



## PROFESSION OF VOWS



As Catholics celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost on Sunday, May 31, 2020, the Camillians had many other reasons to celebrate. This was the day when most of the Camillian priests observed their anniversary of perpetual profession of vows. This was also the day when Camillian scholastic brothers renewed their vows and two of them were instituted to minor ministries.

Fr. Jose Eloja, provincial superior, presided over the Holy Mass held at Sts. Camillus de Lellis and Lorenzo Ruiz Church, concelebrated by Camillian priests, among them Frs. Wilson Peñaranda, Michael Gimena and Angel Crisostomo, who read the Gospel.

Fr. Crisostomo then called on the Scholastic brothers to come forward, namely, Benjie Ang, Dennis Morales, Andrew Kang Yeongmin, Paul Austin Chavez, Ruel Fernandez, Vengie Ibanez, and Fr. Joseph Dong Sheng-pin. Standing before the Father Provincial as representative of the Superior General, they read their temporary profession of religious vows—committing themselves that they will obey the evangelical counsels, serve the sick for another year even at the risk of their own life, and practice charity in the service of God.

Fr. Eloja then gave the homily. All the readings pertained to the Holy Spirit as shown by the various manifes-

tations: mighty winds, tongues of fire resting on the heads of the apostles, and as the apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit, they speak in different languages that the different groups of people present in the room would understand. In the Gospel the risen Christ showed Himself to the disciples and said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And he breathed on them, and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Fr. Eloja said this means that the apostles would continue Christ’s mission, that is, to bring the people back to God, to reconcile them with Him. “The beauty of our church is that everyone is called and each has a particular manner of service.” There are different expressions of service in the church as Fr. Eloja acknowledged the Camillian frontliners who he considers as partners in the mission entrusted to the Camillians.

After the homily, the Father Provincial instituted Sch. Kang Yeongmin to the Ministry of Lectors as he gave the sacred book of the Holy Scriptures to him. Sch. Morales, on the other hand, was instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte as he received the sacred vessels from the Father Provincial.





Some events of life can get to us, leaving us confused, angry, and despairing. Perhaps during this COVID-19 pandemic, many of us are tempted to fear, anxiety and maybe even despair. Some people have lost their precious lives; some have lost their loved ones; some have experienced suffering due to the debilitating effects of COVID-19; some have lost their jobs, their income; and, most of us have encountered much disruption to the normal course of our daily lives.

Every crisis in life, however, is also an opportunity for us to turn to the Lord in faith and trust and in total surrender so as to rest in the palm of His merciful hands. Let us trust that God cares for each of us. To rest in the hands of God means we are secure despite the uncertainties of life. It also means we are free to love God and others despite the challenges we face. Let us trust God who cares for us as we are and as we care for one another.

God also cares for us as we care for one another. In times of panic it can be just as tempting to run with the crowd as to forget that in the crowd, some can too easily become mere obstacles in the collective crush for the door. As people of faith, let us not only remember to trust in the love of God for *us*, but to trust it far enough to risk embodying this love for *others*.

In the long history of Christianity and of our Order, one can find an extensive legacy of counter-cultural witness in times of crisis. I think it is fitting by contextualizing our current predicament to remember the Camillian martyrs who died in serving the plague-stricken people. In any period of our Order's history, there rise the Camillian martyrs who live fully the fourth vow of preaching the gospel and healing the sick even in danger to one's own life. In the third century after an outbreak of plague in Rome, a Christian named Dionysius wrote:

"Most of our brother Christians showed unbounded love and loyalty, never sparing themselves and thinking only of one another. Heedless of danger, they took charge of the sick, attending to their every need and ministering to them in Christ, and with them departed this life serenely happy; for they were infected by others with the disease, drawing on themselves the sickness of their neighbors and cheerfully accepting their pains ... The heathen behaved in the very opposite way. At the first onset of the disease, they pushed the sufferers away and fled from their dearest."

The Body of the Risen Jesus includes all his followers united in Christian communities all over the world. Jesus is the head of the Body and we, each with our unique and diverse gifts and talents, are its members. But we can only say we truly belong to Christ's Body when we are consciously and actively participating members of that Body, loving, serving and caring for each other. "As members of the body of Christ, let us not be heedless of danger out of ignorance, hyper-spiritualization of real risks, or lack of due diligence to protect the most vulnerable in our society. But neither let us, out of an abundance of caution, be heedless of living truly human lives. Rather, let us be people who value love more than life, and in so doing make whatever life we live, be it long or short, worthy of the name." (*Responding as Rational Sheep: A theological reflection on COVID-19 by David Baird, The B.C. Catholic, March 18, 2020*).

# POSTCARDS FROM TAIWAN

Fr. Giuseppe Didonè, MI



**March 8, 2020:** A study group with two Camillian priests and two professors came from the Philippines to view the organization of the hospital and what form of collaboration can be established with St. Mary's Nursing College.



