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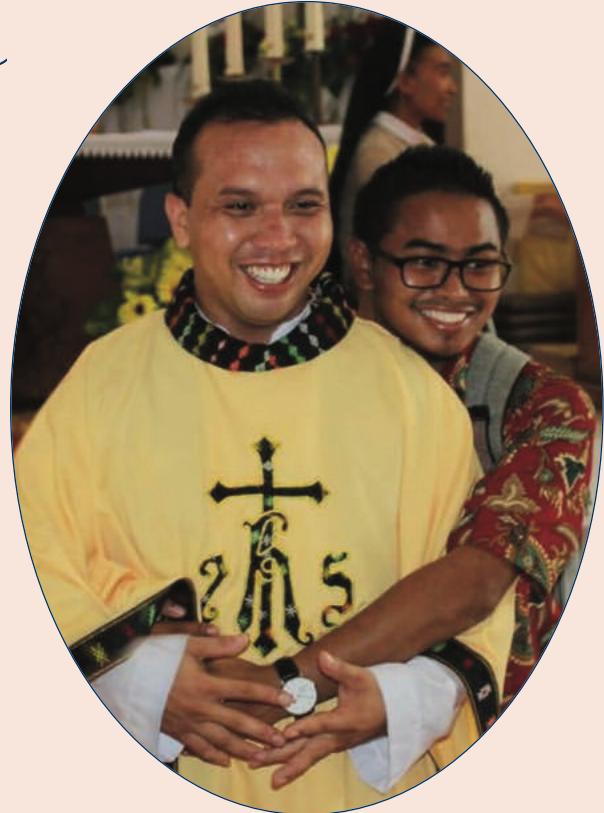
The First Fruit of Camillian Mission in Indonesia

Priestly Ordination of Fr. Mensianus Aman

After 10 years, the Camillian marked another milestone in its presence in Indonesia last November 17, 2019. It was the ordination of Fr. Mensianus Aman, MI, who was among the first batch of Camillian seminarians formed in Indonesia since 2009. He finished most of his Camillian formation in Indonesia, except for his novitiate and pastoral year in the Philippines. Fr. Mensa, who hails from Lembor, Manggarai, diocese of Ruteng, is the first fruit of Camillian mission in the country. With his ordination, the number of Indonesian Camillian priests increases to 5.

He was ordained with seven other deacons from the Carmelites (O.Carm) at the Holy Cross parish church, Maulo'o, about 43 km from the city of Maumere. About 3,000 parishioners, religious men and

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"Not Your Work, But Mine"

Fr. Almar Roman's Ordination

All roads led to Hermosa, Bataan, the hometown of Rev. Almar, last November 23, 2019. At exactly 9 o'clock in the morning, the bells of St. Peter the Martyr of Verona Parish Church tolled, signifying the start of the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the rite of the Holy Orders. His Excellency Most Rev. Ruperto C. Santos, DD, Bishop of the Diocese of Balanga, was the main presider with Camillian and diocesan priests as concelebrants.

Witnessed by the deacon's family, relatives, former classmates, friends, and parishioners, the solemn celebration was complemented by the beautiful music of St. Peter the Martyr of Verona Grand Choir.

Fr. Jojo Eloja, the provincial superior, then presented the candidate Rev. Almar to the presiding bishop, who in turn approved his candidacy to the priesthood.

In his homily, Bishop Santos said that Rev. Almar is the town of Her-

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Jesus, Light of the World!

Do we live in light, or in darkness? Do we need light? If there is light, there is joy; if there is light, there is meaning, there is direction, there is hope, there is life. The prophet Isaiah said: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined" (Is 9:1). This light is not a principle, nor is it a philosophy of life; this light is the Lord Jesus Christ, who was born for us. The baby in the gentle arms of Mary and Joseph is the eternal "light".

Generally, we do not expect some extraordinary or spectacular event to happen in our everyday life. Like the shepherds who were not thinking of experiencing something special that moment, just doing their day to day duty—tending their sheep. But that night changed their lives. Following the instructions of the angel, they saw in the manger the "light" of the world.

