



Cor Inquietum

Newsbits

Gathering of Friars assigned in Local Missions

Friars assigned in local missions of the Province gathered last April 2 – 6, 2018 at the Augustinian Residence in Burgos, Surigao del Norte for days of meeting, discerning, sharing and fraternal bonding. The local missionaries, led by Fr. Armando M. Dayao, OSA, Chairman of the Commission on Mission were warmly welcomed by Fr. Donato E. Ellezar, OSA, Superior of Burgos Residence and Parish Priest of Santa Ana Parish. They were joined by Fr. Aladdin P. Luzon, OSA, Provincial Counselor and Coordinator for Pastoral Apostolate, Fr. Tomas C. Banayag, Jr., Chairman of the Commission on Parish Ministry, Lay and Youth and by Fr. Fernando S. Cleopas, a former missionary to Indonesia and Canada. The group also listened to a talk on the priesthood and the religious life by Bishop Arturo M. Bastes, SVD, DD of Sorsogon on the second day of the gathering.



The Province's local missionaries posed for posterity with Sorsogon Bishop, Most Reverend Arturo M. Bastes, SVD, DD at the Santa Ana Parish in Burgos, Surigao del Norte.



The friars visited one of the chapels under the Santa Ana Parish in Burgos, Surigao del Norte.

Friars joined the National Meeting of Vicars for Clergy

The Accompanying Team of the Province led by Fr. Sisinio A. Paderog, OSA, Provincial Counselor and Chairman of the Commission on Community Life and Ongoing Formation, attended the first ever National Meeting of Episcopal Vicars for the Clergy in Davao City from April 9 – 13, 2018. Held at the Waterfront Insular Hotel in Lanang, Davao City, the 5-day convention was organized by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines' Episcopal Commission on Clergy and centered on the theme "Renewed Servant-Leaders for the New Evangelization." Fr. Jaime Noel B. Deslate from the Archdiocese of Capiz was the main speaker. He talked about the need for renewal and ongoing formation among the clergy, importance of communion in sacramental fraternity among priests and also highlighted some ways for priests to be effective in the New Evangelization. Around 200 priests from different dioceses and religious orders and congregations joined the convention which was opened by Davao Archbishop and CBCP President, Most Reverend Romulo G. Valles, DD with a Holy Eucharist at the San Pedro Cathedral at the heart of Davao City.

Seminar Workshop on Heritage

The Commission on Augustinian History and Cultural Heritage chaired by Fr. Harold Ll. Rentoria, OSA in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Laoag successfully organized a seminar workshop on heritage held at the Vybe Hotel in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte from April 10 – 12, 2018. Guest speakers were: Atty. Lucille Karen E. Malilong Isberto (talk: Participatory Heritage Conservation), Ms. Ma. Christina P. Paterno (Maintenance of Heritage Structures), Mr. Peter John S. Natividad (Preventive Care of Movable Objects) and Fr. John Paul S. Mabanta, OSA (Augustinian Iconography). Fr. Harold Ll. Rentoria, OSA facilitated the workshops on mapping of church cultural properties and the formulation of proposed cultural heritage guidelines. Augustinian friars (Cebu Province and Vicariate of the Orient), lay collaborators, clergy from the Diocese of Laoag and the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia and representatives from the Ilocos Norte provincial government attended the two-day seminar workshop.

On April 11, the participants were treated to a hearty dinner at the Bishop's Residence in Laoag City. They were welcomed by Laoag Bishop, Most Rev. Renato P. Mayugba, DD. On April 12, a heritage tour was organized and sponsored by the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte that brought the participants to Bacarra Church (San Andres Apostol Parish), Burgos Lighthouse, Kapurpurawan Rock Formation and Pagudpud (Kingfisher Beach Resort). The fact that the seminar was held in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte was also significant for the Augustinian friars because the Order of Saint Augustine pioneered the evangelization of the two Ilocos provinces.



The participants in one of the workshops facilitated by Fr. Rentoria.



The participants in front of the San Andres Apostol Parish Church in Bacarra, Ilocos Norte.