**May 23, 2020:** We received the news that the Pope has appointed Bp. Thomas An-Chu Chung as the new bishop of Taipei. A friend of the Camillians, he has been the parish priest in Makung and director of St. Camillus Center in Makung, Pescadores Island.



**March 10, 2020:** It was a blessing indeed today when a company offered a small bus to St. Mary's. The bus can accommodate 22 people.



**June 5, 2020:** 540 students graduated at St. Mary's Nursing College.



**June 9, 2020:** Some Camillian representatives visited the Magistrate of Pescadores Islands to seek help in solving some difficulties encountered in the construction of the new St. Camillus Hospital.



**June 12, 2020:** A rotary club in Taipei invited a group of students and teachers from the St. Camillus Center for Handicapped in Ludong for some dance and band performances.



**March 16–20, 2020:** The bilingual retreat was organized for the first time for the entire Taiwanese delegation, with Chinese as the first language and the addition of some sentences in Italian.

# LOVE RULES: Camillian COVID-19 Response



## Spiritual and Mental Intervention

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic that still keeps the metro and other cities under quarantine, the Camillians' first response is prayer. It is through prayer that most people find comfort in these trying times and feel God's love and mercy. Thanks to social media that people can still pray and participate together in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The Camillians invite the faithful to join them in prayer as they celebrate the Holy Eucharist online through their Facebook page, The Camillians. Masses are live streamed daily at 7:00am. There is also Sunday Mass at 5:00pm. The Eucharistic adoration is also held on Saturdays at 6:00pm.

Those who want to offer Mass intentions may do so by sending personal messages on their Facebook page like thanksgiving for the gift of life, for complete healing, for the souls, or for any other special intentions. All Mass intentions are read before the Mass.

As of this writing, religious gatherings and public masses are limited to 50 percent seating capacity in areas under modified general community quarantine (MGCQ) but banned in places under general community quarantine (GCQ). These restrictions do not hinder, in any way, the ministry of evangelization—to preach the Gospel and spread the word of God.

Aside from the Holy Eucharist, the Camillians keep their line of communication open through the Facebook Messenger app to provide mental and spiritual health counseling to medical frontliners and individuals with suspect, probable and confirmed cases of COVID-19. The Camillian fathers and brothers are ready to talk to them and give them hope and comfort during their difficult situation.

## Relief Assistance to Camillian-adopted Communities

One of the Camillian COVID-19 responses was the relief assistance to Camillian-adopted communities. Thanks to the generous donors, sponsors, collaborators and volunteers for the food aid and hygiene kits given to those who were in need. This COVID-19 crisis is an opportunity to witness God's love for everyone especially those in the fringes of society.

On March 23, 2020, residents of Brgy. San Andres, Cainta, Rizal (one of the Camillian-adopted communities) received food packs (rice and assorted groceries). Most of the beneficiaries (163 families with average of 5-7 persons per family) are daily wage earners (e.g. street food vendors, tricycle and padyak drivers and garbage collectors).

On April 14, 2020, boxes of MannaPack rice were picked up and delivered to Camillian-adopted communities in Nuestra Señora de la Annunciata Parish, Boso-Boso, Antipolo and in St. Camillus Healthcare Center, Cainta, Rizal through the courtesy of Assisi Foundation.

The Camillians continued their food relief and outreach on April 16, 2020 in the Camillian-adopted community in Cainta, Rizal. Special thanks to Ms. Camill Reyes, Nicole Amponin, Anne Hizon and their friends from "Project Food" for sponsoring food groceries, and to Hapag-Asa and Assisi Foundation for the MannaPack rice. Food packs were given to 280 families.

Then on April 18, 2020, the Camillians returned to Brgy. San Andres, Cainta, Rizal where 210 families were served with hot meals and food groceries in the community. Cooked meals and food packs were also given to 120 residents of Tahanang Walang Hagdanan in Cainta, a home community for People with Disabilities (PWD). The Camillians express their sincerest gratitude to the "Project Food" group for the cooked meals, Selecta Philippines for the milk products, Jebesen & Jessen Ingredients for the malt foods, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Reyes for the cold cuts and to Team J for the untiring service and love for the community.

A fire broke out on April 18, 2020 in Happy Land, Tondo that left hundreds of families homeless. The Camillians, through the donors and collaborators' help and support, gave various relief goods to San Pablo Apostol Parish in Tondo for the affected families.

On April 23, 2020, the St. Camillus Seminary (priests and seminarians) made a difference in small ways by helping out in repacking the food groceries collected by the

Varsity Hills Homeowners' Association. The food packs were distributed to the needy members in the community and nearby areas.

