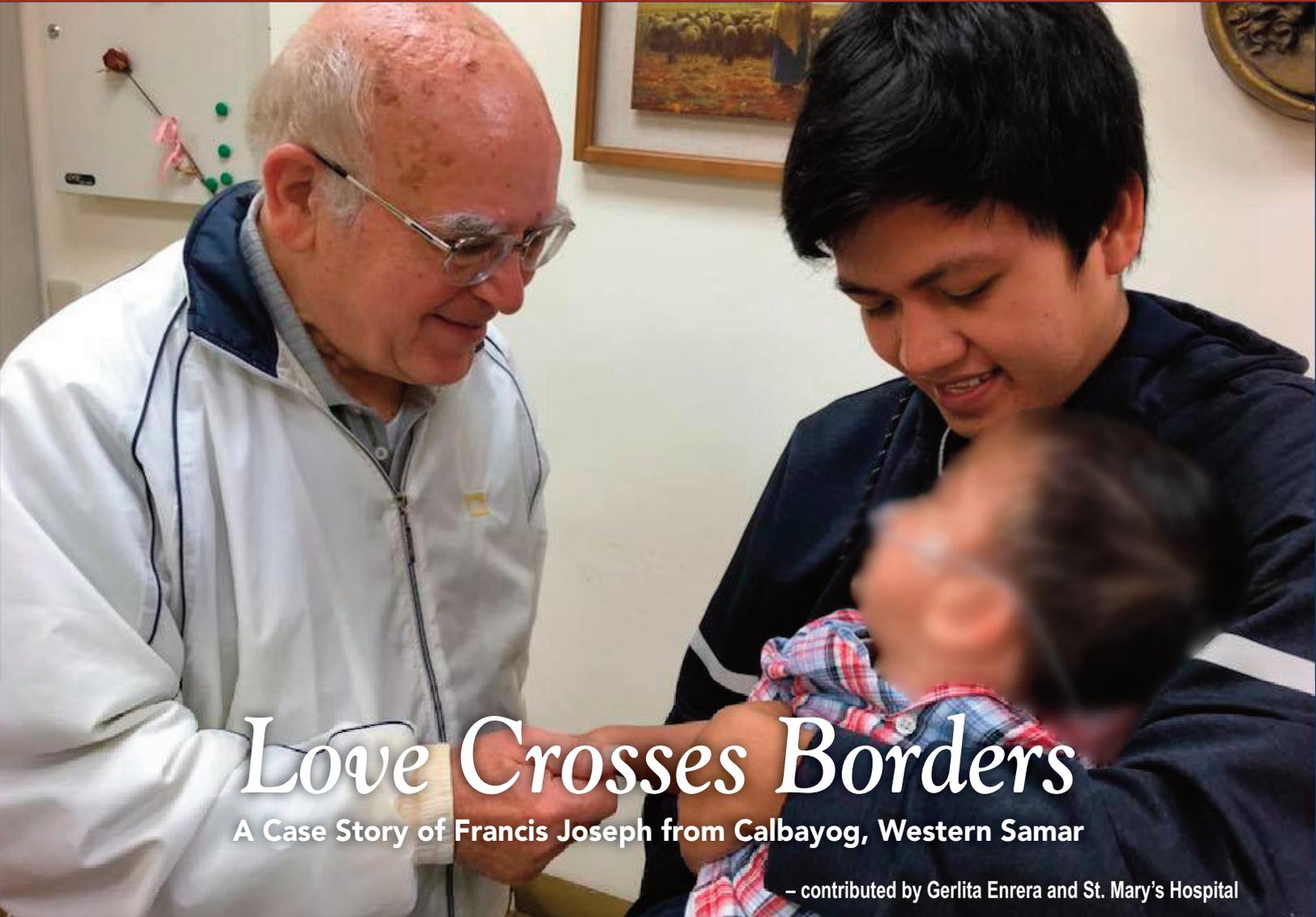




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Love Crosses Borders

A Case Story of Francis Joseph from Calbayog, Western Samar

– contributed by Gerlita Enrera and St. Mary's Hospital

A child born to parents is a source of joy and inspiration. What happens then when a child so loved is born with congenital illness that could affect his healthy growth and development?