Bishop Renato P. Mayugba of Laoag (in white shirt and black pants beside Fr. Rentoria) together with the participants of the seminar workshop after the dinner hosted by the good bishop at his residence in Laoag City.

34th Annual National and 1st International Convention of the Cofradia del Santo Niño de Cebu

Members of the Cofradia del Santo Niño de Cebu from around the country and overseas together with their Spiritual Directors joined the 34th Annual Convention of the cofradia held at Punta Villa, Santo Niño Sur, Arevalo, Iloilo City from April 13 – 15, 2018. Hosted by the San Jose Parish Chapter, Iloilo City, this year's convention also saw the participation of 2 overseas chapters from Canada and Singapore. The convention's theme for this year "Renewed Disciples for the New Evangelization" was adapted from the CBCP sanctioned Year of the Clergy and of Consecrated Persons. Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., Prior Provincial of the Augustinian Province of Santo Niño de Cebu – Philippines presided at the opening Mass held at the convention venue.

The reports of the different cofradia chapters were done through audio visual presentations while their talents were showcased during the cultural and fellowship night. Testimonies were also given on some miracles attributed to the Santo Niño. The host chapter also celebrated its golden foundation anniversary (1968 – 2018). To celebrate and perpetuate this milestone, during the concluding Mass presided by Fr. Pacifico C. Nohara, OSA, Basilica del Santo Niño Rector and International Spiritual Director of the cofradia, a bust of Fr. Ambrosio J. Galindez, OSA was unveiled and blessed. Fr. Galindez brought a Santo Niño replica image to Iloilo in 1968 and this gave way to the start of what is now the Dinagyang Festival, Iloilo's very own fiesta in honor of the Santo Niño de Cebu.



Some of the delegates to the 34th Annual National and 1st International Convention of the Augustinian-directed Cofradia del Santo Niño de Cebu held in Iloilo City from April 13 – 15, 2018.



Delegates from the Bulacan Chapter of the cofradia during the parade of banners/standards on the first day of the annual convention.



A bust of Fr. Ambrosio "Fr. Boy" J. Galindez, OSA was unveiled in San Jose Parish during the concluding Mass of the cofradia convention. Fr. Galindez is the acknowledged Father of Dinagyang.

Fr. Amplayo is New Prior of the Provincialate Community

Last April 15, 2018, in a simple yet solemn rite, Fr. Vicente F. Amplayo was installed as the new Prior of the Santo Niño Pilgrim Center (Provincialate) Community by Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA, Prior Provincial. Fr. Amplayo along with 7 other friars received a new assignment effective April 15, 2018, they are:

Fr. Noli P. Detoyato, OSA and Fr. Ian V. Ragodon, OSA (Members, CSA – Bacolod)

Fr. Mark Anthony C. Tamos and Fr. John Ion C. Miranda, OSA

(Missionaries to Guipos, Zamboanga del Sur and temporarily attached to the Provincialate Community)

