

MGCP FIESTA 2019. Fr. Danilo M. Carido (Local Prior and Parish Priest), Fr. Richard L. Pido and Fr. Aimark P. Asor concelebrated with Bishop Buenaventura M. Famadico of San Pablo during the Mother of Good Counsel Parish Fiesta Mass at Chrysanthemum Village, San Pedro, Laguna (April 28, 2019).



Fiesta Activities at the Mother of Good Counsel Parish in Chrysanthemum Village, San Pedro, Laguna



PAPAL NUNCIO VISITED MAGELLAN'S CROSS. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Gabriele Giordano Caccia, DD, Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines paid a short visit to Magellan's Cross beside the Basilica del Santo Nino in Cebu City shortly before noon on April 28, 2019. Together with the Apostolic Nuncio were Cebu Archbishop Jose S. Palma, DD and Bangued Bishop Leopoldo C. Jaucian, SVD, DD. They were welcomed by the Basilica Rector, Fr. Pacifico C. Nohara, OSA together with Frs. Aladdin P. Luzon, OSA and Ric Anthony A. Reyes, OSA.



**NATIONAL YOUTH DAY** delegates from Santo Niño de Cebu Parish in Mohon, Talisay City, Cebu together with their Spiritual Director, Fr. Leonard B. Realiza, OSA (in black polo). The Archdiocese of Cebu successfully hosted the National Youth Days from April 23 to 28, 2019. The opening Mass for the said event was held at the Santo Niño Pilgrim Center on the evening of April 24, 2019. Mabuhay ang mga Kabataang Pilipino!!!

### FROM THE PROVINCE'S ARCHIVES



The Redemptorist Fathers of Cebu paid homage to the image of Santo Niño de Cebu on the evening of August 10, 2017 at the Basilica del Santo Niño. The visit commemorated the bringing of the original image to the Redemptorist Church of Cebu for safekeeping during the World War II.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY SEMINAR WORKSHOP

On March 23, 2019, the Committee on Education and Publication of the Saint Nicholas of Tolentino Hall (Professorium) of San Agustin Center of Studies organized a Seminar Workshop on the Basics of Digital Photography. During the said activity, the participants were introduced into the mechanical functions of the camera and to the fundamental functions of its parts. It was facilitated by Mr. Britz Bryan M. Briones, who is a member of Basilica del Santo Niño's Pitik (PITIK is the official photography organization of the Basilica del Sto. Nino). He also gave some inputs on Media Evangelization through photos. Aside from facilitating the workshop, Mr. Briones also took a drone shot of San Agustin Center of Studies compound in Quezon City. Enjoy the drone shots, dear readers!





#### THREE NEW AUGUSTINIAN PASTORAL COUNSELORS

On May 22, 2019, two simply professed friars of the Province successfully completed the Program for Professional Diploma in Family Ministries at the Ruben M. Tanseco, SJ Center for Family Ministries (RMT-CeFam). The Thanksgiving Mass and Graduation Ceremonies were held at the Saint Ignatius Oratory, Loyola House of Studies, Ateneo de Manila University Campus, Quezon City. Some friars also witnessed the event in support of their confreres upon their graduation. The two friars are: Fray Roner M. Anildes, OSA and Fray Jebie U. Jugarap, OSA. Fray Mark Anthony M. Ferrer, OSA from the Vicariate of the Orient also finished the same course.

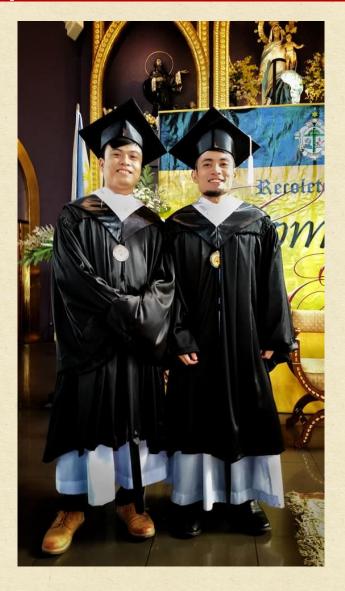
The Province has been sending seminarians and simply professed friars to RMT- CeFam since 2012 not only for the attainment of the Professional Diploma Course for Family Ministries but most importantly as part of the human formation program of the students in initial formation.