Two-year-old Francis Joseph was born to parents from Oquendo District, Calbayog, Western Samar with craniofacial anomalies.

First encounter

His condition was first seen during a joint medical mission conducted by St. Camillus Hospital (SCH) Calbayog and St. Mary's Hospital Luodong (Taiwan) in March 2018. Immediate medical assistance was not available.

"We saw them there... the mother cuddling her boy with a big bulge in the forehead. Clutching him closely... not getting tired even if they have to wait for a long time," said one of the doctors.

The boy's father pleaded for help for his child; he wanted his child to be able to gradually live simply, for his boy to sit, express emotions and even learn and go to school. However, with their meager resources, they could not even afford to have their child assessed by a doctor.

Initial medical assessment by the surgical team of St. Mary's Hospital showed that Francis had a cerebral bulge

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Fr. Jose P. Eloja, MI



The Word was made flesh, he lived among us... (Jn 1:14)

John Millais' painting, Christ in the House of His Parents, portrays a picture of Jesus working in the carpentry shop of Joseph. Jesus gets himself a cut on his finger and blood streams down to his feet as Mary tries to comfort her. Although the incident is simply imaginary, it shows that Jesus is human who experiences and understands our pain. It expresses very well what the evangelist John proclaimed, "The Word was made flesh." There was no need for God to become human, but because God loves us and cares for us, God did it so. He showed us how much we mean to Him by becoming human. The Incarnation was God's way to convince us that He loves and cares for us and that we mean so much to Him.

The Word who is God and who existed since the beginning is Jesus Himself. We would not have thought that God would mix with us by becoming flesh. By becoming flesh, Jesus was like us in every way but sin. He even felt the same emotions that we feel. He loved other people, he cried, he laughed, and he enjoyed social occasions. He felt pity for people, he got angry, he got tired, and he felt the need of companionship. John the Evangelist really meant it when he said, "The Word was made flesh."

The Word, Jesus, did not simply become flesh and then lived a quiet life. He was made flesh and lived among us. Jesus was a man of the people. At some point, there were people calling Him "a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." Being a man of the people, He touched the lepers in order to heal them. He spent much of his ministry among the sinners, those who need him most. He was known as a friend of sinners and the sinners knew that they were welcome in his company.

Being the Word made flesh, Jesus is God the Father's Word to us. He is God's revelation to us. He is our way to the Father. By getting to know Jesus, we get to know the Father. And we get to know Jesus the same way we get to know anybody—by spending time together. We spend time with Jesus when we serve the sick; the vulnerable; the marginalized; the victims of disasters, injustice, violence, and abuse. More so, we get to know Jesus by spending time with Him in prayer and meditating on the Gospels.

Wishing you all the joyful blessings that the Incarnation of God's Son brings!

Merry Christmas!

SCCS 2018 Grand Alumni Homecoming

The St. Camillus College Seminary will hold its 2018 Grand Alumni Homecoming on Dec. 7–8, 2018 honoring the batches from 1993 (Silver Jubilarians), 1998 (Kestrel Batch), 2003 (Gladius), 2008 (Sanctus) and 2013 (Saviours). After the Mass and Apostolate at Camillus MedHaven, there will be a concert in the evening titled "Himig Pasko sa Seminaryo," a concert featuring A Capella Manila. In the morning the next day, Ms. Carelle Mangaliag Herrera, a renowned motivational speaker, will present "an NLP (Neuro-linguistic Programming) Learning Session on Reigniting and Refuelling our Passion for our Purpose." A recognition program, sports activity and socialization will end the two-day affair.



"And the moment he came up out of the water, heaven opened before him, and he saw the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. And these words were heard from heaven: 'You are my Son, the Beloved, the One I have chosen.'"

(MARK 1:10-11)

That was how it seemed when the choir solemnly sang the Litany of the Saints as Rev. Jose Emmanuel Cabarles prostrated himself on the floor during mid-morning of his priestly ordination last Dec. 1, 2018. It was a scene of saying YES to a Divine Call—a YES to a commitment to be a good shepherd to all, just like Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who did not come to be served but to serve, to seek and to save who are lost; a shepherd who does not cling to his own life, who is not selfish, always attentive and ready to offer his own life to the needs of the others, and gives himself completely out of love.