There must be many glimmers of light in our lives, those angels around us, who stand before us and guide us to find the true light. The point is that we have to listen and must be willing to leave our customary environment, our comfort zone in order to walk towards the direction indicated by the angels.

The shepherds, because they listened to the angel, saw the true face of God, the humble God lying in the manger. "And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Lk 2:12). See the God who gave up all heavenly privileges and come to the world, subject to all kinds of insults, and these are all for the love of us. This is the sign that we need to remember in our life. The sign which will help people go in the right direction and help us to praise the Lord even in difficult moments. This is the sign that will make us strong and will help us find God's light.

May we walk in the light of the Lord as we begin the new year 2020!



LCF-Pakistan: Signs of HOPE, JOY and LOVE

December brings the joy of our Lord's birth. The Lay Camillian Family Pakistan, under the leadership of Mrs. Asia Aslam organized the 2019 Christmas Outreach for the deserving less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Fr. Khalid Mukhtar, the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, and Fr. Shafique Bashir, the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, were present on this occasion.

God bless our LCF members who supported this outreach; may God's blessings of healing and good health come to our sick brothers and sisters.



POSTCARDS FROM TAIWAN

Fr. Giuseppe Didonè, MI



October 8: Fr. Didone and Fr. Henry went to China to visit our two fathers who are finding it difficult to evangelize because of the government's anti-religious policy.



October 20: Celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Church in Wanshan near Luodong. Several people received the sacraments: 5-baptism, 5-confirmation and 4-first communion.



October 21: Frs. Giuseppe and Henry went on a pilgrimage to Croatia, Bosnia and Slovenia with 21 Catholics. Aside from visiting the house of the famous Dr. Giannezzo (John Janez) who started St. Mary's Hospital, they also went to Medjugorje where in 1981 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to four girls and two boys.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN TAIWAN



In the same evening, there was a religious ceremony for the personnel of the hospital with 1,200 participants.

December 20: We started the celebrations for Christmas—first at St. Camillus Garden with games in the morning for children and old people together and in the afternoon we had a solemn Mass with two baptisms, one each from the Center of Handicapped and Long-Term Care Center.



December 23: Christmas in Makung for the personnel of the hospital and Center for Handicapped with a Mass and a meal together.



December 24: Christmas night in all the churches. In St. Camillus Church one student from Nursing College was baptized while four people in the parish of Lotung were baptized.



December 25: Christmas Day and the third Mass was celebrated in Yuanshan where two new Christians were baptized.



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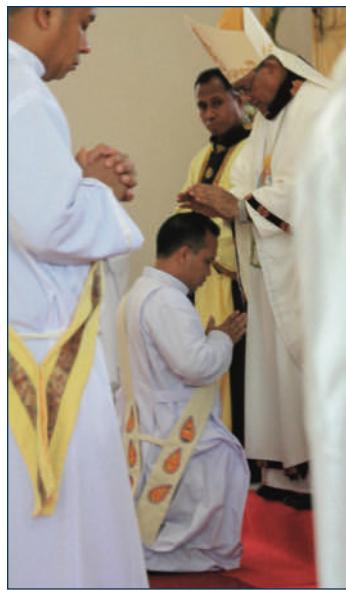
women, and the family/relatives of the newly ordained priests attended the ordination.

In his homily, the ordaining prelate Bishop Ewaldus Sedu of the diocese of Maumere reminded the newly ordained priests about the essence of their vocation. "The priests are called to imitate Christ in holiness. They are called to live out the holiness in prayer and ministry." Furthermore, he mentioned three important aspects in living a priestly life. "First, the sacrament of Holy Order is a gift which requires faithfulness of those who receive it. Second, being a priest is not only becoming a good preacher, but also a good listener. Third, living out the priestly life must pay attention to community living or living in communion with fellow clergy, ordinary and the faithful."

After the ordination, the thanksgiving celebration for Fr. Mensa was held in the Seminari St. Kamilus, Nita-Maumere, Flores. Present during the celebration were Fr. Jojo Eloja, MI, provincial superior of the Philippine Province; representatives of the Camillian confreres from the Philippines, Taiwan and Australia; friends and benefactors of the seminary; collaborators in the ministry; and the family members of Fr. Mensa.