RMT – CeFAM GRADUATES. Fray Jebie U. Jugarap, Fray Roner M. Anildes and Fray Mark Anthony M. Ferrer (from the Vicariate of the Orient).

FRAY REY CYRIL C. LAGROSA, OSA successfully garnered his degrees in Theology both in the General Theology Program and Master of Arts in Theology, Major in Pastoral Ministry at the CICM Maryhill School of Theology in Quezon City last May 28, 2019. Fray Lagrosa is one of the three 4th year simply professed friars of the Province. Together with his batchmates, they will start their pastoral exposure in Vintar, Ilocos Norte this coming August 1, 2019.





THEOLOGY GRADUATES. Two simply professed friars from San Agustin Center of Studies, Fray James O. Alibong, Jr., OSA and Fray James Carlo M. Atienza, OSA were conferred their ecclesiastical degrees in Sacred Theology by the Dean of the Faculty of Sacred Theology of UST, Fr. Rodel D. Aligan, OP, SThD last May 31, 2019. Fray Atienza, who finished his translation work, also received his Master's Degree in Theology conferred by Fr. Lauro V. Larlar, OAR, Rector of Recoletos School of Theology in Quezon City.

silver and bronze medalists. The non-graduating students (1st and 2nd years) of Recoletos School of Theology received awards for their excellence in their academic endeavors. Silver medals were awarded to Fray Ronnel Ian M. Garcia, Fray Anacleto M. Morales III, Fray Mark Jairus Denise G. Gilbuena, Fray Albert Benedict B. Soliman, Fray Eugenio O. Reserva, Fray Ian Mart H. Lomboy, Fray Ronelle S. Dogon and Fray Albert Jr. C. Bartiana. Bronze medals were awarded to Fray Ariel A. Panimdim, Fray Jan Mark A. Placido and Fray Fevin T. Baoc. Congratulations, brothers!!!



# SAINT AUGUSTINE, 21ST TEACHER 2000 FOR THE CENTURY

Fr. Rommel D. Par, President of Colegio San Agustin – Biñan and Fr. Andrew P. Batayola, President of Colegio San Agustin – Bacolod attended the International Conference on Education – Saint Augustine, Teacher for the 21st Century held at the Fundacion Universitaria Cervantina San Agustin in Bogota, Colombia from April 23 to 25, 2019. The said conference is an international research and academic dissemination project of UNICERVANTES in alliance with the Augustinian Institute at the Villanova University in the United States. Its mission is to circulate studies, ideas and experiences on education around the contributions of Augustinian thought within different thematic lines: education models. educational management, humanistic education, didactic values and virtues, social innovation in education, educational welfare and pastoral care.

During the conference, Fr. Batayola presented his thesis: "The Leadership Styles of the Lay Educative Administrators in the Perspective of Augustinian Spirituality" to the work group that examined Augustinian Thought and Educational Models. The said work group was moderated by Fr. Enrique A. Eguiarte, the 1st Augustinian Recollect friar to obtain doctorate in patristic studies at the Augustinianum in Rome.



Fr. Batayola along with other presenters during the conference (April 25, 2019).



NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE COFRADIA DEL SANTO NINO DE CEBU 2019

(Host Cofradia Chapter: Immaculate Conception Parish/San Agustin Church Chapter)

A total of 637 delegates from all over the country and abroad joined the 35th National and at the same time the 2nd International Convention of the Cofradia del Santo Niño de Cebu from May 3 to 5, 2019. The convention was held at the Manila Grand Opera Hotel and hosted by the Cofradia Chapter of San Agustin Church in Intramuros. The Cofradia del Santo Niño de Cebu is the oldest lay group in the country established in 1565 after the finding of the image of Santo Niño in Cebu.

The annual convention is held in order to gather the different chapters of the cofradia and to nurture and strengthen their devotion to the Holy Child Jesus through talks, faith experience sharing, reporting of activities and socio-cultural presentations. Aside from the lay members of the cofradia, several diocesan clergy and numerous Augustinian friars from the different Communities also joined the said event.