The Nuestra Señora de la Annunciata Parish in Boso-Boso, Antipolo (one of the two parishes entrusted to the Camillians) has so far distributed food packs (rice, canned goods and other essential commodities) to almost 3,000 families who are badly affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

The Camillians offer their sincerest thanks to Greenwich leadership team led by Mr. Mike Castro for its valuable donations that were given to the urban poor, indigenous and non-indigenous communities under the care of the Camillian Fathers in the Philippines.

The Camillians also express their sincerest gratitude to the Jollibee Group Foundation for donating 5,232 kilos/packs of chicken meat. Truly there is joy in sharing. On April 30, 2020, the Camillian Fathers, who were divided into three groups, traveled and shared the chicken joy to the frontliners, families and communities, which are as follows: Nuestra Señora de la Annunciata Parish, Boso-Boso, Antipolo City; Our Lady of La Paz Parish, Makati City (Brgys. Singkamas and La Paz; St. Camillus Health Center Community, Cainta, Rizal; Apitong Street Community, Brgy. Marikina Heights; Phase 9, Damayan, Bagong Silang, Caloocan City; Camillus Medhaven, Marikina City; St. Camillus Medical Center, Pasig City; St.

Camillus Polyclinic-Makati and St. Camillus Provincialate, Loyola Heights Quezon City.

On May 15, 2020, the Jollibee Group again donated 612 packs of frozen chicken meat. These were given to the needy families in the different puroks of Park 7, Brgy. Loyola Heights, to the drivers and frontliners in the food and delivery industry (e.g., Food Panda, Grab Food, HappyMove, and Lalamove) and to the frontliners of the different gasoline stations in Quezon City.

The packs of joy and the bounty smiles under the face masks allowed our brothers and sisters to discover the joy in the Risen Lord. Joy is meant to be shared to ease this perilous journey we are traversing. With the Risen Lord we shall overcome.

### Home of Hope of St. Camillus

The unprecedented impact of COVID-19 can be observed especially in the lives of the poor and the sick, and amongst those persons and families who are undergoing a phase of change and renewal.

Even with MECQ restrictions in Cebu City, on May 20–22, 2020 more than 80 brothers and sisters (including their families) enrolled in the Home of Hope of St. Camillus received food and hygiene packs. But more than the food and sanitation kits, it is the care and love that are shared that will make them strong to continue journeying in this beautiful life blessed by our Creator.



## Lay Camillian Family – Makati

The Friends of the Sick (FOTS) of the Lay Camillian Family (LCF) at Our Lady of La Paz Parish and Holy Cross Parish in Makati City lived out the charism received by St. Camillus of “witnessing the ever-present love of Christ to the sick of by distributing food packs to the sick elderly on April 1 and May 2, 2020.

From the 4th week of March until April 2, 2020 the Lay Camillian Family-Makati reached out by providing face shields and other protective equipment to the community frontliners (food vendors in the market; police and security guards; quarantine checkpoint volunteers and barangay volunteers) and medical frontliners (doctors, nurses, medical technologists, maintenance personnel, and hospital administrative staff).

Through the Philippine Army Finance Center Producers Integrated Cooperative (PAFCPIC), 220 boxes of MannaPack Rice were picked-up and delivered to the adopted communities at Our Lady of La Paz Parish on May 2, 2020. Thanks to the Assisi Foundation for the unwavering generosity and continuous support and to all the parish volunteers for always being ready to serve.



## Sang Tungko Project Starts

On April 29, 2020, the Camillians delivered essential commodities consisting of rice, canned sardines, noodles and hygiene kits to Nuestra Señora de la Annunciata Parish in support of their “Sang Tungko” project to feed thousands of indigenous and non-indigenous families during the corona virus pandemic.

Sang Tungko is a fund-raising campaign for food relief to families that belong in the parish of the Diocese of Antipolo. Most of them are vulnerable families. There are around 1,500 families of Dumagats under the parish’s care who are adversely affected by the present crisis.

The parish, under the administration of the Camillians, make an appeal to all supporters and those who believe that love works more under difficult circumstances. The Camillians invite everyone to walk with them in prayer and share a little extra that they may have. Food donations can be dropped at the Camillian Mission House in Boso-boso, Brgy. San Jose, Antipolo City. Those who want to give cash donations may deposit at Metrobank with account number 471-3-47119931-2 and account name, RCABAN-Nuestra Señora de la Annunciata Parish.

The Camillians will take your help to the mountains. One of them is in the mission area every day witnessing the goings and comings of these people. He sees these lovely souls waiting at the outdoor kitchen, near the tripodal stove (tungko), asking gently for a little share, for the meantime, in these days of hardships.

As of May 7, 2020, the “Sang Tungko” project has so far served 7,200 families (or 28,200 household or 432,000 individual meals), parishioners and non-parishioners, Catholics and non-Catholics. On May 14, 2020, food packs were given to 150 families in Lower Kilingan and 182 families in Upper Kilingan.