In his message, Fr. Jojo thanked the parents of Fr. Mensa for giving their son to the Church and to the Camillians. He also congratulated the Camillian confreres and the delegation of Indonesia for the formation program carried out in the country, and the good number of vocations in the seminary. He hopes that one day, the Indonesian Camillian religious will be missionaries in other parts of the world to preach the Gospel and heal the sick.

The family, represented by Fr. Sebastian, SVD, the eldest brother of Fr. Mensa, thanked the Camillians for taking care of the vocation of their family member. Fr. Se-



bastian came back from his mission in Chile to attend the ordination of his youngest brother.

Fr. Suparman Andi, MI, rector of the St. Camillus Seminary and representing the Camillian delegation of Indonesia, thanked Fr. Mensa for his commitment to join the Camillians and welcomed him into the group of Camillian Indonesian delegation as a priest. He also extended the greetings of Fr. Luigi Galvani, MI, the delegation superior who was still in Italy and was unable to join this historical occasion due to health reasons, but was united with him and the community in prayers.

The thanksgiving Mass in his village was held on November 21, 2019. The community was represented by the aspirants, pre-novices, novices, and the scholastics, and priests. The villagers and parishioners welcomed him joyfully with traditional music and dances with the Eucharistic celebration in traditional nuance.

— Fr. Suparman Andi, MI



mosa's gift to the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm (Camillians). And by God's grace, he is the Camillians' gift to the Mother Church. He said that after all the festivities, the real work starts. The red cross emblazoned in the Camillian vestment symbolizes the blood of Christ. It should not only be embedded in the vestment, but also in the heart as well. The red cross has two characteristics: it is a sign of charity and a symbol of service.

Just like Jesus who carried his cross and was even crucified on the cross to fulfill God's love, he gently reminded Rev. Almar to embrace his cross and realize his fourth vow, "to serve the sick even at the risk of his own life."

"There will be times of desolation, loneliness, hard work, temptation and even doubts as you go along in performing your role as priest, but do not be afraid. This work is not yours, but God's."

The Rite of the Holy Orders continued with the recitation of the Litany of the Saints while the candidate lay

prostrate on the floor. The bishop then laid his hands upon his head and the Camillian priests, one by one, also laid their hands on him. The bishop then said the Prayer of Ordination.

Then his mother and aunt brought him the priestly vestments and wore on him, assisted by Fr. Ruben Mandin, his former Novice Master.

This was followed by the Anointing of Hands and again, the Camillian priests, one by one embraced him, welcoming him as one of their confreres.

Fr. Almar gave his message of thanks to all the people, who in one way or another, supported, molded and inspired him to fulfill this cherished moment. Reception followed at the adjacent St. Peter of Verona Academy.

At 6:00pm, Fr. Almar celebrated his first Thanksgiving mass with Fr. Raymond Gutang as the homilist. Joining him were Fr. Antonio Quintos, Jr. (parish priest of St. Peter the Martyr of Verona), Fr. Anthony Sibug (asst. parish priest) and other Camillian priests. – *CamUp*



OUR LADY OF LA PAZ: Parish Vocation Day

Love Sayas-Polanco



“When God calls us, we cannot remain indifferent. We are empowered to respond despite our limitations and shortcomings.”

This was one of the thoughts shared on the OLLP Parish Vocation Day that was held last November 9, 2019, headed by the Youth Ministry together with Evangelization Ministry. It was attended by 82 youths from Barangays La Paz and Singkamas. They were grouped into 12, housed, hosted and taken care of by the 12 Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs)/Kawans of Our Lady of La Paz Parish Church. The activity was graced by the Camillian Sisters and Camillian seminarians, as well as the presence of the Angelic Sisters of St. Paul. The day was filled with reflection, starting with the Morning Prayer and Praise led by Fr. Renante Sentillas, MI. It was followed by group sharing guided by the guest congregations, then a panel discussion with Fr. Sentillas together with the lead congregation representative as they talked and shared about vocation in priesthood and religious life. The event was capped by the celebration of the Holy Mass.