In his homily, the Most Rev. Jose Romeo O. Lazo, the Archbishop of Jaro and the presider of the Holy Eucharist, recognized the many traits of a good shepherd.

1. *"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me."* (Jn 10:14) – In this age of fake news, there are so many voices that one cannot hear the true voice of the Shepherd. As sheep, sometimes we get lost when we fail to listen, but then our Good Shepherd will find us if we only listen to his voice.

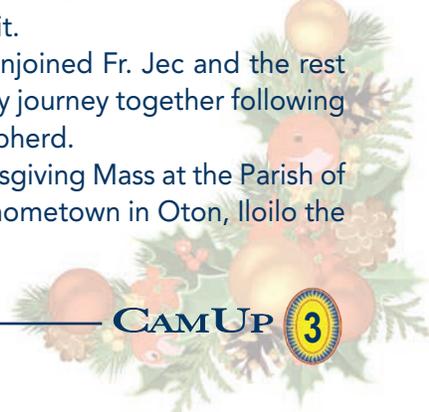
2. *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep."* (Jn 10:11) – A good shepherd is responsible to his flock and is protective of his flock. He takes risks in search of those who are lost, and lays down his life for them.

3. *"I have other sheep which are not of this fold. These I have to lead as well, and they shall listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock, since there is one shepherd."* (Jn 10:16) – A good shepherd is also a unifier. He binds his flock with those from other fold and he takes care of them as well.

4. Lastly, as a special ministry of the Camillian charism, a good shepherd is a healer who looks after the wellness of his flock, both in body and spirit.

In this Advent season, he enjoined Fr. Jec and the rest of the Camillian religious as they journey together following the footsteps of the Good Shepherd.

Fr. Jec celebrated his Thanksgiving Mass at the Parish of Immaculate Conception in his hometown in Oton, Iloilo the following day, Dec. 2, 2018.





Camillian Philanthropy Health Development

OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

Khalelha Añonuevo

Board of Investments

Last Sept. 28, 2018 the Board of Investments (BOI) held an outreach activity for the residents of Camillus MedHaven. It started with a Mass that was celebrated by Fr. Ruben Mandin. Afterwards, the residents and the staff of BOI proceeded to the dining hall where the program took place. CPHDO Executive Director Fr. John Paul Alvarado gave the opening remarks. The BOI staff then distributed Tropical Hut burgers to about 60 residents. The *Lolas* and *Lolos* were given time to enjoy their meal before continuing the program. After their hearty meal, BOI facilitated games for the residents. Winners of "Name That Picture" and "Hep Hep Hooray" were given prizes. After the fun games, Ms. Ma. Rolienita Nebres, BOI HR Division Chief, gave a touching message and presented their gifts to Camillus MedHaven. The gifts included diapers, toiletries and a sphygmomanometer, among others. The residents and the BOI team parted ways with full hearts and sincere smiles.



Henkel Asia Pacific

On Oct. 20, 2018, Fr. Rodel Enriquez gave the opening remarks to welcome the visitors from Henkel Asia Pacific. The program started at 9 AM with a dance exercise. Games were facilitated for the residents. They were also given snacks. To cap off the program, "Seniors Got Talent" was held and Mommy Jessie and Mommy Remy won. The program ended at 11:30 AM.



Heart in our Hands

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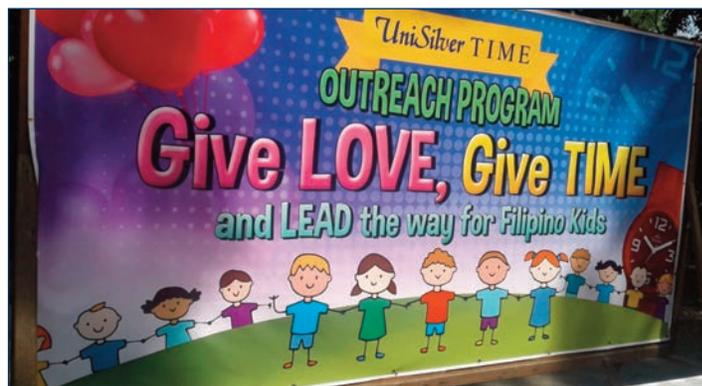
Pru Life UK

The Pru Life UK Alexandrite 3 Branch visited the residents of Camillus Medhaven last Oct. 27, 2018. They brought balloons for the *Lolas and Lolos*. The team also facilitated some games and provided lunch. Aside from the very fun and lively program they hosted, Pru Life UK also brought with them special donations in the form of diapers, towels, other toiletries, a flat screen TV and a mobile sound system. The in-kind donations amounted to more than P150,000.00. CPHDO coordinated with Ms. Liza Clarin-Lontoc, Business Development and Sales Training Officer, to make the event happen.



