

BLESSING OF FRIARS' RESIDENCE IN KETAPANG

A new friars' residence was blessed in Ketapang last May 8, 2018 coinciding with the Memorial of Our Lady of Grace, the oldest Marian devotion of the Order. The rite of blessing a new religious house was presided by the Most Rev. Pius Riana Prapdi, Bishop of Ketapang and witnessed by the Prior Provincial, Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA together with some members of the Provincial Council – Frs. Melchor L. Mirador, OSA, Sisinio A. Paderog, OSA and Leo Mario F. Singco, OSA. Other members of the Province who went to Ketapang to witness the event were: Frs. Eusebio B. Berdon, OSA, Pacifico C. Nohara, OSA and Jasper V. Valmores, OSA. Two Augustinians nuns from Mohon monastery also joined the friars in witnessing the historic event: Rev. Mo. Ma. Maribeth Elizabeth D. Montuya, OSA and Sr. Marife F. Tomol, OSA. Srs. Montuya and Tomol went to see the possible site for a future monastery of the Augustinian nuns in the area.

The group were warmly welcomed by the Augustinians Sisters of Divine Mercy as well as by Frs. Victor F. Gonzaga, OSA and Jose S. Seidel, Jr., OSA who together with Fr. Yohanis Richard Yempormase, OSA (from the Vicariate of West Papua) form the first group of friars assigned in the residence.

Aside from the usual pastoral ministry that the friars provide to the sisters and to their students, Frs. Gonzaga and Seidel are also teaching English to lay students and to the sisters as well. Fr. Seidel who is a medical technologist by profession before entering the Order also helps in the hospital run by the sisters. The memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Province and the sisters was also finalized and signed during the said visit.

The friars' presence in Ketapang is a testament to the Province's commitment to collaborate with the other members of the big Augustinian family in the Asia Pacific region. Fr. Fernando S. Cleopas, OSA, another friar from the Province is scheduled to travel to Indonesia sometime this August to help in the initial formation of postulants, novices and simply professed of the vicariate.



Logo of the Augustinian Friars'
Residence in Ketapang

At the top most portion is the image of Señor Santo Niño de Cebu, the Titular of the Filipino Augustinian Province. Below the image are the words Veritas, Unitas, Caritas – Augustinian values which in English means Truth, Unity and Charity. The Indonesian and the Philippine flags flank the Augustinian logo under which are the words of the Augustinian Rule: Cor unum et anima una in Deum which means one heart and one mind on the way to God. Two sarimanok, a legendary bird in Southeast Asian culture flank the image of the Holy Child.



Bishop Pius Riana Prapdi of Ketapang led the blessing of the new friars' residence last May 8, 2018. Here, the good bishop blessed the crucifixes and other religious images that will be placed in the rooms and prominent areas of the friary.



The front view of the new friars' residence in Ketapang. Frs. Gonzaga, Seidel and Yampermase are now residing in this house.



NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GRACIA PARISH FEAST DAY

Parishioners of Nuestra Señora de Gracia in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City were led by their parish priest, Fr. Tomas C. Banayag, Jr., OSA in the celebration of their parish fiesta last May 20, 2018. A novena was held prior to the feast day itself led by the group Samahang Nuestra Señora de Gracia. The Right Rev. Msgr. Pedro Geradro O. Santos, Parish Priest of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Poblacion, Makati City presided at the 5 PM Fiesta Mass which also coincided with the Solemnity of Pentecost. On the night prior to the fiesta, different parish organizations offered various presentations to their Patroness.

The devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title Our Lady of Grace or Nuestra Señora de Gracia in Spanish is the oldest in the Order of Saint Augustine. The General Chapter of 1284 prescribed the daily recitation or chant of the 'Benedicta Tu' precisely in honor of Our Lady of Grace. The antiphon 'Ave Regina Caelorum', also dating back to the 13th Century, is in honor of this same title as well.



The processional image of Nuestra Señora de Gracia arrayed beautifully with flowers in time for the parish fiesta last May 20, 2018.

PAG-OMAW FESTIVAL HELD



The friars assigned in Gubat, Sorsogon led the Catholic faithful of Barangay Bagacay in celebrating the feast of the Holy Child last June 3 – 4, 2018. In 2005, Pag-omaw Festival was introduced by Fr. Arlon M. Vergara, OSA and from then on has continued to this day as Bagacaynons thanksgiving offering to Señor Santo Niño.