## Medical Mission in Time of COVID-19

“Serving with heart in our hands,” the Camillians held medical missions as another intervention during the COVID-19 pandemic. Special thanks to the doctors for their untiring and selfless love for the sick; to Unilab and MJF Lions Club (District 301-A2) for the medicines and to the volunteers and collaborators for their continuous support and generosity.

On March 31, 2020, the Camillians went on a medical mission to the homeless who were housed at De La Salle University on Taft Avenue, Manila. With them were Dr. Jose Christopher Sanchez and Dr. Mounien Gargoles Calixterio. The homeless were given free medical checkup and medicine.

The next medical mission was on April 3, 2020 to the homeless who were housed at Malate Catholic School, Manila. Joining this mission were Dr. Victoria Javalera, Dr. Calixterio and Dr. Jorge Licsi. The Camillian Fathers and doctors were more than happy to serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

On April 24, 2020, the Camillians visited the residents and personnel of Tahanang Walang Hagdanan in Cainta, Rizal for another medical mission. Accompanying the Camillians were the doctors of St. Therese of Lisieux Doctors Hospital and Drs. Javalera, Calixterio, Licsi, Sanchez and Marivic Gayamat. Unilab provided the medicines, while Ms. Abi Bañares, Nina Comsti and friends donated the hygiene kits.

Wonder filled the day on April 28, 2020 as the Camillians continued their medical mission to more than 200 street wanderers who were housed at Paco Catholic School and Espiritu Santo Parochial School of Manila, Inc. Doctors from St. Therese Of Lisieux Doctors Hospital in Pasig City and Drs. Javalera, Calixterio and Licsi offered free medical services to our poor brothers and sisters, who were also given free medicine.



De La Salle University, Taft Avenue, Manila



Tahanang Walang Hagdanan



Paco Catholic School



Malate Catholic School



Espiritu Santo Parochial School of Manila

## The Camillians Visit the Quezon Institute

Quezon Institute (QI), which has closed for more than 10 years, has been reopened as one of the COVID-19 quarantine facility in the Philippines.

The QI team headed by former Department of Health Secretary, Dr. Pauly Ubial, requested the Camillians to minister to the spiritual needs of the patients as well as the medical frontliners to uplift their spirits and not to lose hope, to continue praying to God with faith and trust that we can win this fight against COVID-19 together with God's grace and mercy.

From April 20, 2020 and every Monday thereafter, the Camillians went to QI located on E. Rodriguez Ave. in Quezon City to comfort our sisters and brothers who are suspect, probable and confirmed cases of COVID-19. Donned in their individual PPE, the Camillian fathers together with volunteers journeyed with them and the healthcare frontliners by celebrating the Holy Eucharist and bearing with them the Good News.

The Camillians feel the anguish and fear of our suffering brothers and sisters with the SARS-CoV 2 virus as well as those medical frontliners who look after them. Thus the Camillian COVID-19 Response aims to show love for them, a "love that emanates from the heart of God. For the love of God is a miraculous force that helps all of us focus on the beauty of people's lives and keeps the flame of hope alive." The sick should be the object of genuine Christian love and concern; that they should be cured and cared for.

The rite of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held around the tuberculosis facility. Through this rite, the people in the hospital can feel the comforting presence of the Lord, that He is alive and He is always with us.

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Camillians pray for everyone's healing, safety and protection.

This ministry has been granted permission by the local ordinary of the Diocese of Cubao, Bishop Honesto Ong-tioco, DD.





## Distribution of PPE and Other Commodities

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is used by health personnel and other frontliners to protect themselves and patients under their care. It is an important covering in today's fight against COVID-19 disease.

The Camillians are grateful to the generous collaborators, donors and sponsors for donating PPE, medicine and medical supplies, hygiene kits and other necessary commodities. May the Lord, the source of all goodness, shower upon you and your families His choicest blessings:

- Cleanfit Technologies International Inc. led by Mr. and Mrs. Greg Aguila
- Zero2peak Enterprises, Inc.,
- Magdalo MJF Lions Club (District 301-A2) led by Pres. Sol Flores
- Department of Health
- Unilab for the medicines and vitamins
- National Grid Corporation of the Philippines
- all donors who donated cash – the Camillians were able to buy PPE (facemasks, gloves, infrared thermometers and alcohol) for their healthcare frontliners and additional food groceries for their adopted urban poor communities.

PPE, hygiene kits, and other goods were distributed on March 23, March 27, and March 30, 2020 to the Camillian Socio-Health Institutions and partner hospitals and to the Camillian-adopted communities.

The Camillians distributed PPE and essential commodities to partner companies and churches on April 6, 2020. The Diocese of Malolos was one of the recipients. The next day, April 7, 2020, St. Camillus Medical Center in Pasig and St. Camillus Polyclinic-Makati received additional PPE.