UniSilver Time

The UniSilver Time team visited the kids of St. Camillus Health Care Center in Cainta under the care of Fr. Dan Cancino. They provided snacks and lunch for the children. They also hosted games for them. The team gave away UniSilver watches as prizes for the games. In return the kids performed a dance number for the UniSilver Time team.



LAY CAMILLIAN FAMILY

LCF Philippines

The Hundred Hands Joined Together

Maria Ruby Cordova Lontoc, *President – LCF Philippines*



LAY CAMILLIAN FAMILY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
October 13–20, 2018, Rome, Italy

“I wish I have a hundred hands to serve the sick”
– St. Camillus

The fulfillment of this wish of St. Camillus was amplified in the gathering of the Lay Camillian Family (LCF), the lay partner of the Camillian Religious in the service to the sick. This Extraordinary International Assembly of the Lay Camillian Family was held on Oct. 13–20, 2018 in Rome, Italy. Of the 31 countries with LCF, 22 countries were represented by their presidents and spiritual advisers. The assembly started with the attendance of the group in the canonization of seven new saints including Pope Leo VI and Bishop Oscar Romero at St. Peter’s Basilica. The next four days were filled with meaningful and inspiring talks from different speakers followed by group sharing of the different delegates. Topics of the talks centered mainly on being a Lay Camillian Family member, fulfilling the charism of St. Camillus and following God’s mission in today’s world. Among the speakers were Fr. Leo Pessini (current Superior General), Frs. Angelo Brusco and Frank Monks (former Superior Generals), Rosabianca Carpena and Isabel Calderon (former LCF Presidents), Fr. Laurent Zoungrana (General Vicar and LCF Spiritual Adviser). Other speakers were Lucy Maldonado (LCF Ecuador), Gregoire Ahongbonon (LCF Benin), Sr. Ricarda Lazzari (Figliei di San Camillo) and Fr. Aris Miranda (Consultor for Ministry and Coordinator for CADIS International). Selected delegates were given a chance

to share testimonies on their personal experiences as LCF members.

The assembly was culminated by a pilgrimage to Buchianico, native place of St. Camillus, and Manoppello, Holy Face of Jesus.

Personal experience

The two-week experience has enriched my life and has been one of my most memorable experiences. Having to leave my family, work and ministry was a big challenge for me but I realized that this was a great gift and blessing from God, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Indeed, this was a much-needed break to renew my spirit, my service and straighten my priorities.

Despite the uncertainty on what was to happen, I told myself, “A blessing from God can never go wrong.” It was meant to be cultivated and shared, and at the same time, enjoyed. Also, the fact that I had to travel abroad alone for the first time made me uneasy. I met friendly *kabayans* during the flight and I felt God was telling me, “Relax, everything will be alright.” Arriving in Rome greeted by familiar faces made me feel as if I did not leave home at all.

Although it was my third time to go to Italy, it always seemed my first. I still felt excitement to see the place where St. Camillus stayed and began his mission. Seeing his relics and the cross that spoke to him were a testa-

ment that everything was true. I felt his spirit welcoming me back.

The moment came when I started to meet the delegates of the Lay Camillian Family from different countries. At first, language was a barrier. Nevertheless, no barrier can block the sincerity of a smile and warm greetings. I constantly reminded myself of my purpose why I am a part of the assembly, why I need to talk to them and why I need to learn from them. I was glad I did not let this language barrier stand in the way. I gained new friends, new brothers and sisters—a new family. Although we spoke different languages, we understood each other. We were different, and yet, we were the same. All throughout the assembly, I felt each person's sincerity and love.