Gubat was originally evangelized by the friars minor (Franciscans) during the Spanish colonial period. An old altar frontal in Bagacay Chapel that is still extant shows the Franciscan logo. A miniscule image of Santo Niño was found floating in the shores near the village and it was later enshrined at the village chapel and today, Catholics believe it to be miraculous.

In 2005, the Augustinians came to Bagacay and in August 30, 2014, the Most Rev. Arturo M. Bastes, SVD, DD consecrated the Parish Church of Saint Augustine in Barangay Cogon – San Ignacio, Gubat, Sorsogon.



STVI 19TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



7 postulants of the Province obtained their Bachelor of Arts, Major in Philosophy degree last May 26, 2018 during the 19th Commencement Exercises of the Saint Thomas of Villanova Institute. Fr. Jose Rene C. Delariarte, OSA, Provincial Treasurer and former director of the Saint Thomas of Villanova Institute, represented the Prior Provincial, Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA to the said event. The 7 graduates were:

Post. Jamier M. Batusin

Post. James N. Dosado

Post. Mark Joseph V. Escala

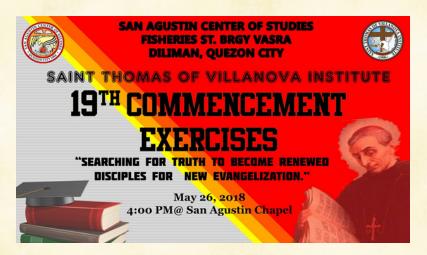
Post. Jesus Emmanuel L. Guillena

Post. Ralph Gabriel D. Morales (Batch Valedictorian)

Post. Poll G. Makinano

Post. John Albert D. Yaun

Fr. Delariarte also presided the 4 PM Graduation Mass together with Fr. Norberto Dominic S. Don III, OSA, current STVI Director, Fr. Joel L. Beronque, OSA, Prior of SACS Community, Fr. Rommel G. Bongcac, OSA, Master of Pre – Novices (Collegium), Fr. Manuel M. Vergara, OSA, Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of Saint Augustine together with other friars from SACS and other Communities of the Province.





OSAAP MEETING AND NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Fr. Peter A. Jones, OSA, Provincial-elect)

OSAAP (the Order of Saint Augustine in Asia Pacific) leaders from the Order's six circumscriptions in the region met last April 2018 at the Mother of Good Counsel Retreat Centre at Yeon-Cheon in the Diocese of Ui-Cheong-Bu, South Korea. The retreat center is located to the north of Seoul and only a few miles from the demilitarized zone and international border with North Korea. 2 friars from the Province joined the said meeting: Frs. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA and Andrew P. Batayola, OSA.

The Order of St Augustine has been active in the Asia Pacific region especially in the Philippines since the year 1565. Today it ministers in six nations: Philippines, Japan, India, Australia, Indonesia, and Korea. Every few years the Augustinian leaders of these six nations meet to report on the news and concerns within their ministries and to offer one another mutual support in their leadership roles. Their grouping is called the Order of St Augustine in the Asia Pacific (OSAAP).

This year's meeting took place under the leadership of Fr. Thomas Hiroyuki Shibata, OSA of Japan, the incumbent OSAAP President. Co-operative matters involving the ongoing Asia Pacific Augustinian Novitiate (APAN) in Cebu were reviewed and new ventures within the existing national circumscriptions were also discussed with an eye to possible further cooperation.

A Holy Eucharist was celebrated on April 25, the evening of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. It took place in the chapel of the Augustinian Korean central house in Incheon during which the homilist, the retiring OSAAP President Fr. Shibata, gave an account of his own personal journey with OSAAP going back to the time of a meeting in Japan twenty years ago. A good number of Augustinian Lay supporters joined in the closing Mass and then entertained the visitors to a Korean supper they had prepared in honor of the occasion. It was agreed that the next OSAAP meeting will take place in India in three years' time.

Fr. Rivera, OSA, Prior Provincial of Santo Niño de Cebu Province was elected as OSAAP Vice President while the incoming Provincial of Australia, Fr. Peter A. Jones, OSA was elected OSAAP President. (



from left to right: Frs. Tarquin C. Gamao, OSA (missionary in South Korea), Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA (Prior Provincial), Andrew P. Batayola, OSA (Chair, Core Animating Team or CAT of the Province) and Dennis D. Cuervo, OSA (missionary in South Korea).