On April 13, 2020, the PPE were shipped to St. Camillus Hospital of Calbayog and St. Camillus Hospital of Mati. These hospitals were badly in need of the PPE. The Camillians made another shipment to these hospitals on May 9, 2020.

The Camillians handed out PPE and essential com-

modities to Camillus Medhaven in Marikina and St. Camillus Medical Center in Pasig City on April 17, 2020. Incidentally, the elderly residents at Camillus Medhaven shared their love to our healthcare frontliners by creating face shields for them.

On May 22, the Camillians distributed PPE and other essentials to Camillus Medhaven in Marikina City and Maria Domenica Clinic and Bahay Kanlungan in Antipolo City.

The Camillians thank the beloved frontliners in all Camillian Socio-Health Institutions: St Camillus Medical Center (Pasig), St. Camillus Hospital of Calbayog, St. Camillus Hospital of Mati, Camillus Medhaven Nursing Home, St. Camillus Polyclinic-Makati). They are living out St. Camillus' wish "to have a hundred arms in order to do much more for the sick" because of their sacrifices, hard work and love.

Let us continue to work together in witnessing the ever-present love of God to the sick especially during this COVID-19 pandemic.





### Camillian Mental Health Awareness Program Launched

The St. Camillus Pastoral Care Center began last May 23, 2020 the Camillian Mental Health Awareness Program for Batch 1 Central Office employees of The Camillian Fathers, Inc. (CFI). The one-day seminar titled “I Am with You”: A Post-ECQ Stress Debriefing for CFI Employees had the following speakers: Ms. Edna Costuna, RPsy, RPm, Ms. Janelle Villamor, MA Psych and Fr. John Jay Magpusao, MI. This program was initiated by the Camillian Fathers with the following objectives: to support the psychological, emotional and spiritual well-being of the employees after the lockdown; to help the employees ventilate the intense stress reactions they may be experiencing; to learn the normal stress reactions after lockdown; to prepare the employees for possible future psychological and emotional stress; and to guide the employees in deepening their faith and trust in God in time of crisis.

Ms. Costuna talked about “COVID-19 Pandemic and New Normal” that was followed by a group activity. The participants were divided into two. Through their drawings showing COVID-19 and the

connected world, the group members aired and shared their different stressful experiences during the quarantine period. Ms. Villamor discussed about “It’s Okay Not to Be Okay”; it is normal not to be okay for a minimum period of time.

In the afternoon session, Ms. Costuna talked about “Managing Stress in a Time of Crisis” and showed the participants a video about Qi facial massage. She also taught three breathing techniques: purged, boxed and deep breathing.

Fr. John Jay discussed about “Spirituality in a Time of Crisis” where spirituality involves the whole person (body, mind, soul, relationships) experiencing and knowing God for a fulfilled and authentic life. He said that in times of uncertainty, we can feel that God is with us through praying, reading the Word of God (Bible) and receiving the sacraments, especially the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation.

The day was capped with the anticipated celebration of the Holy Mass in observance of the solemnity of the Ascension with Fr. Jose Eloja as the main president.

The Camillian Mental Health Awareness Program continued the next day with Batch 2 CFI employees. The program will run in the next months to cover all Camillian employees in the Philippines particularly those from the Camillian Socio-Health Institutions (CSI).