We had to share our insights and experiences during the convention. I had previous experiences in public speaking but speaking in front of people from different countries, plus the fact that we had a star-studded audience—Camillian Superior Generals and Heads, LCF central commission, LCF country presidents and spiritual advisers worldwide, made me feel extremely anxious. But then again, I thought, I cannot let this opportunity to learn from others and at the same time to share my experi-

ences pass. I prayed for strength and guidance on what to say; gladly, I was able to convey my message.

By the minute, I felt at home with the people. I was filled with awe and admiration toward the speakers and the other participants for their concern for the Lay Camillian Family in these challenging times. The topics discussed were very relevant to the realities the LCF are currently facing. In the face of these situations, each one was committed to fulfill the charism of St. Camillus in serving the sick in our respective countries despite the many difficulties.

The trip to Verona and seeing the pillars of Our Lady of La Paz Parish where I grew up in—Fr. Anselmo Zambotti (founder of Friends of the Sick), Fr. Mario Didone (former Parish Priest) and Br. Angelino Aldegheri (St. Camillus Polyclinic and Home of Charity) was a big bonus and had proven my Camillian service even when I was young.

I thank all the Camillian Religious for their warmth and their love for me and my fellow delegates.

Lastly, these experiences inspired me to do my best not just as president of Lay Camillian Family Philippines but as one of the "hands" St. Camillus prayed for—by dedicating my life to serve God through our poor sick brothers and sisters.

LCF Australia-New Zealand

Michael Kukla, *President – LCF Australia*



(L-R): Dennis Sanga (LCF New Zealand), Fr. Marcelo Pamintuan, MI (LCF Australia Spiritual Director), Fr. Leo Pessini, MI (MI Superior General) and Michael Kukla (LCF Australia).

The Australian Delegation to the Extraordinary General Assembly of Lay Camillian Families, Michael Kukla and Fr. Marcelo Bong Pamintuan met with representatives from approximately 22 different countries covering the four continents of the world.

We gathered on the weekend of Oct. 13-14, 2018 at

Villa Primavera, the beautiful property of the Handmaids of the Incarnation (another branch of the Worldwide Camillian Family).

On Sunday, Oct. 14, we travelled to the Vatican at 7:00am to attend the canonization of seven new Catholic saints at Mass in St. Peter's Square, the most notable of whom were Pope Paul VI and Bishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero. We later lunched at the Camillian Generalate House as well as visited the adjoining Maddalena Church and surrounding historical area. We returned by bus to Villa Primavera for supper at 8:00pm.

We were pleased that Fr. General Leo Pessini was present to give the opening address. We were happy that Frs. Angelo Brusco and Frank Monks, former Superior-Generals of the Camillian Order, along with Isabel Calderon and Rosabianca Carpene, former Presidents of the International Lay Camillian Family, were also present.

Despite his current illness (where he spent 43 days in hospital and lost eight kilos), Fr. Leo addressed our as-

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sembly and encouraged us to be joyful and move forward. Fr. Leo also encouraged us to

“remember that you lay people, who take your inspiration from St. Camillus, are the future of the Camillian charism in many parts of the world where the Camillian religious have yet to reach. You the laity are the promise of a fuller reality that will bring more just and improved healthcare as envisaged by St. Camillus.”

In the Final Message from the Participants of the Extraordinary General Assembly, Fr. Leo told us to remember that we will be joyful people and hope-filled because we have been invited to witness to the Gospel by caring for the sick. He encouraged us to listen in order to discover, understand and respond to the “signs of the times” and in the process hear the Heart of God. Fr. Leo himself, through his presence with us, is a beacon of hope, and we share this hope with you.

This is our prayer to the Lord, through our Lady Health of the Sick and St. Camillus. May the Good Lord bless our Camillian Family to be evermore faithful in our service to the sick.

The “Four Day” Programme

The International Central Commission set up a very informative and interactive programme for us.

This was a truly multicultural and multilingual gathering.

Translators were engaged to allow us to listen to all presenters irrespective whether they spoke Italian, French, Polish, Hungarian, Romanian, Spanish, several African, South American or Asian languages and English. Most of the papers and presentations were not in English as well as books or other handouts. Frs. Leo, Angelo and Frank Monks delivered English documents.

Testimonies

The organizers were keen for the country representatives to give testimonies to allow everyone to have a say. Most people did.

Several of us shared our life stories talking about how and why people got involved with the Camillians and supplemented their stories with PowerPoint presentations. I also took a hard copy about our Australian story and showed it to the participants during conference breaks.

