

THANKSGIVING MASSES OF NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS OF THE PROVINCE



MISA DE GRACIA. The Saint Augustine Parish Community in Gubat, Sorsogon (in black habit) together with Fr. Richard Bryan O. Mijares, OSA after his Thanksgiving Mass at his home parish of Our Lady of the Assumption in Guinobatan, Albay last July 10, 2019. Congratulations, Fr. Richard!!!



MISA DE GRACIA of **FR. PETER JOHN C. CARDOS, OSA** (in green chasuble) at the Mother of Good Counsel Parish in Chrysanthemum Village, San Pedro, Laguna last July 13, 2019 during the 7 PM Mass. Congratulations, Fr. PJ!!!



MISA DE GRACIA. Thanksgiving Mass of Fr. Freddie C. Billones at his home parish of Our Lady of Divine Grace in Barangay Simala, Sibonga, Cebu last June 27, 2019. Congratulations, Fr. Freddie!!!

GUIPOS FRIARS WITH BISHOP LUNAS. Friars from Guipos Residence with Bishop Ronald I. Lunas, DD of Pagadian after the Fiesta Mass for the Solemnity of Our Mother of Perpetual Help at Guipos Parish (June 27, 2019).



FEAST OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP (GUIPOS AND SOCORRO)

Two Augustinian-ministered parishes in Mindanao celebrated the feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help on two separate occasions: on June 19 in Socorro, Surigao del Norte and on June 27 in Guipos, Zamboanga del Sur.

Bishop Antonieto D. Cabajog of Surigao presided the Fiesta Mass at Socorro on the morning of June 19, the traditional date of the town's fiesta. Friars from the nearby Augustinian Residence of Burgos concelebrated during the Mass as well as some secular clergy from the Diocese of Surigao.

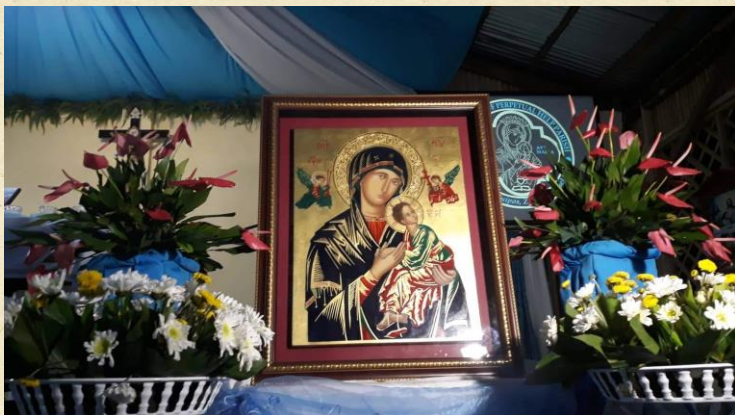
Meanwhile, the second Parish Fiesta of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Poblacion, Guipos, Zamboanga del Sur was celebrated last June 27, 2019. The Feast Day Mass was celebrated by the new Bishop of Pagadian, Most Rev. Ronald I. Lunas, DD. Bishop Lunas succeeded Bishop Emmanuel T. Cabajar, CSsR who decreed the creation of Guipos parish last year. It was also Bishop Cabajar who invited the Augustinians to establish a parish in the Diocese of Pagadian.

On June 26, Bishop Lunas also presided the Holy Mass with the Rite of Confirmation, conferring to about 60 youth the grace of the sacrament. A procession of the icon of the Mother of Perpetual Help donated by Bishop Cabajar to the parish was also held on the day before the actual feast day.

The devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is a popular one in the Philippines. It was introduced by the Redemptorists in the mid-1940s. But before that, the original icon of the Virgin was under the care of the Augustinians in Rome. When the friars gave up the Church of San Matteo in Rome, where the picture of Our Lady had been first, the icon was then given to the Redemptorists who had a church nearby. It should be noted, however, that the title is *"of Perpetual Help"* which is different from another Augustinian Marian devotion to Our Lady of Help or *Nuestra Señora del Socorro* in Spanish. Blessed Elias del Socorro Nieves, an Augustinian friar and martyr beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997, got his religious name *"del Socorro"* from this Marian devotion.