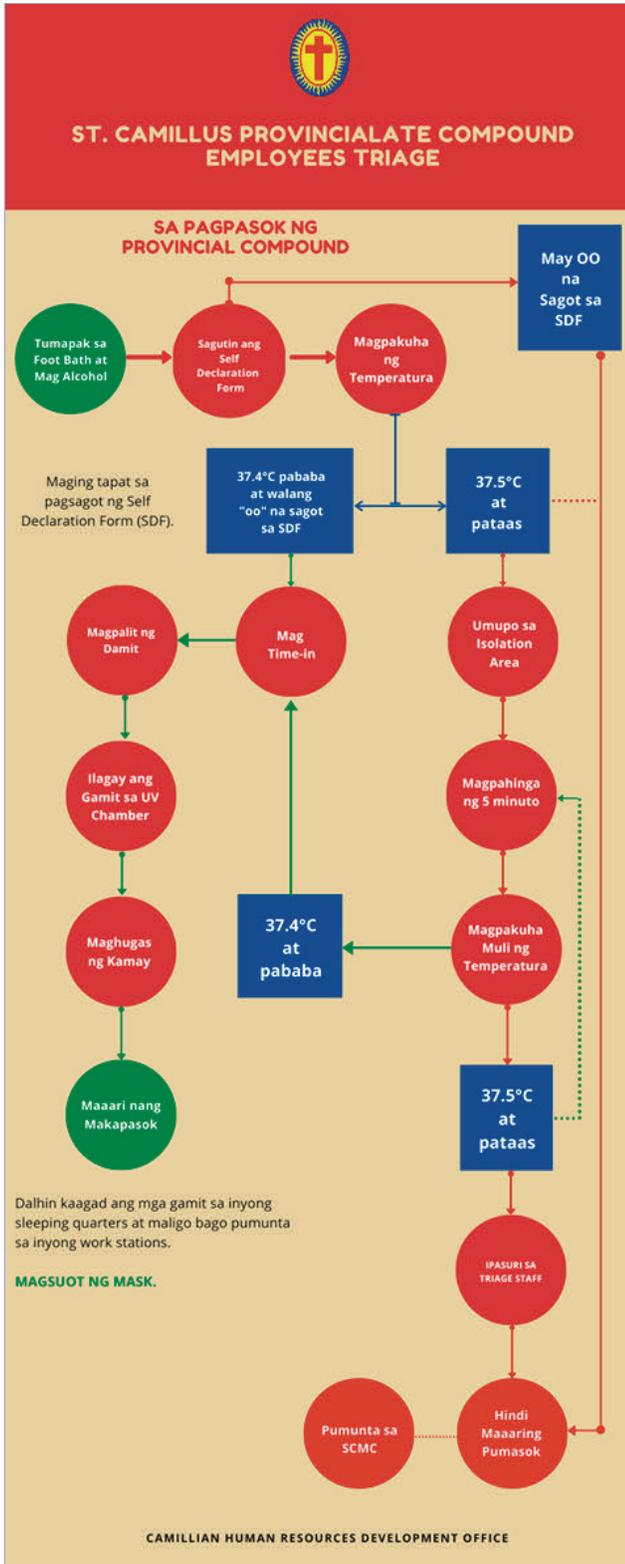
Through this program, the Camillian Fathers ensure the mental health and spiritual well-being of their employees and collaborators during this time of coronavirus pandemic, aside from financial and material support.

NOTE: The minimum health standards set by the Department of Health are observed in the project implementation.



# SAFETY PROTOCOLS

For the safety of all employees and residents at the Provincialate compound, the Camillian Human Resources Development Office, headed by Mr. Jeffrey Ordoñez, introduced precautionary measures to avoid the transmission of the dreaded corona virus.



## PAGDATING SA TRABAHO

### Mga Bagong Alituntunin

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**1 TUMAPAK SA FOOT BATH**

Tumayo sa ibabaw ng foot bath na basa ng disinfectant. Siguraduhin na nakababad ng maayos ang sapatos ng ilang segundo.
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**2 MAGPA CHECK NG TEMPERATURE**

Gamit ang thermal scanner, kukunin ang inyong temperature. Kung ito ay mataas sa 37.5C, umupo muna ng limang minuto bago magpakuha ulit. Kung ito ay hindi bumaba sa 37.5C kayo ay kailangan tignan at kausapin ng Triage Staff.
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**3 MAG HAND-SANITIZE**

Ang Triage Staff ang maglalagay ng alcohol sa inyong mga kamay bago hawakan ang biometric machine upang mag-time in.
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**4 MAGPALIT NG DAMIT AT MAG-DISINFECT NG MGA GAMIT**

Pumunta sa changing area at magpalit ng damit at sapatos. Ilagay ang mga pinaghubaran, sapatos at bag sa isang basket at ilagay sa UV Chamber para ito ay ma-disinfect. Iwan ang mga damit at sapatos sa isang designated area.
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**5 MAG HUGAS NG KAMAY**

Bago pumasok sa building, maghugas muli ng kamay gamit ang sabon sa lababo sa may guard house. Ugaliin na maghugas ng kamay ng madalas habang nasa trabaho.
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**6 MAG FACE MASK**

Siguraduhin na nakasuot ng maayos lagi ang inyong face mask. Ang face mask ay hindi maaaring tangalin sa loob ng compound at habang nagtrabaho.

**CAMILLIAN HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

# LCF-KARACHI PAKISTAN

On February 7, 2020, Fr. Mushtaq Anjum gave a seminar about the “Basics of Counseling” in which he gave salient points that would help the members of the Lay Camillian Family (LCF) in their sick visitation as they would encounter different situations and realities during visits.

On February 14, 2020, the LCF members gathered together in the Catechetical Center of Karachi and held a healing prayer session. They started with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and reflected together on the reality of healing. Fr. Mushtaq gave a reflection on the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

The group had meditation and offered prayers for the healing and recovery of the sick people.



Ms. Zaira presented the seminar very well and offered very good insights in dealing with situations arising during visits. She said that the LCF members would do great service as they make the family members their collaborators in this healing ministry.

Mr. Patrick Fernandez, Vice President of LCF-Karachi, expressing his appreciation and gratitude for the wonderful presentation said, “Your research, your depth of understanding and your ability to present the subject in such an interesting way produced one of the most memorable evenings for our group. I personally appreciate your approach. The subject intrigues me, and I plan to learn more. I am sure we all took some interesting knowledge back home.”