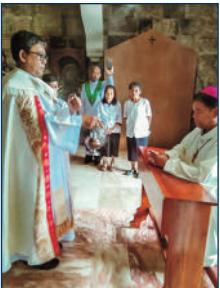


To this end, we always pray for you,
that our God may make you worthy of his calling
and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose
and every effort of faith.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (NABRE)

NEWSBITS

PASTORAL VISIT TO NUESTRA SEÑORA DELA ANNUNCIATA PARISH



and confessional was held.

Later after the Mass, the Bishop visited the parish office to personally check and sign documents that were prepared beforehand. He also met with the PPC to discuss the different matters regarding the situation and administration of the parish.

Everybody was invited to take part in this event. The presence of a bishop is a blessing to the parish when he visits. Those who attended and participated in the liturgical celebrations during the visit may have gained indulgences as well.

MAKE A WISH COME TRUE



CBCP-ECHC and BGH, Pinoy Plus together with the Make a Wish Foundation Philippines.

Make a Difference TODAY!

On December 7, 2019, an ordinary day turned into a special day as it was dedicated in granting small wishes but making a huge difference on the lives of children living with HIV through the generosity of Metrobank Foundation.

The first batch of children living with HIV in Region 2 (seven of them) had their wishes granted.

This happened at Saint Louis University Campus in Baguio City and made possible in collaboration with Woodwater Center for Healing (Camillians),

His Excellency Most Reverend Nolly Buco, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Antipolo, was welcomed by the parishioners led by the parish priest, Fr. Evan Paul Villanueva, when he made his pastoral visit to Nuestra Señora dela Annunciata Parish last November 15, 2019.

Before he celebrated the Holy Mass, Bishop Buco went to the altar where the Blessed Sacrament was kept for a moment of prayer.

The Mass was attended by the parish community, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and the different ministries and organizations of the parish. During the Mass, the ceremony of scrutiny of the tabernacle, baptismal

ST. CAMILLUS HOSPITAL-CALBAYOG



than Go (general physician), nurses, midwives, paramedical volunteers, SPNHS Immersion and SOS Children's Villages Calbayog staff. – Ms. Mercy D. Basa, RN, SCH Nurse Supervisor

ST. CAMILLUS HOSPITAL OF MATI



Last November 29, 2019, we had our medical mission at SOS Children's Villages in Barangay Dagum, Calbayog City, Western Samar. We started our registration at around 8:00am and consultations/check-ups ended at 12:00 noon. We served a total number of 82 children and young adults (37 males and 42 females). Most of them were for well-child visits, while others had upper respiratory tract infection and one case of pneumonia under treatment. We provided them with medication such as multivitamins, ascorbic acid, antibiotics, antipyretics and antihistamines. The children were given medications according to their health needs. The medical mission was organized with the support of our consultants Dr. Maria Elizabeth A. Uy (pediatrician), Dr. Jonathan Go (general physician), nurses, midwives, paramedical volunteers, SPNHS Immersion and SOS Children's Villages Calbayog staff. – Ms. Mercy D. Basa, RN, SCH Nurse Supervisor

Last November 11, 2019 was the launching of the 4th Feeding Program at Barangay Badas under San Nicholas de Tolentino Parish, City of Mati, Davao Oriental in collaboration with Hapag-Asa Feeding, St. Camillus Community Base Healthcare Center, City Health Office and the Diocese of Mati.

The Feeding Program will run from November 2019 to April 2020.

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PROVINCIAL CHAPTER



November 25-29, 2019: Provincial Chapter of the Camillian Philippine Province held at St. Camillus Pastor Center, Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Theme: "What is Camillian Prophecy Today? Looking into the Past, Living in the Present, Trying to Serve as Samaritans and Journeying with Hope Towards the Future"

SCCS-SCFC 2019 GRAND REUNION



November 30, 2019: SCCS-SCFC 2019 Grand Reunion at St. Camillus Pastoral Center, Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Theme: "Rediscovering our Purpose"

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To all our beloved and generous partners, donors and collaborators, our sincerest gratitude for your continuous support in all our advocacies for the sick especially for the newly launched "Laon-Laan para sa Nangan-gailangan," a rummage sale for the Care for the Carers Project last **November 16, 2019.**

God bless you and your loved ones with His choicest blessings!