FR. VICENTE F. AMPLAYO, OSA is the composer of the National Youth Day 2019 theme song entitled "Servants of the Lord". Fr. Amplayo is currently the Prior of the Augustinian Community of Santo Niño Pilgrim Center (Provincialate) and the Director of Colegio del Santo Niño (CSN) both in Cebu Citv.



April 27, 2019 - 54th Anniversary of the Canonical Coronation of the Miraculous Image of Señor Santo Niño de Cebu. Pit Señor!!!

#### SANTA MONICA CREDIT COOPERATIVE UPDATES

A Pre-Registration Seminar (PRS) with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) was conducted last May 7, 2019 through PADO's initiative. The approved name of the cooperative is SANTA MONICA CREDIT COOPERATIVE (SMCC). A Plenum of Cooperators for SMCC was conducted on June 19, 2019 to discuss the objectives, financing strategies, finalize the by-laws and set of officers to complete the registration requirements. This was attended by the 29 original cooperators.

SMCC is a project that aims to help the members in their financial needs and to support the apostolate and mission areas of the Province from its proceeds. Initially the members who are also incorporators are composed of friars in the Province including the Prior Provincial and the Provincial Treasurer, some employees of the Provincial Offices, Basilica del Santo Niño and BSN Store, a handful of teachers of Colegio del Santo Niño, and interested BUVPA (Basilica del Santo Niño United Vendors and Photographers Association) Officers.

All the requirements for registration after the Plenum of Cooperators, were already filed and submitted by PADO to CDA on July 15, 2019. For now, PADO is still waiting for the Certificate of Registration from CDA within a month or two from the date of submission. After getting the registration, SMCC will now be ready to conduct its own Pre-Membership Education Seminar (PMES) for new members (Contributed by Mrs. Carmelita M. Egot, PADO Assistant Director).



Pre-Registration Seminar (PRS) held last May 7, 2019 at the Aula Magna of the Pilgrim Center



April 27, 2019 – 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Santo Niño Church in Cebu City as a Minor Basilica Saint Paul VI, through his apostolic letter *Ut Clarificetur* released on April 1, 1965 in Rome, elevated the then Santo Niño Church into a minor basilica. Through the formal proclamation held on April 27, 1965, the Santo Niño Church of the Augustinians became the 4<sup>th</sup> minor basilica in the Philippines. Today, there are 15 minor basilicas in the country:

- 1. Minor Basilica of San Sebastian in Quiapo, Manila
- 2. Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Batangas City
- 3. Minor Basilica of Saint Martin of Tours in Taal, Batangas
- 4. Minor Basilica of Santo Niño de Cebu, Cebu City
- 5. Minor Basilica and Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Intramuros, Manila
- 6. Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Charity in Agoo, La Union
- 7. Minor Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Peñafrancia in Naga City
- 8. Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene in Quiapo, Manila
- 9. Minor Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Tayabas, Quezon
- 10. Minor Basilica of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila in Binondo, Manila
- 11. Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Piat in Piat, Cagayan
- 12. Minor Basilica and Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Malolos City, Bulacan
- 13. Minor Basilica of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary of Manaoag in Manaoag, Pangasinan
- 14. Minor Basilica of Saint John the Baptist, Shrine of La Virgen Milagrosa de Badoc in Badoc, Ilocos Norte
- 15. Minor Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in New Manila, Quezon City



The retablos of the 15 minor basilicas in the Philippines (from the FB page Buen Viaje PH)

## **HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2019**



Palm Sunday celebration at the Saint Augustine of Hippo Parish in Saguday, Quirino (April 14, 2019) led by Fr. Exuper G. Lumintac, OSA, Parish Priest.



Palm Sunday celebration at the Mother of Good Counsel Parish in Chrysanthemum Village, San Pedro, Laguna (April 14, 2019) led by Fr. Danilo M. Carido, OSA, Parish Priest.



Palm Sunday celebration at the Nuestra Señora de Gracia Parish in Makati City led by Fr. Jessie T. Tabobo, OSA (April 14, 2019).



Palm Sunday celebration at San Agustin Center of Studies (SACS) in Quezon City led by Frs. Norberto Dominic S. Don III, OSA and Edgardo L. Lazo, OSA (April 14, 2019).



Frs. John Jericho F. Mier, Edgardo L. Lazo, Willibaldus Jampa (from the Vicariate of West Papua), Rommel G. Bongcac and Norberto Dominic S. Don joined the Chrism Mass at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral of Cubao last April 18, 2019.