After the seminar, the group members expressed their wish to include other health-related topics such as asthma, old age-related illnesses, mental illness, cancer, kidney failure, trauma, TB, and malnutrition, to name a few. To which Ms. Zaira happily agreed.

Throughout the seminar, Fr. Mushtaq was present through video call and supported the group.

Mr. Wilson thanked Ms. Zaira for her time and availability to give such a beautiful seminar. Ms. Mary Manuel and Ms. Noureen Victoria presented flowers to her as a sign of gratitude.

Mrs. Shazia Cyril closed the program with prayer. Refreshments were then served and Mr. Wilson’s birthday cake was cut.



Seminar: If your loved one is sick in the family...

On March 7, 2020, the LCF-Karachi met for their monthly meeting and formation program. The meeting was held at the Catechetical Center, Karachi at 3:00pm. Mr. Wilson Shahid, president of LCF-Karachi, presided over the meeting. The seminar took off with the opening song and followed by the opening prayer led by Ms. Maria Hu.

Mr. Wilson introduced and presented the resource person, Ms. Zaira Soloman, nursing manager of Darul Sehat Hospital, Karachi. She is also an LCF member.



## SCH-Mati 4th Batch Feeding Program Ends

St. Camillus Hospital of Mati's 4th batch feeding program had a unique culmination of activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The six-month program started last November 2019 and culminated on May 13, 2020. During this period, the system of feeding shifted in the middle part, from the community-based feeding wherein children were gathered in the feeding center and ate together to the ration system, following the local and national directives to avoid contracting the virus. The culmination became more meaningful because it was a "culmination at home." The staff and volunteers of St. Camillus Hospital of Mati awarded the certificates of completion and token to the 111 children in their respective homes. In behalf of the children, we thank all the donors and sponsors for sharing their love and care to the children, making the program successful and meaningful. May God bless you a hundredfold. May you continue to be with us in this noble endeavor when we start the 5th batch for year 2020–2021. – Sr. Didith Otibar, SMI



## SCH-Mati

St. Camillus Hospital staff led by Fr. Roderick Tampis worked with the City of Mati's Incident Management Team Covid-19 for a more rapid and well-coordinated sharing of information on Covid-19 PUMs and PUIs with the use of the Covid-19 Heat Map mobile application.

The private hospital also started instituting measures to prevent spread of Covid-19 in the city.



# CAMILLIAN MEDHAVEN'S DEMENTIA VILLAGE OPENS

Maribel Bantilan



**M**ay 25, 2020 marked the 470th birthday of St. Camillus de Lellis, patron of the sick, nurses, hospitals and healthcare workers and the founder of the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm, a religious order dedicated to the care of the sick known as the Camillians.

On this auspicious date, the Camillus Medhaven Senior Living Community headed by Fr. Rodel R. Enriquez (director) launched the soft opening and blessing of Dementia Village, a community that creates custom living environment for elderly people with dementia. Located on Apitong Street in Marikina Heights right across Medhaven's main compound, the Annex offers quality care and services with upgraded facilities for the convenience of the residents.

The celebration was attended by some residents, staff and Camillian priests led by Frs. Jose Eloja, provincial superior; Gabriel Garcia, CEO, Camillian Socio-health Institutions; John Paul Alvarado, director, CPHDO; Ruben Mandin, superior, St. Camillus Seminary; John Jay Magpusao, program director, St. Camillus Pastoral Care Center; Salvador Cariño, Medhaven chaplain; Almar Roman, vocation promotion director; and Anthoni Kunell.

Fr. Eloja blessed the four themed houses at the village: The Mansion, The Brick House, The Japanese House and The Vigan House. All houses feature cozy and elegant

interior design and furniture that gives a homey feeling to the residents.

There are other amenities such as Tindahan ni Maria, a typical Filipino sari-sari store where the residents can buy a variety of products they want; Apitong Barangay Health Center, a nurse station-turned-health center; Marikina Municipal Office that serves as their activity area, and a beauty salon, which completes the atmosphere of living in a community. It is truly a home away from home.

The Camillus Medhaven Senior Living Community is truly blessed and thankful to all the people who support and believe in its vision to provide a nurturing community for the care of elderly with dementia, namely, Fr. Eloja and his Council (Camillian Philippine Province) for spearheading this project; Delegation of Taiwan headed by Fr. Giuseppe Didone and Fr. Jacob Hawran (financial administrator) for funding; 4Vs Construction headed by Vic Flores and Arch. Niño; Cold Magic, Aircon provider; Fr. Alvarado, who headed fundraising in the US; Penang MAS (BISDAK GROUP) that forged an MOA with Cariño Development & Management Corporation with the assistance of Spring Rain Global Philanthropy headed by Ms. Glenda Miro; Camillus Medhaven team and other stakeholders.