The friars of the Augustinian Residence of Guipos and the confirmants posed together with Pagadian Bishop Ronald I. Lunas, DD after the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, 26 June 2019, Guipos, Zamboanga del Sur).

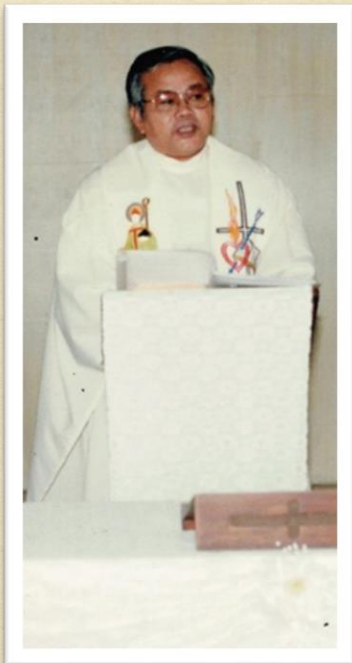


MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP. The icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help given by Pagadian Bishop Emeritus Emmanuel T. Cabajar, CSSR to the Augustinian-ministered parish of Guipos. It is an exact replica of the original icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help enshrined at the Church of San Alfonso in Rome. The original icon of Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help was formerly under the care of the Augustinian friars in Rome. In 1865, Pope Pius IX gave it to their congregation with the mandate: "Make her known throughout the world" (Photo courtesy of Fr. John Ion C. Miranda, OSA).



SOCORRO FIESTA 2019. Surigao Bishop Antonieto D. Cabajog, DD presided at the Mass for the Feast Day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Socorro, Surigao del Norte last June 19, 2019. Other priests from the Diocese of Surigao and friars from the nearby Augustinian Residence of Burgos concelebrated during the Mass.

IN MEMORIAM



June 10, 2019 - 15th Death Anniversary of **FR. BERNARDINO R. RICAFRETE, OSA** (Prior Provincial, 1992 - 1996). In memory of Fr. Ricafrente who died as a missionary in Indonesia, every June 10 is celebrated in the Province as Augustinian Mission Awareness Day.



June 11, 2019 – 6th Death Anniversary of **FR. ANSELMO G. ERAZO, OSA**. Fr. Erazo was for a long time a lay brother. In 1982, at the age of 50, he was ordained to the presbyterate by His Eminence, Julio R. Cardinal Rosales at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Cebu.



June 12, 2019 – 8th Death Anniversary of **FR. AMBROSIO J. GALINDEZ, OSA**. Fr. Galindez is the Father of Dinagyang Festival and an indefatigable devotee of Señor Santo Niño de Cebu and of Nuestra Señora de la Consolacion.



THE 20TH VILLANOVANS together with the three 1st year aspirants at the Saint Thomas of Villanova Hall, Fr. Norberto Dominic S. Don III, OSA (STVI Director) and Fray Jose Z. Lopez, OSA (Treasurer of SACS Community).



THE 20TH VILLANOVANS together with Fr. Willieneer Jack E. Luna, OSA (STVI Graduation Speaker), STVI Faculty Members and Friars from SACS (May 25, 2019).

List of Graduates
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy
School Year 2018-2019

PROVINCE OF CEBU

1. Alcaria, Jeremy Jonas R.
Award: STVI Director's List **2nd Honor**
2. Amoncio, Vilcir John A.
3. Bayon-on, Ronel M.
4. Cataluña, Marc M.
Award: STVI Director's List **3rd Honor**
5. Espenido, Shierwin S.
6. Nepangue, King V.
7. Nuñez, John Romel D.
Award: STVI Director's List **3rd Honor**
8. Pomoy, CSN S.
9. Solatorio, Harvey Kent S.
Award: STVI Director's List **2nd Honor**
10. Sta. Ana, Kristofer Carlo E.
Award: STVI Director's List **2nd Honor**

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1. Yolas, Marlon R.