A statue of Saint Rita venerated at the Augustinian Monastery of Santo Niño de Cebu in Barangay Mohon, Talisay City, Cebu.

Feast of Saint Rita

The feast of Saint Rita of Cascia, probably the Order's most famous saint, was celebrated by the friars, nuns and lay associates of the Order last May 22, 2018. Oils, roses and holy cards of Saint Rita were blessed after each feast day Mass at the monastery of the Augustinian nuns in Mohon and in Gubat, Sorsogon. Invoked universally as the Advocate of the Impossible (La Abogada de Imposible), Saint Rita's popularity among the Catholic faithful started even before her official canonization in the year 1900 by Pope Leo XIII. In the Philippines, several parish churches are dedicated to the saint including the Augustinian-built and now secular clergy-served Santa Rita Parish Church in Pampanga.



A beautiful bust figure of Saint Rita of Cascia venerated at the Parish Church of Saint Rita in Santa Rita, Pampanga. The image also serves as a reliquary where a first class relic of the saint is placed.



185th Ordinary General Chapter of the Order of Saint Augustine

Last May 16, 2018, the Memorial of Saints Alypius and Possidius, the Secretary General, Fr. John R. Flynn, OSA announced the dates for the upcoming celebration of the 185th Ordinary General Chapter of the Order to be held in Rome from September 1 – 19, 2018. Held every six years, the General Chapter is the highest governing body in the Order and is representative of all the friars from the more than 40 circumscriptions of the Order. During the General Chapter, a new Prior General will be elected or as is sometimes the case, re-elected. The current Prior General, Fr. Alejandro Moral Anton, OSA is from the Province of Spain and has served the Order as Vicar General before during the term of the Most. Rev. Robert F. Prevost, OSA, DD as Prior General from 2001 – 2013. The path that the Order will take for the next six years will also be decided during the Chapter through the determinations, programs and policies that will be approved during the chapter. Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA as Prior Provincial is an ex officio member of the general chapter. Two other definitors from Province will be elected soon. They, together with Fr. Rivera, will represent all the friars of the Province during the 185th Ordinary General Chapter.



The Holy Father, Pope Francis, together with the Chapter Delegates of the 184th Ordinary General Chapter of the Order of Saint Augustine after the August 29, 2013 opening Mass held at Basilica of Saint Augustine in Campo Marzio, Rome, Italy.



INITIAL FORMATION UPDATE

Incoming Aspirants

The Province's Screening Board composed of Frs. Dante O. Juloc, OSA (National Director of Vocations), Fr. Joel L. Beronque, OSA (Chair of the Commission on Initial Formation and SACS Prior) and Fr. Rodolfo A. Bugna, OSA (ANPH Prior) has recommended the following to the Prior Provincial for admission to the initial formation program of the Province:

NAME	Program	AGE	ADDRESS
Jorda, Katrieno Bennit	Late Vocation	21	Matag-ob, Leyte
Lequin, Reden	Late Vocation	25	Bogo City
Santosidad, Arjie	Late Vocation	22	Kinatarcan, Santa Fe
Agad, Patrick Lloyd	College	18	Cebu City
Castañeda, John Andrew	College	18	Hilongos, Leyte
Colongan, Cristian	College	18	Consolacion, Cebu
Gujelde, Romar	College	18	Cebu City
Samaniego, John Rey	College	19	Sagay City, Negros Occ.

The Provincial has approved all 8 for admission to the formation houses of the Province: 3 for San Agustin Seminary in Makati City and 5 for Saint Thomas of Villanova Hall in SACS, Quezon City.

Incoming Postulants

The following are the incoming Postulants at San Agustin Seminary in Makati City:

- 1. Asp. Kirby C. Balagon
- 2. Asp. Nemie Boy R. Cataluña
- 3. Asp. Gheben F. Espeleta
- 4. Asp. Ruzzel James A. Lanes
- 5. Asp. Glenn A. Macorol
- 6. Asp. Kevin Earl B. Rebato

The following are the incoming Postulants at Saint Thomas of Villanova Hall in SACS, Quezon City:

- 1. Asp. Jonas Jeremy R. Alcaria
- 2. Asp. Vilcir John A. Amoncio
- 3. Asp. Ronel M. Bayon-on
- 4. Asp. Marc M. Cataluña
- 5. Asp. Shierwin S. Espenido
- 6. Asp. King V. Nepangue
- 7. Asp. John Romel D. Nuñez
- 8. Asp. CSN S. Pomoy
- 9. Asp. Harvey Kent S. Solatorio
- 10. Asp. Kristofer Carlo E. Santa Ana

Incoming Novices

from SAS:

Post. Genesis S. Carpio

Post. Abelardo Jose M. Mendoza

Post. Joerald A. Pepito

from STVH - SACS:

Post, Jamier M. Batusin

Post. James N. Dosado

Post, Mark Joseph V. Escala

Post. Poll G. Makinano

Post. John Albert D. Yaun

Acceptance to the novitiate is scheduled this coming July 3, 2018 as established by APAN Statutes.