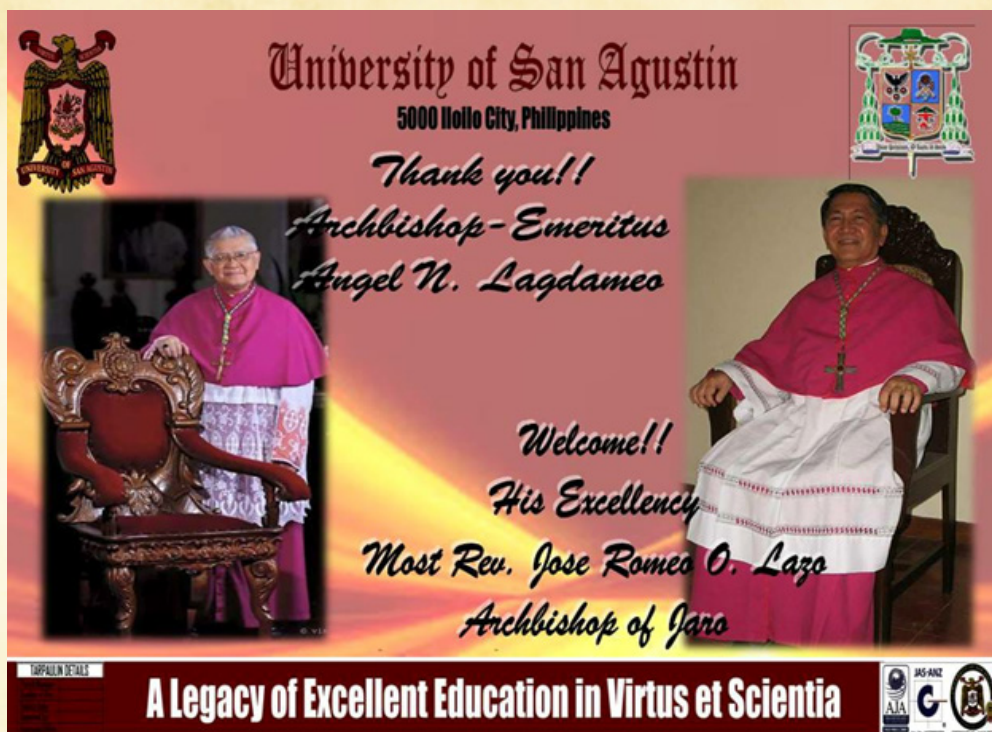
Fr. Fernando S. Cleopas, OSA (Member, Tolo-tolo Community)

Fr. Jose S. Seidel, Jr., OSA (Missionary to Ketapang in Indonesia)

Fr. Christian E. Funtanares, OSA (Procurator, Saguday Residence)



A long line of priests wearing their chasubles walk through the streets from the Archbishop's Palace to the Cathedral of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary in Jaro for the Canonical Installation of the new Archbishop of Jaro, Most Rev. Jose Romeo O. Lazo, DD.



The University of San Agustin and the whole Augustinian Province of Santo Niño de Cebu - Philippines join millions of Ilonggo Catholics in welcoming the new Archbishop of Jaro, the Most Rev. Jose Romeo O. Lazo, DD and in thanking Archbishop Emeritus Angel N. Lagdameo, DD for his long years of service to the Archdiocese.



The Augustinians in the Archdiocese of Jaro

The Augustinians have a long history of pastoral work in the Archdiocese of Jaro. The cathedral, the church of Jaro, was a former Augustinian-served parish church. In 1865, Jaro became the Philippine's 5th diocese and the 4th suffragan of the Archdiocese of Manila. But it was only in 1868 that its first bishop, the Dominican Fray Mariano Cuartero y Medina, OP officially took possession of his vast diocese. It was also in 1868 that the present San Jose Parish Church located in front of Plaza Libertad in Iloilo City was given to the Augustinian friars in exchange for the church of Jaro which from then on will become the Cathedral of Jaro. Today, there are two Augustinian Communities and 1 residence in the Archdiocese of Jaro: San Jose Community, University of San Agustin Community and Sambag Residence.



The image of Apung Kulas as Saint Nicholas was fondly called by the Catholic faithful of Capas, Tarlac.