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2. Tan, Sean Bernard D.
Award: STVI Director's List **1st Honor**
Distinction in Philosophy Award

THESIS

NAME	THESIS TITLE	LATIN GRADE
1. Jeremy Jonas R. Alcaria	"The Nature and Worth of Augustine's Christian Philosophy in the Cassiciacum Dialogues"	Cum Laude
2. Vilcir John A. Amoncio	"Karol Wojtyla's Concept of Love as a Principle for the Solidarity of the Community"	Magna Cum Laude
3. Ronel M. Bayon-on	"Alienation of Property for the Attainment of a Legitimate Political Society in Jean-Jacques Rousseau"	Probatus
4. Marc M. Cataluña	"Augustine's Concept of the Ascent of the Soul in the <i>De Musica VI</i> "	Bene Probatus
5. Shierwin S. Espenido	"Restlessness: A Journey towards the Quest for Truth"	Probatus
6. King V. Nepangue	"An Analysis of the Filipino Value of <i>Pakikipagkapwa</i> in the Light of Karol Wojtyla's Notion of Participation"	Bene Probatus
7. John Romel D. Nuñez	"Simone Weil's Critique of Jacques Maritain's Personalism"	Cum Laude
8. CSN S. Pomoy	"The Problem of Moral Evil in Augustine's <i>De libero arbitrio</i> "	Probatus
9. Harvey Kent S. Solatorio	"An Analysis of the Rohingya Exodus from an Arendtian Perspective"	Magna Cum Laude
10. Kristofer Carlo E. Sta. Ana	" <i>Pakikipagkapwa</i> in Augustine's Community Life"	Probatus
11. Sean Bernard D. Tan	"The Mohist and Mencian Doctrines of Love as Means of Achieving Filial Piety"	Magna Cum Laude



The Pilgrim Images of Our Lady of Candles (Patroness of the Archdiocese of Jaro and of the whole Western Visayas region) and of Saint Pedro Calungsod as well as the Archdiocesan Youth Cross visited San Jose Parish in Iloilo City. Fr. Raymundo T. Alcayaga, OSA, San Jose Parish Priest, welcomed the said images (July 18, 2019).



Participants of the Seminar Workshop on Creating Resilience on People and Cultural Properties towards National Well-Being (June 18 – 21, 2019 at SNSC).

Towards a Heritage of Resilience

On June 18 to 21, 2019, heritage stakeholders from across the Philippines gathered in a rare occasion to level up their knowledge and capacity as frontline guardians of the country's fragile cultural patrimony amidst increasing risks of worse impact from severe disasters, both of natural and human causes.

The event was organized by the Santo Niño de Cebu Augustinian Social Development Foundation, Inc. (SNAF), the social development arm of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Philippine Augustinians, in pursuit of the Augustinian cultural legacy to promote knowledge production from the conservation of both tangible and intangible cultural treasures for the good of future generations. It was held under the auspices of the Philippine government's National Commission on Culture and Arts (NCCA) at the Santo Niño de Cebu Spirituality Center, in Brgy. Tolo-Tolo, Consolacion, Cebu, under whose tranquil ambience participants discerned ways of improving preparedness and response, as well as mitigation and rehabilitation in times of disasters.

The occasion provided a platform for enriched dialogue among the Church, government and private sectors on preservation of cultural properties and enabling their human resource at disaster-risk reduction and management. Administrators of religious heritage sites discussed vulnerabilities to various hazards, evaluated challenges and identified solutions to achieving resiliency and managing risks. Curators and focal persons of heritage museums and historical sites managed by parishes, schools and local government units shared their best practices and accepted better alternatives. Representatives from environment-focused and heritage-thematic programs of the Archdiocese of Cebu, and tourism-oriented departments of the government at the municipal, provincial and regional levels provided unique vista.