COMMISSION ON INITIAL FORMATION

As part of the Province's contribution for the on-going revision of the Ratio Institutionis or Plan of Augustinian Formation, the members of the Commission on Initial Formation met last June 11 to 14, 2018 at Pacific Cebu Resort in Lapu-lapu City, Mactan, Cebu. The output of the said meeting will be brought to Rome by Frs. Jasper V. Valmores, OSA (Master of the Simply Professed Friars), Basilio S. Sugata-on, OSA (Master of Late Vocations), Rommel G. Bongcac, OSA (Master of College Seminarians) and Andrew P. Batayola, OSA. The four friars will be attending the Order's Formation Congress this coming July 2 to 6, 2018 at the General Curia in Rome, Italy.

The Plan of Augustinian Formation was released in 1993. The revised edition of the plan will be presented for approval to the chapter delegates of the 185th Ordinary General Chapter of the Order this coming September 1 – 19, 2019 in Rome.

ANNUAL GATHERING OF LOCAL DIRECTORS OF VOCATIONS

Fr. Dante O. Juloc, OSA, the National Director of Vocations and Chair of the Commission on Vocation and Promotion led the local directors of vocations of the Province during their annual gathering held at Pacific Cebu Resort in Lapu-lapu City, Mactan, Cebu. The gathering included an input on Interviewing Skills, an Orientation on the administration of the Student Ability Test (OLSAT), evaluation and planning. It started with a Holy Mass at Santo Niño Pilgrim Center on June 15, 2018 at 9 AM and ended with a sumptuous lunch hosted by the basilica community.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS OF FRIARS

The following friars received their new assignments effective June 15, 2018:

Fr. Joel L. Beronque, OSA

Fr. Edgardo L. Lazo, OSA

Fray Jose Z. Lopez, OSA

Fr. Basilio S. Sugata-on, OSA

Fr. Jessie T. Tabobo, OSA

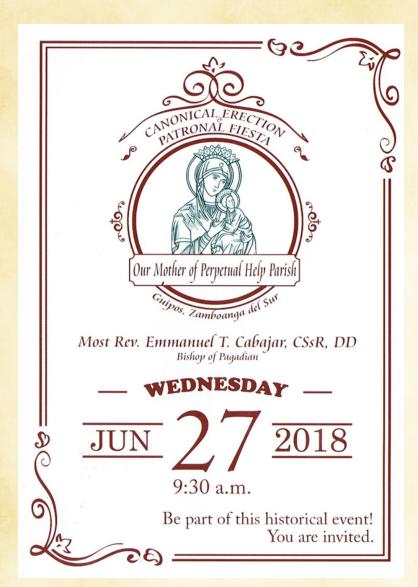
Fr. Arnel S. Dizon, OSA

Fr. Romeo T. Coronel, OSa

Fr. Harold Ll. Rentoria, OSA

Assistant Novice Master, APAN
Prior, SACS Community
Treasurer, SACS Community
Acting Prior, Monasterio de Guadalupe Community
Member, Monasterio de Guadalupe Community
Treasurer, USA Community
Member, Biñan Community
Member, SNSC Community





CANONICAL ERECTION OF GUIPOS PARISH

The 10th and newest parish that will be ministered by the friars of the Province will be canonically erected this coming June 27, 2018 by the Most Rev. Emmanuel T. Cabajar, CSsR, DD. During the rite, Fr. Mark Anthony C. Tampos, OSA will be installed as its 1st Parish Priest while Fr. John Ion C. Miranda, OSA was appointed as Parochial Vicar. The memorandum of agreement between the Province and the Diocese of Pagadian will also be signed during the said celebration.