I spoke about my life story as a seminarian in the 1970s, doing university studies, working in hospitals for nearly 30 years as a social welfare worker and health ad-

ministrators and then connection with the Camillian Religious in the early 2000s in Westmead. Following my retrenchment from a major teaching hospital in Sydney in 2012, I was able to engage in pastoral care studies and became involved in our first Lay Camillian Family in Australia. I felt called to give my life to God by caring for the sick and suffering in my local community. I then informed the Assembly participants what activities our members did and outlined what we have achieved over the last four years.

After my testimony, Fr. Bong and I distributed the Aussie souvenirs. They were delighted with the koala and kangaroo items. Thank you to LCF-Australia for providing those gifts.

A copy of our Australian story was given to Fr. Angelo Brusco (Director of the Pastoral Care Centre) when we visited Verona after the Assembly.

Papers and Presentations

The keynote papers were presented by Camillian Religious, members of the Central Commission and invited lay folks like Lucy from Ecuador, Gregoire from Benin (Africa) and former LCF Presidents.

My intention was not to summarize my notes in this report.

At a later time, I would like to focus on a number of the issues raised from these Assembly papers at future meetings and LCF activities we will organize in 2019. In good time, I am hoping that some of the invited papers will be translated into English and then printed in the Camillian quarterly journal, especially Sr. Riccarda’s 24-page presentation “Mary Health of the Sick in my Life as Lay Camillian.” They will be easily accessible to us (www.Camiliani.org/Lay).

One resource that was mentioned in papers was Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation: *Gaudete et Exsultate*: On the Call to Holiness, a document the LCF could use for formation.

Pilgrimage to St. Camillus’ Native Place in Bucchianico

On Friday, Oct. 19, the organizers took the participants to Bucchianico where Mass was celebrated and souvenirs bought; had superb lunch nearby at the Nicola D’Onofrio Center of Spirituality; and visited Manoppello-Sanctuary of the Holy Face.

Other LCF Matters to Mention

We have talked about putting together a Camillian Prayer Book. My Irish friend, Mary Briody, loaned me her prayer book, which I photocopied into my phone. The

CADIS 5th Leadership Conference



On Nov. 11–17, 2018, the 5th Annual CADIS Leadership Conference was held in Bangkok, Thailand. Frs. Aristelo Miranda, Sam Cuarto, James Roa, Domingo Barawid and Alfons Oles from the Philippine Province attended. This year's theme was "Servant Leadership: Looking Back into our Past, Facing the Challenges of the Present and Projecting our Future Desired Situation in the Service of the Most Vulnerable Communities." Among the invited speakers were Dr. Monthip Sriratana (from National Research Council of Thailand) who talked

Irish LCF has a website: Google-Lay Camillian Family Ireland.

Several speakers talked about "spiritual accompaniment." Google it. The Jesuits do it well. We can, too.

Moving Forward

Fr. Leo encouraged us to be joyful and move forward.

Some suggestions I pondered on in Rome and thereafter:

- Sponsor Masses for the Sick in different parishes of our diocese.
- Hold monthly healing Masses with supper afterwards
- Celebrating Holy Eucharist for Healthcare Workers and Eucharistic Ministers at Hospitals/Parishes
- Keep a file on Catholic Health issues
- Visit parishes that have long "sick" lists (e.g., Greystones)
- Organize Annual World Day of the Sick Masses for the diocese (Diocese of Parramatta in Australia)
- Continue our Prayer Ministry with a focus on the sick and suffering
- Become "Palliative Care Volunteers"
- Reconnect with Bishop Vincent—to get authorization to operate as an association of lay people working with the Camillian Religious to care for the sick and suffering in our community
- Work more together (re-establish Committee system).
- Go back to the sources/roots of Camillus de Lellis
- What is the Lord asking us to do?

on "The Science of Climate Change and Its Impact" and Dr. Usha Menon who spoke on "Resource Mobilization for Humanitarian and Development Intervention." Bishop Broderick Pabillo, Auxiliary Bishop of Manila, gave a retreat based on Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*.

2018 National Hospital Chaplaincy Conference



The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines-Episcopal Commission on Health Care (CBCP-ECHC) and the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm (Camillians) organized the 2018 National Hospital Chaplaincy Conference on Nov. 19–21, 2018 at the St. Camillus Pastoral Care Center, Quezon City.