The four-day Seminar-Workshop dubbed, "*Creating Resilience on People and Cultural Properties towards National Well-Being,*" strove to merge resiliency impetus in the context of preservation, protection and rehabilitation of heritage sites, objects and resources, including population-at-risk. It sought to institute principles of disaster risk-reduction and management to heritage conservation and rehabilitation. Beyond objects, however, it wanted to address gaps in the knowledge, skills and technical capabilities of heritage stakeholders at responding more effectively to their specific concerns.

It concluded by achieving this and more. It enhanced the understanding of disaster preparedness framework and disaster response through warning and evacuation systems. It also improved on knowledge of damage-needs-and-loss assessment process, especially recovery planning for funding requirements. Thus, it was able to facilitate the formulation of specific plans and desired goals responsive to corresponding needs in prevailing local conditions of a particular cultural property and historic site. It also fostered bonds of solidarity among stakeholders to better promote Filipino heritage by protecting our common home for the common good (Contributed by Dennis R. Abarientos of SNAF).



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY AT DUMANJUG. Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr. together with Fr. Jose Rene C. Delariarte with some PADO and Provincial Offices Staff during the groundbreaking ceremony at Dumanjug (June 12, 2019).

GROUNDBREAKING IN DUMANJUG – Monte Maravilla Augustinian (OSA) Project

On June 12, 2019, the Augustinian Province of Santo Niño de Cebu – Philippines in collaboration with the Philippine Augustinians Development Office Inc. (PADO) and the Santo Niño de Cebu Augustinian Social Development Foundation Inc. (SNAF) held a groundbreaking ceremony of the Monte Maravilla Augustinian (OSA) Project in Brgy. Kang-actol, Dumanjug, Cebu. Present during the event was the Prior Provincial, Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA, Provincial Council Members and various partners and stakeholders, such as: Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Social Welfare and Services (DSWS) Cebu City, Carmen Copper Corporation (CCC), Cebu Technological University -Barili Campus, Fair Trade, Ho Tong Foundation, Cebu People’s Coop, BMSN Medical Team, OSA-CARES, Municipal and Barangay Local Government Unit (LGU) of Dumanjug and the locals of barangay Kang-actol.

The Mayor of Dumanjug represented by the Vice Mayor, Hon. Erwin Z. Gica delivered the welcome message on his behalf. Fr. Jose Rene C. Delariarte, OSA, the Provincial Treasurer and head of PADO talked on the Rationale and Project Partners, while Fr. Aladdin P. Luzon, OSA spoke on the background and the vision of the Monte Maravilla Climate Smart Village Project. This was followed by a Ribbon Cutting and Ceremonial Groundbreaking led by the Prior Provincial, Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA and participated by the stakeholders and partners present during the event. For the time capsule, a coconut tree seedling was planted by each of

the four (4) groups of partners and stakeholders to symbolize sustainability being a tree of life where all of its parts are useful in our everyday life.

The Monte Maravilla Augustinian Project in Dumanjug, Cebu is envisioned as a climate smart complex. Located on the 40-hectare property donated by Señorita Candida N. Mercader and family, the project features an integrated farming system, farming adventure camp with learning site for organic farming, a nature park, farm products display center, and a village of the needy. The project promotes climate smart, resilient, and sustainable technologies in agriculture beneficial for farmers in the area. The vision of the project is “A just, humane, dignified and resilient communities through alternative shelters and sustainable livelihood.”

Before the groundbreaking, PADO in collaboration with SNAF had conducted social preparation activities in project site of Brgy. Kang-actol, such as, courtesy call with the Mayor of Dumanjug and the Barangay Officials, Dialogue and Community Profiling of the tenant-farmers and Community Validation at the barangay level. These activities held months before provided the impetus for the successful holding of the groundbreaking ceremony where all important sectors were represented (Contributed by Carmelita M. Egot, PADO Assistant Director).



ANNUAL GATHERING OF LOCAL DIRECTORS OF VOCATIONS (LDVs). July 5 to 7, 2019 at the Basilica del Santo Niño, Cebu City and at White Sands Beach Resort, Mactan, Lapu-lapu City.