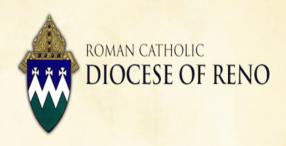
The new parish will be named Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish. Bishop Cabajar, a Redemptorist father, specifically chose the title because of its close connection with both the Redemptorists and the Augustinians. The icon of Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help was formerly under the care of Irish Augustinians in Rome since 1656, first in the Church of Saint Matthew and later in the Churches of Saint Eusebius and Saint Mary in Posterula. In December 1865, Blessed Pius IX presented the icon to the Redemptorists for veneration in their newly built church of Saint Alphonsus and from then on, the icon has been under the care of the Redemptorist Fathers.

The parish in Guipos will be the 2nd parish served by the friars of the Province under the title of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. In 2001, the Province accepted the administration of the Parish of Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Socorro, Surigao del Norte.



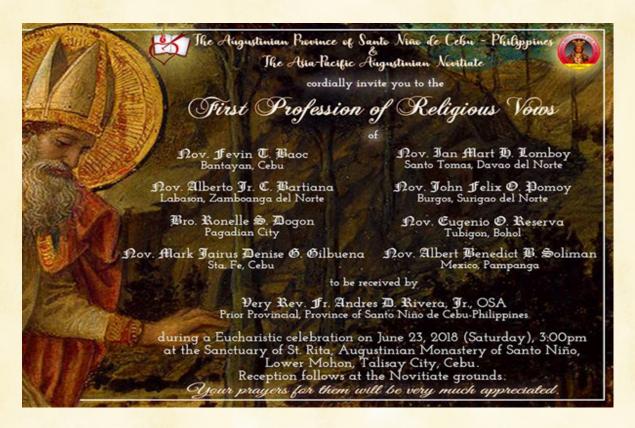
FR. VERGARA IS THE PROVINCE'S NEW MISSIONARY TO THE DIOCESE OF RENO (NEVADA, USA)

Upon the invitation of the Most Rev. Randolph R. Calvo, DD of Reno, Nevada, the Province sent Fr. Arlon M. Vergara, OSA as its newest missionary to the stateside diocese effective June 15, 2018. Fr. Vergara formerly served the Diocese of Sacramento in California. He has also served as missionary to South Korea for many years before going back to the country in 2004 where he was assigned at SACS. In January 2005, Fr. Vergara was sent to Gubat, Sorsogon to pioneer the Province's presence there.



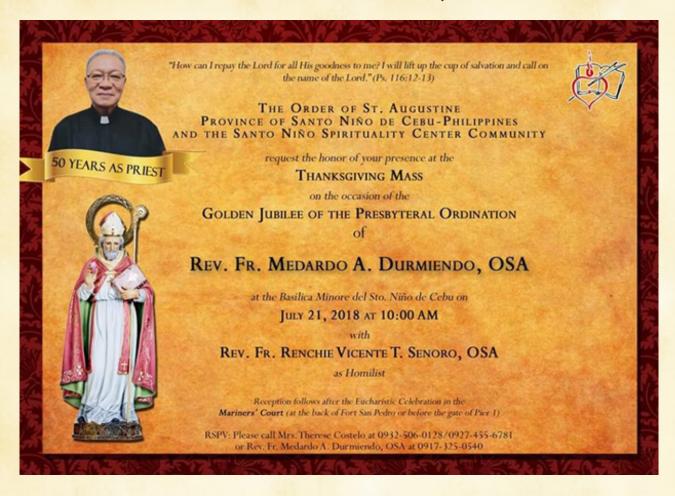
UPCOMING EVENTS

1ST PROFESSION OF VOWS OF 7 NOVICES AND 1 BROTHER (FOR READMISSION TO THE PROVINCE):





50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION OF FR. MEDARDO A. DURMIENDO, OSA



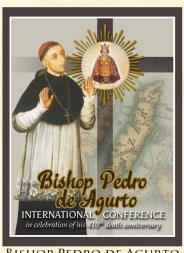
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Schedule of Annual Retreat of Friars 2018:

1st Batch
2nd Batch
3rd Batch

August 20 – 24 September 17 – 21 October 15 – 19

Venue: Santo Niño Spirituality Center, Tolo-tolo,

Consolacion, Cebu



UPDATES FROM THE PROVINCIAL OFFICES

BLESSING OF THE NEWLY RENOVATED PROVINCIAL OFFICES

Fr. Vicente F. Amplayo, OSA, Prior of the Provincialate Community presided at the Rite of Blessing of the newly renovated Provincial Offices at Santo Niño Pilgrim Center, Cebu City last April 26, 2018, Feast of Mary, Mother of Good Counsel. The renovations at the Provincial Offices started immediately after the celebration of the Fiesta Señor last January 20, 2018. The changes, however, were not limited to the structures but also to the human resources of the office. After the completion of the organizational development worked out by Dr. Jeane D. Sanchez from October 2017 to January 2018, the following are now serving/working at the Provincial Offices:

Human Resource Consultant Human Resource Staff Deputy PADO Director Deputy Property Custodian

Project Consultant Finance Officer

Dr. Jeane D. Sanchez, FPM
Ms. Marie Claire R. Sandoval
Mrs. Carmelita M. Egot
Atty. Geraldine E. Jorda

Engr. Roger T. Naval of RAGS Engineering

Provincial Offices Staff:

Senior Executive Assistant Administrative Staff Accounting Officer Junior Accounting Officer Accounting Staff SNAF Staff

Driver/Messenger

Ms. Judith Fe M. Pilongo
Ms. Anna Liza S. Villacorta
Ms. Lynnette N. Tura
Ms. Shiela O. Cababan
Ms. Gena D. Ventanilla

Mr. Dennis R. Abarrientos and Ms. Ruby O. Agravante

Mr. Cyrus B. Sabal



Fr. Vic, OSA led the blessing of the newly renovated Provincial Offices



PADO'S SEC REGISTRATION APPROVED

The Philippine Augustinians Development Office or PADO has succeeded in getting its company registration with SEC last May 30, 2018 and from now on shall be known as the Philippine Augustinians Development Office Inc.

This is after accomplishing the stringent registration requirements with the full-automation of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) through its Company Registration System which as of now centralizes registration of new corporations at the SEC national office in Manila.

To recall, PADO evolved from its original form of PDO into a technical support office providing the Prior Provincial with requisite specialized assistance in the generation and stewardship of resources of the province. As such, it has now become an integral part of the structure of the Province headed by the Provincial Treasurer as its Executive Director.

As stated in its articles of incorporation, the purpose/s of PADO are as follows:

"To manage resources including properties of the Augustinian Province of Sto. Nino de Cebu ensuring efficient and effective maximization of such instruments for continued evangelization; to mobilize resources or generate funds for the charitable and social development projects and programs of Augustinian communities and parishes; and, to provide technical assistance on the projects and programs of the temporal ministry of the Province aligning it with the quadrennial plans contributing to the overall goals of the Province."

We have received already a letter from SEC-Cebu advising us to claim the certificate of registration of PADO on Monday, June 11, 2018. Upon receipt of which together with the Unified Registration Record of the corporation containing the TIN, Pag-ibig, Philhealth and SSS Employer numbers, PADO is now poised to go ahead into full blast operations.

UPDATES ON THE RENEWAL CENTER PROJECT

by: Ms. Carmelita M. Egot, PADO Deputy

Project Title : Renewal Center Project for the Ongoing Formation Program

of OSA Friars of the Province of Santo Niño de Cebu

Center Name : "Ostia Renewal Residence"

Project Location : Guimaras

Contact Person : Fr. Sisinio A. Paderog, OSA

Project Description

Under the Commission on Community Life and Ongoing Formation, this project aims to provide the friars a facility to stay away momentarily from the disturbing enticements of the world while undergoing the renewal processes to be provided by the designated and trained friars for the said program (Accompanying Team of the Province).

The Renewal Center Project for Ongoing Formation of Augustinians will be essentially a complex with a farm set-up that offers renewal programs for friars and retreats for the friars, the clergy and the lay faithful. Basically, the center's design will be ecologically friendly with reforestation and eco-farming in mind with the following features: individual huts, common facilities (recreation room, library, refectory and chapel), fitness facilities, and sustainable farming.

Project Updates

The following have been accomplished so far:

• Site Visit and Meeting with Engineer/Architect for the discussions on the planned renewal residence as well as the conduct of Relocation and Topographic Surveys as pre-requisites for the Property Development Plan or Master Plan of the area on the last week of January 2018.



- Formal quotation gathered from recommended Geodetic Engineer based in Iloilo and actual conduct of Relocation and Topographic Survey including trees and water sources on the month of February 2018 with outputs of both surveys submitted together with approved sketch plan from DENR last April 2018.
- Negotiation Meeting by Fr. Paderog, OSA with the Engineer/Architect in April for the design of the facilities to be built in the property by phase. It was agreed that they will submit the design a month after. With this, drafting of the design of the facilities is on-process this month of May.
- Once the design is completed and approved, construction of the first phase of facilities will follow including fencing of the property.