Bp. Patricio Buzon, SDB, DD (chair of CBCP-ECHC) led the conference that started with the opening Mass with Luzon hospital chaplains (Fr. Francis Protacio Cortez [Diocese of Malolos], Fr. Stevanus Saharno [Diocese of Imus] and Fr. Ferdinand [Archdiocese of Tuguegarao]). The Mass was followed by introduction and orientation to the conference.

The second day was a Recollection with Bp. Buzon as facilitator. He focused on the theme of "bringing us back to the Love of God in our life which is important in renewing our being servant-leaders" in the context of the sick and with the mystery of suffering. He then concluded the recollection with the celebration of the Eucharist with Visayas chaplains from the Archdiocese/diocese of Jaro, Kabankalan, Bacolod, Libmanan, Palo, and Tagbilaran.

Fr. Rodolfo Cancino, Jr. (CBCP-ECHC Exec. Sec.) presented a report that was followed by a workshop on the status and needs of hospital chaplaincy and chaplains. Dr. Joseph Lachica from the office of Sen. Risa Hontiveros-Senate Health Committee graced the conference by discussing RA 10932, otherwise known as the Anti-Hospital Deposit Law, and Philhealth.

The third day opened with the Holy Eucharist by Mindanao chaplains (Archdiocese/diocese of Davao Kidapawan and Tagum). Fr. Joe Marie Villalobos, hospital chaplain from the Archdiocese of Jaro, gave his inputs on "The Role of the Church in Pastoral Care-Spiritual Care in Health Care Setting." Then Fr. Jose Eloja, Camillian Provincial Superior, spoke on "Spiritual Care Profession: Mandated or Obsolete? An Experience of Hospital Chaplaincy in Australia." Finally, Ray Salo gave an AACPE Orientation.

The afternoon was spent planning for the next steps in the formation of Philippine Association of Hospital Chaplains. – Fr. Rodolfo Cancino, Jr.

7th CAPCHA Conference

The Ministers of the Infirm actively participated in the 7th Catholic Asia-Pacific Coalition on HIV and AIDS (CAPCHA) Conference held at St. Mary's Cathedral in Yangon, Myanmar on Nov. 5–10, 2018. Led by Fr. Rocco Pairat Sriprasert, Fr. Rodolfo Cancino Jr., Fr. Giovanni Contarin, and Fr. Wittichai Boonbulu, the conference was attended and partici-

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INDONESIA: 20 New Aspirants in Ruteng

Fr. Luigi Galvani, MI



Last Oct. 29, 2018, Fr. Luigi Galvani, Superior Delegate of Indonesia, welcomed 20 new candidates by pinning a small “red cross” on their chest during a Eucharistic celebration in the chapel of the Camillian seminary “Blessed Enrico Rebuschini” in Ruteng, island of Flores.

The new candidates under the guidance of their formators, Fr. Ignasius Sibar and scholastic Franciskus Arung, are committed in a year long spiritual and academic formation program in preparation for their philosophical studies which they will take in the SVD seminary of Ledalero, Maumere, with more than 1,000 students.

The aspirants come from different towns of the islands of Flores and Timor, which are the most Catholic among the 17,000 islands of the Indonesian archipelago. The two islands are still considered “fertile soil” for religious and missionary vocations. In fact, several religious congregations and diocesan seminaries have communities there.

The presence of the Camillians in Indonesia, after almost 10 years, is becoming more and more significant. In fact, they have established three formation houses: one in Ruteng with 20 aspirants and two in Maumere with 37 postulants, 12 scholastics and 6 novices.

Then, a Social Center for young students was recently opened in Maumere where English, computer and pastoral animation courses are offered. A second similar Center is also under construction in the city of Kupang, island of Timor.

Recently, they showed courage and social commitment in bringing emergency assistance to the victims of the islands of Lombok and Sulawesi terribly stricken by earthquake and tsunami.

Their presence and missionary spirit, certainly, are becoming part of the “hundred hands” of charity that St. Camillus wanted his religious to be in the different countries of the world.