OBITUARY



The Camillian community in the Philippines mourns with the passing of Ms. Josefina Cruz last **December 30, 2019** at the age of 69. She served as librarian at St. Camillus Formation Center, St. Camillus College Seminary, St. Camillus Pastoral Center and St. Camillus Scholasticate from 1986 until her retirement. Rest in peace, Ma'am Josie!

ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

Fr. Renante T. Sentillas	04/11/1969	Fr. Matteo Kao Kuo-ching	08/12/1977
Sch. YeongMin Kang	13/11/1991	Fr. Raimondo Yang Chia-men	08/12/1977
Fr. Salvador G. Cariño	14/11/1965	Fr. Remigio E. Jamorabon	08/12/1985
Fr. Michael G. Gimena	14/11/1979	Fr. Bon L. Arimbuyutan	08/12/2013
Sch. Arnoldus Silvanus	14/11/1992		
Fr. Henry B. Angupa II	19/11/1988	Presbyteral Ordinations	
Fr. Brian Vincent Q. Rances	25/11/1982	Fr. Domingo S. Barawid	01/12/2001
Fr. Primitivo S. Guinit	27/11/1969	Fr. Jose Emmanuel B. Cabales	01/12/2018

Perpetual Professions

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

Presbyteral Ordinations

Fr. Gabriel V. Garcia	09/11/2002
Fr. Primitivo S. Guinit	09/11/2002
Fr. Jaime A. Roa	09/11/2002
Fr. Mensianus Aman	17/11/2019
Fr. Diosdado C. Haber	20/11/1993

Birthdays

Fr. Almar S. Roman	23/11/2019
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

Presbyteral Ordinations

Fr. Rodolfo V. Cancino Jr.	26/11/2011
Fr. Roderick R. Tamps	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

Birthdays

Fr. Bon L. Arimbuyutan	29/11/2014
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DECEMBER

Birthdays

Fr. Jayson A. Labrador	02/12/1984
Fr. Wilson D. Peñaranda	09/12/1975
Fr. Joseph Dong Sheng-ping	10/12/1961
Br. Paolo Han Kuo-chien	17/12/1957
Sch. Gregorius Tombo	18/12/1996

Presbyteral Ordinations

Fr. Jose Emmanuel B. Cabales	25/12/1990
Fr. Ignatius Sibar	27/12/1979
Fr. Giovanni Rizzi	28/12/1927
Fr. Celestino Rizzi	30/12/1937

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Gian Carlo Michelinii	08/12/1958
Fr. Celestino Rizzi	08/12/1959
Fr. Ivo Z. Anselmi	08/12/1970
Fr. Amelio Troietto	08/12/1974

JANUARY

Birthdays

Fr. Paul Tran To Hoai	02/01/1981
Sch. Bonifacius B. Lolani	08/01/1990
Fr. Jacob Wong Haw-ran	14/01/1972
Fr. Placido B. De Jose	19/01/1980

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

Fr. Ruben J. Mandin	02/02/1972
Fr. Raimondo Yang Chia-men	10/02/1950
Fr. Jose P. Eloja	13/02/1966
Sch. Benjie Ang	15/02/1994
Fr. Samuel A. Cuarto	16/02/1968

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Renato P. Sales	02/02/1990
Fr. Manuel M. Tamayo	02/02/1991
Fr. Jose P. Eloja	05/02/1994
Fr. Aristelo D. Miranda	05/02/1994
Fr. Davide Maria Lee Tai-chuen	10/02/1996

Presbyteral Ordinations

Fr. Marcelino S. Digal	02/01/2020
Fr. Matteo Kao Kuo-ching	03/02/1980
Fr. Anthony A. Ongcal	10/02/2018
Fr. Rodel R. Enriquez	11/02/2005
Fr. Marcelo L. Pamintuan, Jr.	24/02/1996

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Evan Paul A. Villanueva	24/02/1996
Fr. Henry B. Angupa II	27/02/2016

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