welcomed the new adult formands Keith Patricio, Leoneil John Seriosa and Joeseeph Nortega (left to right in picture) during the rite of pinning of the red cross. The ceremony was held last Sept. 16, 2018 witnessed by the formands' families and scholastics. Frs. Michael Gimena and Angel Crisostomo officiated the Holy Mass.

HIV ORIENTATION



St. Camillus Hospital of Mati's staff were provided with HIV orientation by the Woodwater Center for Healing team. There were three batches who attended the orientation on Sept. 11-12, 2018.

Twenty-four males and 31 females from the hospital's different departments and the Community-Based Health Care Program (CBHP) Center that provides alternative healing services such as ventusa, massage, and acupuncture received information about RA 8504 (HIV AIDS Prevention and Control Act), magnitude of HIV/AIDS in the global, regional and local contexts and the facts on transmission, prevention and treatment.

The orientation was not only a preparation for the hospital community to render a wholistic approach in handling HIV positive patients and clients but also to address an increased stigma against people who belong to the vulnerable groups. – *Gerlita C. Enrera, RSW*

COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION GOES TO COMMUNITY SERVICE



Members of the Panimalay ni San Kamilo Drop-in-Center (Home of St. Camillus) for drug dependents are now serving the community as advocates for quality of life. On Sept. 21-22, 2018, they served in Tungkil Elementary School by painting the school's perimeter walls and sending concrete messages to the community to prevent drug abuse and misuse (especially to the children).

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

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

Sch. Silvester Naikofi	01/09/1986
Fr. Aristelo D. Miranda	03/09/1967
Fr. Amelio Troietto	05/09/1950
Fr. Avensius Harung	11/09/1978
Sch. Gregorius Pada	12/09/1992
Fr. Rodolfo V. Cancino Jr.	15/09/1973
Fr. Marcelo L. Pamintuan Jr.	16/09/1968
Fr. Diosdado C. Haber	28/09/1965

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Joseph Pham Van Dong	03/09/2016
Br. Joseph Luu Ngoc Khanh	03/09/2016
Fr. Salvador G. Cariño	05/09/1992

Presbyterate Ordinations

Fr. Jacob Haw Ran Wong	04/09/2006
Fr. Ignasius Sibar	25/09/2011
Fr. Davide Maria Tai Chuen Lee	28/09/1996

OCTOBER

Birthdays

Fr. Renato P. Sales	07/10/1960
Sch. Andreas Yobe	10/10/1991
Fr. Angel V. Crisostomo	30/10/1975

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Domingo S. Barawid	04/10/2000
Br. Marcelino S. Dugal	04/10/2000

Presbyterate Ordinations

Fr. Alfons Oles	18/10/2009
Fr. Cyrelus Suparman Andi	24/10/2010
Fr. Avensius Harung	24/10/2010
Fr. Mushtaq Anjum	28/10/2011

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

Fr. Renante T. Sentillas	04/11/1969
Sch. YeongMin Kang	13/11/1991
Fr. Salvador G. Cariño	14/11/1965
Fr. Michael G. Gimena	14/11/1979
Sch. Arnoldus Silvanus	14/11/1992
Fr. Felice Chech	18/11/1943
Fr. Henry B. Angupa II	19/11/1988
Fr. Brian Vincent Q. Rances	25/11/1982
Fr. Primitivo S. Guinit	27/11/1969

Perpetual Professions

Br. Davide Angelo Cattaneo	11/11/1962
Fr. Andrea Jungju Seo	30/11/2015

Presbyterate Ordinations

Fr. Gabriel V. Garcia	09/11/2002
Fr. Primitivo S. Guinit	09/11/2002
Fr. Jaime A. Roa	09/11/2002
Fr. Diosdado C. Haber	20/11/1993
Fr. John Paul B. Alvarado	24/11/2012
Fr. Jayson A. Labrador	24/11/2012
Fr. John Jay C. Magpusao	24/11/2012
Fr. Eliseo L. Navarro	24/11/2012
Fr. Rodolfo V. Cancino Jr.	26/11/2011
Fr. Roderick R. Tampis	26/11/2011
Fr. Jose P. Eloja	27/11/1994
Fr. Aristelo D. Miranda	27/11/1994
Fr. Placido B. de Jose	27/11/2010
Fr. Brian Vincent Q. Rances	27/11/2010
Fr. Bon L. Arimbuyutan	29/11/2014

DECEMBER

Birthdays

Fr. Jayson A. Labrador	02/12/1984
Fr. Wilson D. Peñaranda	09/12/1975
Br. Paolo Kuo Chien Han	17/12/1957
Br. Joseph Luu Ngoc Khanh	21/12/1985
Rev. Jose Emmanuel B. Cabarles	25/12/1990
Sch. Donatus Hendrayani Hamun Tatut	25/12/1991

Fr. Ignasius Sibar	27/12/1979
Fr. Giovanni Rizzi	28/12/1927
Fr. Celestino Rizzi	30/12/1937

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Gian Carlo Michelini	08/12/1958
Fr. Celestino Rizzi	08/12/1959
Fr. Ivo Z. Anselmi	08/12/1970
Fr. Amelio Troietto	08/12/1974
Fr. Matteo Kuo Ching Kao	08/12/1977
Fr. Raimondo Chia Men Yang	08/12/1977
Fr. Remegio E. Jamorabon	08/12/1985
Fr. Bon L. Arimbuyutan	08/12/2013

Presbyterate Ordinations

Fr. Domingo S. Barawid	01/12/2001
Fr. Tex Rico V. Buntol	05/12/1998
Fr. Robert S. Chua Jr.	05/12/1998
Fr. Renante T. Sentillas	06/12/1997
Fr. Samuel A. Cuarto	07/12/1996
Fr. Rolando J. Fernandez	08/12/1984
Fr. Wilson D. Peñaranda	08/12/2007
Fr. Angel V. Crisostomo	09/12/2006
Fr. Michael G. Gimena	09/12/2006
Fr. Renato D. Maliwat	09/12/2006
Fr. Marven G. Ruyeras	11/12/2009

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