Devotion to Augustinian Saints

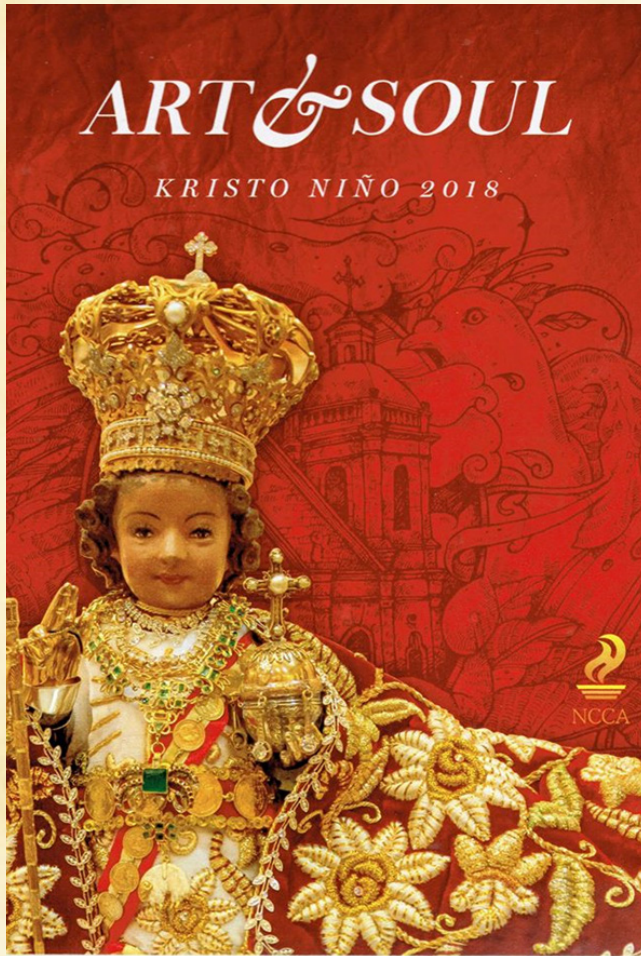
A parish church in Capas, Tarlac was recently declared a diocesan shrine to Saint Nicholas of Tolentino, the first Augustinian saint. The Eucharistic celebration and declaration of the shrine was presided by Most Rev. Enrique V. Macaraeg, DD, Bishop of Tarlac along with Most Rev. Florentino F. Cinense, DD, Bishop-Emeritus of Tarlac and Rev. Fr. Macario S. Ramos, the parish priest of San Nicolas de Tolentino and its first rector.

A first class relic of Saint Nicholas of Tolentino was donated to the shrine by the Postulator General of the Order, Fr. Josef Sciberras, OSA. The said relic was brought to Capas by a friar from the Vicariate of the Orient, Fr. Geoffrey Eborda, OSA who together with some postulants from Seminario San Agustin in Intramuros attended the said event.



Fr. Geoffrey Eborda, OSA from the Vicariate of the Orient, carrying the reliquary containing the first class relic of San Nicolas de Tolentino donated by the Order to the parish church of Capas, Tarlac.

KRISTO NIÑO 2018





Rome, April 16, 2018

“Mary, lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other. She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: “Hail Mary...” (Gaudete et exsultate n 176)

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Governing Board of the Augustinian Spirituality Institute, taking into account “the example of the most Holy Virgin Mary is an encouragement for our religious consecration”, and “we ought to honor the Mother of God in a special way with filial love in keeping with the practice of the Church and the tradition of the Order” (Const. 106), suggests that this year, in our communities, **we will place special attention and care in the celebration of the feast of Our Mother of Good Counsel (April 26)**. This initiative has been approved by the General Council of the Order.

To fulfill this purpose, we propose:

1. Morning and Evening Prayer: Celebration of these moments of prayer with lay participation;
2. Eucharist with the people;
3. We propose three texts for reading and meditation (You can read all three, some, or find other appropriate readings);
4. Place an image of Our Mother of Good Counsel near the Paschal Candle;
5. Prayer of the Faithful could include a petition through the intercession of Mary to continue advancing on the path of personal and community renewal, faithfully following Christ in the Augustinian charism.

Fraternally,
Fr. Luis Marín de San Martín, OSA
President

Fr. Joseph J. Farrell, OSA
Vice-president

TEXTS

1. Holy Virginity, Saint Augustine (3, 5)

3. It is written in the gospel that when a message was brought to Christ that his mother and brothers, that is his relatives by birth, were waiting outside unable to come nearer because of the crowd, he answered, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" And stretching his hands out over his disciples, he said, "These are my brothers"; and then, "Whoever does my Father's will, that person is my brother and mother and sister" (Mt 12:48-50). What was he teaching us other than to value our spiritual family more highly than relationship by birth, and that what makes people blessed is not being close to upright and holy persons by blood relationship, but being united with them by obeying and imitating their doctrine and way of life. It was a greater blessing for Mary, therefore, to receive Christ's faith than to conceive his flesh. In fact, when someone said, Blessed is the womb that bore you, he himself answered, Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it (Lk 11:27-28). Finally, what advantage was that relationship for his brothers and sisters, that is those related to him by birth, who did not believe in him? So even the close relationship of being his mother would have been no benefit to Mary, if she had not carried Christ in her heart, a greater privilege than doing so in her body.