GATHERING OF LOCAL DIRECTORS OF VOCATIONS

In line with the activities of the Commission on Vocation and Promotion and the Office of the National Director of Vocations, the annual gathering of all Local Directors of Vocations was held at the Basilica del Santo Niño Convent and at White Sands Resort in Mactan, Lapu-lapu City from July 5 to 7, 2019.

On the first day of the gathering, Mr. Oliver I. Pangan, an independent consultant for organizational development and training, facilitated a learning session which focused on the topic of coaching and coaching generations. The session was held at the Sala Recibidor of the Basilica del Santo Niño Convent. The second part of the gathering was continued at White Sands Resort where the commission evaluation and planning was held. Some lay members of the Augustinian Vocation Promoters (AVP) – BSN Chapter also joined the said gathering. For the Formation Year 2019 – 2020, the LDVs and the AVPs successfully recruited 13 aspirants for STVI and 4 for SAS.



Fiesta of Señor Santo Niño de Cebu at Barangay Bagacay, Gubat, Sorsogon (June 3 – 4, 2019). Fr. Pacifico C. Nohara, Rector of Basilica del Santo Niño in Cebu City, celebrated the Fiesta Mass on June 4, 2019 at the Chapel of Barangay Bagacay.

YOUNG AUGUSTINIANS OF THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION

Around 20 young Augustinian friars from the Asia Pacific region gathered together around the Prior General of the Order, Fr. Alejandro Moral Anton, OSA last May 22 to 24, 2019 at the Santo Niño Spirituality Center in Consolacion, Cebu. Five young friars from the Province joined the said event: Frs. Michael Alvin G. Sequio, John Jericho F. Mier, Rommel G. Bongcac, Harold C. Langahin and Reo G. Cabahug. They were joined by Fr. Andrew P. Batayola, Chair of the OSAAP Renewal Project and the Prior Provincial, Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr. Other young friars and their superiors from the following circumscriptions were also present in the gathering:

Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel – Australia
Vicariate of the Most Holy Name of Jesus of the Orient
Vicariate of Our Lady of Grace of India
Vicariate of Totus Christus of West Papua
Vicariate of the Blessed Augustinian Martyrs of Japan
Delegation of Saint Nicholas of Tolentine of Korea

On the first day of the gathering, Fr. Peter A. Jones, Provincial of Australia, gave the welcome remarks while the Prior General delivered the opening discourse. On the morning of day two, the participants discussed and shared their joys, hopes, frustrations and even disappointments in their respective circumscriptions as well as their desires and plans for the future of the Order in the Asia Pacific region. In the afternoon, they had panel discussions and reflections. On day three, Fr. Banks delivered the closing discourse while Fr. Roy L. Gallano, Vicarial Secretary of the Vicariate of the Orient gave the closing remarks.



YOUNG AUGUSTINIANS FRIARS of the Asia Pacific Region together with the Prior General, Fr. Alejandro Moral Anton, OSA and Assistant General, Fr. Anthony N. Banks, OSA (Young Augustinians' Gathering, May 22 - 24, 2019 at the Santo Niño Spirituality Center, Consolacion, Cebu).



Congratulations to Fr. Pederito A. Aparece, OSA for successfully presenting his paper entitled: "**A Philosophical Analysis of the Cognitive Dimensions of the Table of Specifications in the Context of Wittgenstein's Philosophy and Its Impact on the Teaching Process**" during the 9th Joint Multidisciplinary Research Conference organized by the Singapore Institute of Multidisciplinary Professions and Ascendens Asia Group last May 19, 2019. Fr. Aparece is currently the Superior of the Augustinian Residence of Sambag in Iloilo City and Principal of the Basic Education Department (BED) of the University of San Agustin in Jaro, Iloilo City.