UPDATES ON THE DUMANJUG PROJECT

by: Ms. Carmelita M. Egot

Project Title : Monte Maravilla – Augustinians Climate Smart Complex

Project Location : Barangay Kang-actol, Dumanjug, Cebu

Contact Person : Fr. Jose Rene C. Delariarte, OSA, Fr. Aladdin P. Luzon, OSA and Fr. Sisinio A.

Paderog, OSA

Project Description

The proposal is to develop the property into a Climate Smart Complex which features Integrated Farming Systems, Farming Adventure Camp with actual practice, Learning Site on Organic Climate Smart Farming, Village of the Needy, Nature Park and Livelihood and Product Display Center. The idea is to retain the natural characteristics of the lot which is basically an agricultural land and to develop it along the lines of farming and forestry promoting climate resilient technologies and at the same time serving the small-time farmers in the area.

Project Updates

- 1. Relocation and Topographic Surveys of the property were the first things conducted in preparation for masterplan development after a series of negotiations and meetings.
- 2. However, the topographic survey that was done did not include the trees and the water sources found in the property since accordingly it involves another kind of survey which is called, "As Built" Survey.
- 3. The "As Built" Survey is a very important aspect in the design of the road networks and location of the facilities in the property and thus it was then commissioned with the same Engineering office as they were already familiar with the area. The output of which was submitted last week of March 2018.
- 4. A meeting was conducted solely for the discussion of property development of the Monte Maravilla –Augustinian Climate Smart Complex last April with the agreement that the road network should be ready for drainage, water and electrical system with endemic trees to be kept. Also, Justice and Peace/Fr. Aladdin and Ongoing Formation/Fr. Sisinio will each be allocated 10 hectares for their respective projects and that Prior Provincial will build a house for friars in Fr. Paderog's slot to spur the opening of roads in the place.
- Next steps for the development of the property will be the Walk-Through in the area together with the Architects, Technical persons during the Relocation, Topographic and As Built Survey, SNAF Staff, Fr. Delariarte, Fr. Luzon, Fr. Paderog and Ms. Carmelita M. Egot of PADO on June 8-9, 2018. This is part of the development plan of the area which is at the moment being crafted by the designated Architects.



CONFERENCE ON THE MUTUAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CLERGY AND CONSECRATED PERSONS

Several friars from Central Visayas and Mindanao Communities of the Province attended the Conference on the Mutual Relations between the Clergy and Consecrated Persons last June 2, 2018 at the lower ground floor of the San Pedro Calungsod Chapel in SRP, Cebu City. The said conference was organized by the Committee on Consecrated Life of the Canon Law Society of the Philippines chaired by Fr. Jonas M. Mejares, OSA and the Tribunal for all Cases of the Archdiocese of Cebu. Fr. Elias L. Ayuban, Jr., CMF, a renowned canon lawyer and canon law professor was the main speaker during the said conference.

The Order of Saint Augustine, being one of the four main mendicant orders alongside the Dominicans, Franciscans and Carmelites, enjoys certain exemptions from the usual authority of the diocesan bishop and certain privileges directly granted by the Holy See. Through the conference, all participants were enlightened on the right relationship that should be established by all consecrated persons to the local ordinary, the diocesan clergy and to the diocese as a whole.

KAN-ANAN NI NIÑO

The Augustinian Province of Santo Niño de Cebu - Philippines through its social development foundation — Santo Niño de Cebu Augustinian Social Development Foundation, Inc (or SNAF), in partnership with Basilica del Santo Niño, announces the project dubbed as Kan-anan ni Niño.

THE PROJECT

The "Kan-anan ni Niño" Soup Kitchen & Drop-in Center for the Needy is a community service project provided by Santo Nino de Cebu Augustinian Social Development Foundation, Inc. (SNAF) for the homeless families in the vicinity of the Basilica del Santo Nino. It offers a hot supper meal free-of-charge and bath with washing once a week. The guests will also be engaged in values formation, sports camp, skills trainings, tutorials and other developmental or capacity building activities. It will also offer case management and referral services as needed. To promote self-reliance and care for the environment, the bath and wash will be availed through exchange of plastic scraps.