Friars from the three Augustinian communities in Iloilo City joined the Chrism Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary in Jaro, Iloilo City last April 18, 2019.



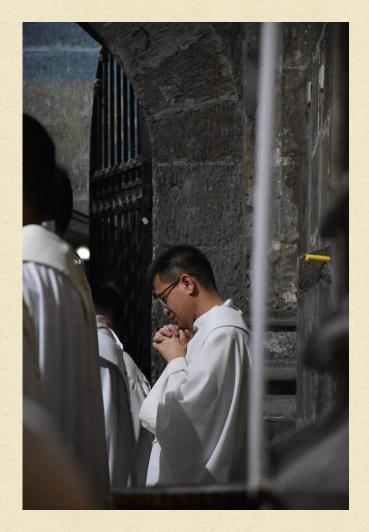
The beautifully and majestically decorated monumento (Altar of Repose) at the Santo Niño Pilgrim Center in Cebu City drew thousands of pious Catholics for this year's traditional Visita Iglesia.



The newly commissioned Santo Entierro image of Saint Augustine of Hippo Parish in Saguday, Quirino during their Good Friday Procession (April 19, 2019).



Fr. Edgar A. Polotan, OSA led the Easter Vigil rites at the Nuestra Señora de Gracia Parish in Makati City last April 20, 2019.



Fr. Jessie T. Tabobo, OSA in deep prayer during the Easter Vigil rites at the Nuestra Señora de Gracia Parish in Makati City (April 20, 2019).

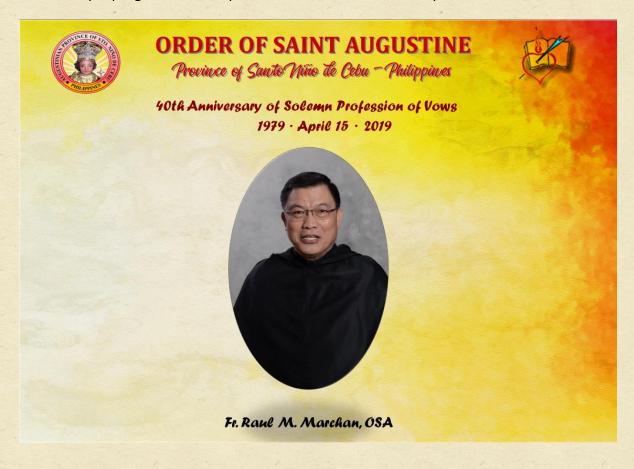


Fr. Reo G. Cabahug, OSA led the rite of Salubong at the Parish of Nuestra Señora de Gracia in Makati City on the morning of Easter Sunday (April 21, 2019).





Congratulations to Fr. Raul M. Marchan, OSA on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Solemn Profession of Vows last April 15, 2019. San Jose Community in Iloilo City celebrated this momentous event in the religious life of Fr. Marchan with a simple program and banquet held at their convent last April 15.





Six simply professed friars of the Province recently renewed their vows of obedience, poverty and chastity before Fr. Edgardo L. Lazo, OSA, Prior of San Agustin Center of Studies last April 21, 2019. The friars are: (kneeling from left) Fray James O. Alibong, Fray Elmer E. Ebol and Fray John Louis S. Ricamora, the three are 3<sup>rd</sup> year simply professed friars. Standing at the back are: (from left) Fray Rey Cyril C. Lagrosa, Fray Roner M. Anildes and Fray Jebie U. Jugarap. Congratulations, brothers!!!



SAINT THOMAS OF VILLANOVA AS DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH. The priors general of the Order of Saint Augustine (Fr. Alejandro Moral Anton, OSA), Order of Augustinian Recollects (Fr. Miguel Miro Miro, OAR) and Order of Discalced Augustinians (Fr. Doriano Ceteroni, OAD) were received in audience by Pope Francis last April 4, 2019 at the Vatican. The main reason for their meeting was to promote the process of declaring Saint Thomas of Villanova as a Doctor of the Church. The three priors general also presented to the Holy Father the complete works of the saintly Archbishop of Valencia.



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40th Anniversary of First Profession of Vows
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