AUGUSTINIAN CINCTURE OF SAINT RITA OF CASCIA IN THE PHILIPPINES



On May 23, 2019 the Basilica del Santo Niño welcomed the reliquary containing the Augustinian cincture worn by Saint Rita of Cascia during her lifetime. The said relic is under the care of the Augustinian nuns of Cascia in Italy and was toured around the Philippines by Fr. Denis Duene G. Ruiz, Postulator General of the Order of Discalced Augustinians (OAD). To celebrate the arrival of the relic, a Holy Mass was presided by Fr. Ric Anthony A. Reyes at 12:15 in the afternoon. It was followed by a talk on the life and virtues of Santa Rita at 3 PM. Faithful devotees were also allowed to venerate the relic. After the 5:30 PM Mass, the relic was taken to Manila to start its pilgrimage in the National Capital Region and other areas in Luzon.



FEAST OF SAINT RITA OF CASCIA. Young Bicolanas dressed as Saint Rita together with Fr. Wilboy D. Bracamonte, OSA, Fr. Cyril Jeth N. Tagalog, OSA and Rev. Jubanie Rey F. Baller, OSA at the Parish Church of Saint Anthony of Padua in Gubat, Sorsogon (May 22, 2019).



OSAAP SUPERIORS MEETING. Meeting of the Major Superiors of the Union of the Order of Saint Augustine in Asia Pacific (OSAAP) at Santo Niño Spirituality Center in Consolacion, Cebu from May 20 to 21, 2019 together with the Prior General, Fr. Alejandro Moral Anton, OSA. Those who participated are:

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| Fr. Alejandro Moral Anton, OSA | Prior General |
| Fr. Anthony N. Banks, OSA | Assistant General |
| Fr. Peter A. Jones, OSA | Provincial, Australia and OSAAP President |
| Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA | Provincial, Cebu |
| Fr. Peter Casiño, OSA | Regional Vicar, Orient |
| Fr. Jan Pieter Fatem, OSA | Regional Vicar, West Papua |
| Fr. Hiroyuki Shibata, OSA | Regional Vicar, Japan |
| Bro. Salesio Lee, OSA | Superior Delegate, Korea |
| Fr. Vincent Kim Phu Tran, OSA | Guest, Australia |

*Not Present:

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| Fr. Shiju Varghese Kallarakkal, OSA | Regional Vicar, India |
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The Pilgrim Image of Señor Santo Niño de Cebu during its pilgrimage to South Korea (May 15 to 31, 2019) to visit Augustinian Communities, Catholic Dioceses, Communities of Filipino Overseas Workers and other institutions. Fr. Pacifico C. Nohara, OSA, Rector of the Basilica del Santo Niño together with Fr. Genesis P. Labana, OSA and Fr. Noel P. Cogasa, OSA accompanied the image during its pilgrimage to the Land of the Morning Calm. The Province's two missionaries to South Korea, Frs. Dennis D. Cuervo, OSA and Tarquin C. Gamao, OSA also joined the said pilgrimage.

SUMMER AGE GROUP GATHERING OF AUGUSTINIAN FRIARS

Venue: Palm Beach Resort, Punta Engaño, Mactan, Lapu-lapu City

Speakers: Msgr. Jaime Noel B. Deslate from the Archdiocese of Capiz and Mrs. Jeane D. Sanchez, Management Consultant at the Provincial Office

Output: Each batch were tasked to come up with their suggestions for the improvement of the Vision Mission of the Province

Senior Augustinian Friars

April 23 to 25, 2019

Late Middle Augustinian Friars

April 30 to May 2, 2019

Early Middle Augustinian Friars

May 7 to 9, 2019

Young Augustinian Friars

May 14 to 16, 2019





454TH KAPLAG. The Prior Provincial, Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA led the Eucharistic celebration for the 454th Anniversary of the Finding of the Miraculous Image of Señor Santo Niño de Cebu (April 28, 2019). On the same day, the 454th Anniversary of Augustinian Presence in the Philippines was also commemorated.



TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS SINULOG in celebration of the 454th Anniversary of the Finding of the Miraculous Image of Señor Santo Niño de Cebu (April 28, 2019).



**454th Anniversary of the Finding of the
Image of Santo Niño de Cebu**

April 28, 2019



ORDER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE
PROVINCE OF SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU—PHILIPPINES