Under SNAF's Children and Family program, the project has goals of enhancing opportunities of children and families for their holistic development. The soup kitchen's guests are envisaged to become possible beneficiaries/partners of SNAF's planned climate smart shelter and livelihood projects. Those guests who are willing to give up life in the city and live through organic farming.

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BE A SHARER!

SNAF is inviting partners to its feeding program.

For P5000, a full-meal session could sustain the dinner needs of 100 individuals, including children. Or you may prepare the meals yourself at home and deliver them to the multi-purpose hall of the Colegio del Santo Nino @ 5PM on Tuesdays. We also need servers and after-care volunteers.

For more information, please visit our website: www.snafcebu.com



The Santo Niño de Cebu Augustinian Social Development Foundation Inc. (SNAF) announces the completion of the first-7 units of Balay-Bao given to typhoon Yolanda survivors in Kinatarcan Island.

In collaboration with Home Architects, a Cebu-based architectural firm, Balay-Bao is designed by the Philippine Augustinians for its disaster-prone Mission Territories like Kinatarcan Island, and as its contribution to the country's post-Yolanda "build back better" paradigm, particularly in the rehabilitation and reconstruction phase. Self-sufficient and resilient, Balay-Bao provides indoor "life corners" against strong winds and earthquakes. Protection does not sacrifice comfort as Balay-Bao taps local materials and technology to keep the interior cool even El Niño-scorched Kinatarcan Island. Its defining feature, however, is its canopy that makes the entire structure impervious to the elements much like the self-effacing turtle. In its structural design, Balay-Bao encapsulates the Augustinian advocacy on justice and peace.

Help us achieve our goals!

For more info on the project, please visit our website: www.snafcebu.com

BALAY BAO (TURTLE HOUSE)

A model of Balay Bao in Kinatarcan Island, Santa Fe, Cebu.

FR. TABOBO'S LAW DEGREE

Fr. Jessie T. Tabobo, OSA, former House Treasurer of the University of San Agustin Community in Iloilo City recently finished his Bachelor of Laws degree at the University of San Agustin. Fr. Tabobo joined the other graduating students of the university during the graduation rites last April 21, 2018.

Fr. Tabobo recently received his new assignment as Member of the Monasterio de Guadalupe Community in Makati City. He will be reviewing for bar exams at the Ateneo Professional Schools in Rockwell, Makati.



ANGAT KABATAAN 2018



Angat Kabataan 2018 participants listen to Fr. Genesis P. Labana, OSA as he toured them around the Basilica del Santo Niño in Cebu City.

Augustinian friars, Frs. Ric Anthony A. Reyes, OSA, Genesis P. Labana, OSA and Harold Ll. Rentoria, OSA together with Angat Kabataan 2018 participants at the Sala of the Augustinian Convent of Cebu.



Servants of the Lord (The Official Theme Song of the National Youth Day 2019) Lyricist and Composer: Fr. Vicente Felisilda Amplayo, OSA

Intro: (Luke 1:30-31,34, 36,38)

Angel:

"Behold, be not afraid, for the Lord is with you.
You have found favor with God
Be not afraid. You'll bear a son
The son of the most high"

Mary:

"If I am meant to be, then let it be Let everything you have said happen to me For indeed, I am the servant of the Lord!"

1.

In this restless journey of FAITH Mary, our mother, let us emulate On this narrow road that we take Have courage to go straight

2.

In this restless journey of HOPE
Let us carry on as we go forth
Service to others is our seal
In obeying to the Father's will

PRE-CHORUS:
LIKE MARY, IN OBEYING THE FATHER
LET US FOLLOW HER WORDS
AND TELL THE WORLD

CHORUS:

WE ARE ALL SERVANTS OF THE LORD
SHIELDED BY HIS FOLD
LET US BRING CHANGE TO THE WORLD
ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD
WE ARE SERVANTS OF THE LORD (ad lib)
WE ARE SERVANTS OF THE LORD

3.

In this restless journey of LOVE
Let us be one in mind and heart
In humility and in unity
Let us serve our community

REPEAT PRE – CHORUS
REPEAT CHORUS
BRIDGE: (John 2:5)
The blessed Mother said:
"Do whatever He tells you."
With Mary we can understand
How to follow Jesus, how to follow Jesus,
How to follow Jesus her son, her son
REPEAT CHORUS 2X:

CODA:

Let us bring change to the world
According to God's word
We are servants of the Lord
Servants of the Lord
Let us bring change to the world
According to God's word
We are servants of the Lord
Servants of the Lord!