5. For the same reason Mary too is Christ's mother in a more praiseworthy and blessed way, according to the statement previously cited: Whoever does my Father's will, that is my brother and sister and mother (Mt 12:50). He declares that the people whom he redeemed have all these family relationships with himself, though spiritually; he has holy men and holy women as his brothers and sisters, because they are coheirs with him of the heavenly inheritance. His mother is the whole Church, because through God's grace she certainly gives birth to his members, his faithful. In addition, every devout soul that does the will of his Father by the fertile power of charity is Christ's mother in those to whom it gives birth, until Christ himself is formed in them. In doing God's will, therefore, physically Mary is only Christ's mother, but spiritually she is both mother and sister.

2. Lumen Gentium 60-62, Vatican Council II

60. There is but one Mediator as we know from the words of the apostle, "for there is one God and one mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a redemption for all". (1 Tim 2, 5-6) The maternal duty of Mary toward men in no wise obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows His power. For all the salvific influence of the Blessed Virgin on men originates, not from some inner necessity, but from the divine pleasure. It flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on His mediation, depends entirely on it and draws all its power from it. In no way does it impede, but rather does it foster the immediate union of the faithful with Christ.

61. Predestined from eternity by that decree of divine providence which determined the incarnation of the Word to be the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin was on this earth the virgin Mother of the Redeemer, and above all others and in a singular way the generous associate and humble handmaid of the Lord. She conceived, brought forth and nourished Christ. She presented Him to the Father in the temple, and was united with Him by compassion as He died on the Cross. In this singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the work of the Saviour in giving back supernatural life to souls. Wherefore she is our mother in the order of grace.

62. This maternity of Mary in the order of grace began with the consent which she gave in faith at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, and lasts until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this salvific duty, but by her constant intercession continued to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she cares for the brethren of her Son, who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and cultics, until they are led into the happiness of their true home. Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked by the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix, and Mediatrix. This, however, is to be so understood that it neither takes away from nor adds anything to the dignity and efficaciousness of Christ the one Mediator.

3. Pope Francis, Homily in the Sanctuary of Czestochowa at WYD 2016

It is to Mary, then that we, who have gathered here, now look. In her, we find complete conformity to the Lord. Throughout history, interwoven with the divine thread, is also a “Marian thread”. If there is any human glory, any merit of our own in the fullness of time, it is she. Mary is that space, preserved free from sin, where God chose to mirror himself. She is the stairway God took to descend and draw near to us. She is the clearest sign of the fullness of time. In the life of Mary we admire that littleness that God loves, for he “looked upon the humility of his servant”, and “lifted up the lowly” (Lk 1:48, 52). He was so pleased with her that he let his flesh be woven from hers, so that the Virgin became the Mother of God, as an ancient hymn, sung for centuries, proclaims. To you who uninterruptedly come to her, converging upon this, the spiritual capital of the country, may she continue to point the way. May she help you to weave in your own lives the humble and simple thread of the Gospel. At Cana, as here in Jasna Góra, Mary offers us her nearness and helps us to discover what we need to live life to the full. Now as then, she does this with a mother’s love, by her presence and counsel, teaching us to avoid hasty decisions and grumbling in our communities. As the Mother of a family, she wants to keep us together. Through unity, the journey of your people has surmounted any number of harsh experiences. May the Mother, who stood steadfast at the foot of the Cross and persevered in prayer with the disciples in awaiting the Holy Spirit, obtain for you the desire to leave behind all past wrongs and wounds, and to build fellowship with all, without ever yielding to the temptation to withdraw or to domineer.

At Cana, Our Lady showed great realism. She is a Mother who takes people’s problems to heart and acts. She recognizes moments of difficulty and handles them discreetly, efficiently and decisively. She is neither imperious nor intrusive, but a Mother and a handmaid. Let us ask for the grace to imitate her sensitivity and her creativity in serving those in need, and to know how beautiful it is to spend our lives in the service of others, without favourites or distinctions. May Mary, Cause of our Joy, who brings peace amid the profusion of sin and the turmoil of history, obtain for us the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and enable us to be good and faithful servants

Through her intercession, may the fullness of time come about also for us. The transition from before to after Christ means little if it remains a date in the annals of history. May each one of us be able to make an interior passage, a Passover of the heart, towards the divine “style” incarnated by Mary. May we do everything in littleness, and accompany others at close hand, with a simple and open heart.