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in the forehead, a rare brain disease with hydrocephalus and skull base defect and that it was more suitable for him to undergo surgery in Taiwan. The team of volunteer doctors from St. Mary's Hospital and the SCH Calbayog team agreed to work on the case and help the child and his parents go to Taiwan.

Dr. Lin Tzu-zun and Fr. Jacob Wong Haw Ran of CADIS Taiwan looked for funding to provide assistance for the boy. St. Mary's Hospital and Taipei Veterans General Hospital agreed to work together to treat Francis.

Medical trip to Taiwan

Francis Joseph and his parents and SCH Calbayog representatives left Calbayog on Aug. 25, 2018 and arrived at St. Mary's Hospital on Aug. 26, where he then went for another pre-operative evaluation. Due to a combination of epilepsy and hydrocephalus, his condition was more complicated.

Francis was admitted in Taipei Veterans General Hospital on Sept. 2. A strong medical team from the hospital was formed led by Neurosurgeon Dr. Chen Xinhong, Plastic Surgeon Dr. Wang Tianxiang, and the Pediatric Intensive Care and Anesthesia medical staff. The team first treated Francis' liver dysfunction, and then used advanced preoperative 3D printing module for intracerebral vision. Plastic surgery, which lasted 10 hours, successfully completed the treatment of craniofacial anomalies and congenital hydrocephalus.

He was discharged on Sep. 14. He continued to receive follow-up rehabilitation treatment from Dr. Zhuang Yuyu and Dr. Kelin Xuanhui from St. Mary's Hospital.

The follow-up and full rehabilitation treatment will be long and tedious. Francis' parents were taught how to do simple exercises with him to help in his rehabilitation process back home in Calbayog. Francis will also undergo



therapy three times a week at the St. Camillus Rehabilitation Center.

Francis's father is grateful to all who helped his son: Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Camillian Philippine Province, Ministers of the Infirm Medical Foundation, CADIS Taiwan, St. Mary's Hospital and many others who provided assistance during the process.

Francis' and his family's story is yet another manifestation that love knows no bounds and that collaboration between local partners and international sponsors and donors is possible to save and make life much better for the least of our brothers and sisters.



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pated by more than 110 delegates from eight countries (Australia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand, Philippines, South Korea, Japan, and India).

See-Judge-Act

The process of See-Judge-Act invited the participants to investigate the “whys” of social realities/suffering/ oppression in our world. It asked them to consider their own limited understanding and to dig deeper... and then deeper... and then wider... and deeper again.

It is a never-ending process as social realities are always changing. This method of analysis also called them to examine how their faith, Scripture, and Church teachings inform and deepen their understanding.

Using the process, the second day was day of “seeing.” The participants were divided into six groups who went for exposure visits in dif-

ferent organizations and networks of key affected populations, namely: Myanmar Positive Women Network, Myanmar Youth Star Network, NLD AIDS Center, Free Funeral Social Services-Thukha Charity Clinic, Happy Haven Humanitarian Center-Haven for Children with HIV, Ratana Metta Organization, Myanmar MSM Network, Myanmar Drug User Network, Sex Worker in Myanmar Network, Guiding Star Catholic Center, Good Shepherd Sisters, Myanmar Inter-faith Network on AIDS, Phoenix Association – HIV Tx Center, Methadone Center by Government, and Yangon Health Commission Clinic: Myat Thu Kha.

The third and fourth days were days of “discernment.” A one-day recollection was given by CBCM President, Bp. Felix Lian Khen Thang, Bishop of Kalay. Then it was followed by country reports, exposure site visits with key affected population (KAP) and NGOs working in the areas of HIV and related issues and talk with UNAIDS Asia-Pacific Regional Director, Eamonn Murphy.

On the fifth day, theological reflections on HIV were given by Muslim, Christian, Catholic, Hindu and Buddhist participants. There was a dialogue of hearts and the power of listening to each other’s hearts was experienced. Capping it was the dialogue of hearts with KAPs.

A business meeting followed with Fr. Cancino reporting on the accomplishments of CAPCHA for the past four years (recognition from Vatican, CHAN, UN and others; CAPCHA 6 in Manila last 2016; CAPCHA 7 in Yangon; country support and increasing networking in the region). After the election of CAPCHA ExecCom, the Philippines, Myanmar and Japan were elected and will manage CAPCHA 2018–2022.

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