With the Annex, Medhaven now totals to a 170-bed capacity.



Fr. Jose Eloja and Fr. Gabriel Garcia cut the ribbon as they officially opened the Dementia Village after the blessing rites.



Activity area



Camillian priests during the blessing of the ward rooms



Ward rooms inside the Mansion



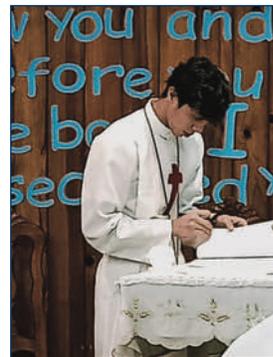
Dementia Village's spacious corridor



Lobby of the brick house for male residents.



Nurse station



The next day, June 1, 2020, at St. Camillus de Lellis Novitiate Chapel in Baguio City, Novices Yonel S. Abrogan and Kian Krisfer E. Condez made their first profession of vows before Fr. Rodolfo Cancino, who was the main presider of the Holy Mass. With him were Frs. Ivo Anselmi, Anthony Ongcal and Gabriel Garcia. Fr. Cancino

pinned the big Red Cross on the vestments of the temporary professed and put on the necklace with small crucifix.

Seminarians Leoneil Jonh Seriosa and Joseph Nortega, meanwhile, were admitted to the Novitiate.

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### MARCH

#### Birthdays

Fr. Renato D. Maliwat	07/03/1977
Sch. Dionisius Juang	10/03/1993
Sch. Konstantinus Aman	11/03/1995
Fr. Anthony A. Ongcal	18/03/1981
Sch. Ardianus Guga	18/03/1992
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. Luigi Galvani	19/03/1966
Fr. Evan Paul A. Villanueva	25/03/1995
Fr. Jacob Wong Haw-ran	25/03/2006

#### Presbyteral Ordinations

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

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Sch. Samuel Hampu	03/04/1992
Sch. Engelbertus F.A. Klau	05/04/1994
Fr. Marcelino S. Digal	13/04/1971
Br. Davide Angelo Cattaneo	21/04/1939

#### Perpetual Professions

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Fr. Samuel A. Cuarto	21/04/1996
Fr. Giovanni Rizzi	24/04/1948

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Sch. Vengie Ibañez	13/05/1984
Fr. Manuel M. Tamayo	14/05/1963
Fr. Francis Zhang Zhi-rong	15/05/1963
Fr. John Jay C. Magpusao	20/05/1979
Fr. Giuseppe Didone	26/05/1940
Sch. Rosalino A. Dos Santos	26/05/1982
Sch. Gema Galgani Galung	29/05/1995
Sch. Robertus Raffianto Arsan	31/05/1993

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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 Zhi-rong	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. Almar S. Roman	31/05/2019

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

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Fr. Jose Emmanuel B. Cabarles	29/06/2018

#### Presbyteral Ordinations

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Fr. Salvador G. Cariño	19/06/1993
Fr. Giovanni Rizzi	22/06/1952
Fr. Gian Carlo Micheline	23/06/1963
Fr. Celestino Rizzi	23/06/1963
Fr. Giuseppe Didone	23/06/1964
Fr. Luigi Galvani	23/06/1968

### JULY

#### Birthdays

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Fr. Bon L. Arimbuyutan	05/07/1986
Fr. Gian Carlo Micheline	07/07/1935
Fr. Jung Ju Seo	11/07/1985
Fr. Mensianus Aman	20/07/1990
Fr. Marven G. Ruyeras	23/07/1981
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Fr. Domingo S. Barawid	25/07/1971

#### Perpetual Professions

Fr. Rodel R. Enriquez	03/07/2004
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Fr. Paul Tran To Hoai	04/07/2015
Fr. Tex Rico V. Buntol	11/07/1998
Fr. Robert S. Chua Jr.	11/07/1998
Fr. Rolando J. Fernandez	14/07/1984
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Fr. Renato P. Sales	14/07/1990
Fr. Thomas C. Welu	22/07/1967
Fr. Joseph Pham Van Dong	22/07/2017
Fr. Paul Tran To Hoai	22/07/2017

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#### Birthdays

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Fr. Ivo Z. Anselmi	14/08/1947
Fr. Davide Maria Lee Tai-chuen	16/08/1944
Fr. Joseph Pham Van Dong	20/08/1983
Sch. Paul Austin Echavez	26/08/1995
Fr. Robert S. Chua Jr.	30/08/1967
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Fr. Ruben J. Mandin	14/08/1999
Br. Paolo Han Kuo-chien	20/08/2000
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Fr. Manuel M. Tamayo	10/08/1991
Fr. Raimondo Yang Chia-men	17/08/1980
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Fr. Joseph Yang Gao-chao	28/08/1991
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