The miraculous image of Mary, Mother of Good Counsel enshrined at the Augustinian-served Genazzano Church in the suburbs of Rome. The Virgin’s liturgical feast is celebrated every April 26.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PRIOR GENERAL TO THE AUGUSTINIAN BROTHERS, SISTERS AND MEMBERS OF OUR LAY FRATERNITIES

Dear brothers and sisters:

As we celebrate the Easter of Resurrection, I want to bring to you this text of our Father Saint Augustine, with a brief exhortation on my part to live humility and fraternal communion.

St. Augustine writes: “We mourn because we are oppressed by the weight of our sins and we rejoice because he has justified us by his grace, because he was delivered up for our sins and rose again for our justification (Rm 4,25). Both mourning the first and rejoicing in the second, we are full of joy. Let us not let it go unnoticed with ungrateful forgetfulness but let us celebrate with grateful remembrance what for our cause and for our benefit took place: both the sad event and the joyful anticipation. Let us remain vigilant because, dearly beloved, since the burial of Christ lasted until this night, so that on this same night the resurrection of the flesh that was then the object of the world’s beguiling would take place and now it is worshiped in heaven and earth “ (Sermon 221.1).

This invitation of St. Augustine not to be ungrateful and to celebrate with grateful remembrance what, for our cause and for our benefit, took place, becomes more a reality if humility and communion are instilled in our heart.

Through humility we can “have the same feelings of Christ”, to deprive ourselves of our pride and sin, the root of all evil, and thus open our being to the mercy of God, to life, which is born of the encounter of a simple and humble heart with the Love in Christ, dead and risen. Humility always opens our being to encounter God.

The communion with the brothers and sisters, that is, the unity in charity. This is the gift that the dead and risen Christ has left us to enjoy in our Augustinian experience. Let us not forget that fraternal love is the privileged place of the authentic experience of God. Only then, our communities, living the experience of fraternity, can make sense. It is from this experience of encounter with the other, that we announce the paschal meaning against pain and suffering, and we are changed so that those who see us find a place of peace and life, which God has given us in the risen Jesus.

The value of the community, as a place of fraternal love, is that, in addition to anticipating paschal joy, it energizes our will to work on earth, and it impels us to open ourselves to others and to work against evil and suffering, imitating the prophet of the mercy of God, Jesus, so that love reigns here below.

Today, perhaps more intensely, I believe in the Love of God, that love that one day proved to be stronger than death in resurrecting Jesus of Nazareth, the first fruits of our own resurrection. And I believe in the risen Jesus, in whom the love of God broke the bonds of sin and death.

HAPPY EASTER OF RESURRECTION TO ALL!

Madrid, 31 March 2018

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Fr. Alejandro Moral Antón
Prior General, OSA

Events

- April 21 Renewal of Vows of the Province's Simply Professed Friars at SACS
April 24 Feast of the Conversion of Saint Augustine
April 25 12th Huniño
April 26 Feast of Mary, Mother of Good Counsel
25th Anniversary of the Presbyteral Ordination of Fr. Rodolfo A. Bugna, OSA
and Fr. Edgar A. Polotan, OSA
April 28 453rd Anniversary of the Finding of the image of Santo Niño de Cebu
453rd Anniversary of Augustinian Presence in the Philippines
53rd Anniversary of the Santo Niño Church as a Minor Basilica
April 29 Parish Fiesta, Mother of Good Counsel Parish, Chrysanthemum Village
May 8 Blessing of Friars' Residence in Ketapang, Indonesia



The original, centuries old and miraculous image of Señor Santo Niño de Cebu venerated at the minor basilica named after the image in Cebu City. The Augustinian friars are the zealous caretakers of the image since 1565

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