



Cor Inquietum

The Official Newsletter of the Augustinian Province of Santo Niño de Cebu – Philippines

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The friars posed for posterity after the final Eucharist for this year's Annual Assembly presided by the Prior Provincial (March 1, 2019).

10th Annual Assembly 2019

33 friars gathered at Santo Niño Spirituality Center (SNSC) in Consolacion, Cebu from February 25 to March 1, 2019 for the Province's 10th Annual Assembly. Those present were: the Prior Provincial and his Council, Provincial Secretary, Provincial Treasurer, Priors of Communities, Superiors of Residences and Chairmen of Commissions. As stipulated by the Provincial Statutes no. 51, the assembly's main objective is to *"evaluate how the programs of the Province are implemented"*.

Here's the complete list of the delegates:

1. Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA – Prior Provincial and Chairman of the Commission on Governance
2. Fr. Frederick C. Comendador, OSA - Provincial Counselor and Prior of the University of San Agustin Community
3. Fr. Melchor L. Mirador, OSA – Provincial Counselor and Prior of Biñan Community
4. Fr. Nelson G. Zerda, OSA – Provincial Counselor
5. Fr. Sisinio A. Paderog, OSA – Provincial Counselor and Chairman of the Commission on Community Life and Ongoing Formation
6. Fr. Leo Mario F. Singco, OSA – Provincial Counselor
7. Fr. Aladdin P. Luzon, OSA – Provincial Counselor and Chairman of the Commission on Justice and Peace
8. Fr. Jose Rene C. Delariarte, OSA – Provincial Treasurer and Chairman of the Commission on Financial Affairs
9. Fr. John Paul S. Mabanta, OSA – Provincial Secretary and Chairman of the Commission on Liturgy
10. Fr. Edgardo L. Lazo, OSA – Prior of San Agustin Center of Studies
11. Fr. Basilio S. Sugata-on, OSA – Acting Prior of Monasterio de Guadalupe Community
12. Fr. Danilo M. Carido, OSA – Prior of the Mother of Good Counsel Parish Community
13. Fr. Wilboy D. Bracamonte, OSA – Prior of Saint Augustine Parish Community
14. Fr. Exuper G. Lumintac, OSA – Superior of Saguday Residence
15. Fr. Vicente F. Amplayo, OSA – Prior of Santo Niño Pilgrim Center (Provincialate) Community
16. Fr. Pacifico C. Nohara, OSA – Prior of the Basilica del Santo Nino Community
17. Fr. Rodolfo A. Bugna, OSA – Prior of the Augustinian Novitiate and Prayer House Community
18. Fr. Ian-Narcissus C. Openia, OSA – Prior of Santo Niño de Cebu Parish Community
19. Fr. Rennie Vicente T. Senoro, OSA – Prior of Santo Niño Spirituality Center Community
20. Fr. Elmer J. Lendo, OSA – Prior of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Community
21. Fr. Donato E. Ellezar, OSA – Superior of Burgos Residence
22. Fr. Candido P. Saladaga, Jr., OSA – Prior of Mati Community
23. Fr. Jose R. Gonzales, OSA – Prior of San Jose Community
24. Fr. Eusebio B. Berdon, OSA – Prior of Colegio San Agustin – Bacolod Community
25. Fr. Pederito A. Aparece, OSA – Superior of Sambag Residence

26. Fr. Victor F. Gonzaga, OSA – Superior of Ketapang Residence
27. Fr. Mark Anthony C. Tampos, OSA – Superior of Guipos Residence
28. Fr. Joel L. Beronque, OSA – Chairman of the Commission on Initial Formation
29. Fr. Dante O. Juloc, OSA – Chairman of the Commission on Vocation and Promotion
30. Fr. Tomas C. Banayag, Jr., OSA – Chairman of the Commission on Parish Ministry, Lay and Youth
31. Fr. Armando M. Dayao, OSA – Chairman of the Commission on Mission
32. Fr. Raul A. Cabugao, OSA – Chairman of the Commission on Affiliates
33. Fr. Jose Francisco L. Teves, OSA – Chairman of the Commission on Campus Ministry

*Fr. Wilson A. Capellan, OSA, Chairman of the Commission on Educational Apostolate was not present. He was represented by Fr. Generous P. Gonesto, OSA, Commission Member, during the reporting.

*Fr. Harold Ll. Rentoria, OSA, Chairman of the Commission on Augustinian History and Cultural Heritage was not present during the assembly. The Commission's report was discussed by the assembly. It was noted that the Province must prepare for the 500th Anniversary of the Introduction of Christianity in the Philippines come 2021 since the original image of Señor Santo Niño de Ceby, the icon of the Ecce Homo and the Cross of Magellan are all under the Province's care.

On the morning of the 1st day of the assembly, 3 of the original 38 members of the Province were invited to share their memories and recollections as well as their dreams, visions and aspirations for the then newly created Province. They were: Frs. Rodolfo P. Sicio (from Sambag Residence), Nicolas M. Echeveria (from Monasterio de Guadalupe Community) and Medardo A. Durmiendo (from SNSC Community). In the afternoon, Engr. Edgardo R. Gagto delivered a talk on the topic: Project Management for Non – Engineers.

During the course of the entire assembly, all the delegates diligently and actively engaged in lively fraternal discussions and sharing of opinions and suggestions. The 13 provincial chairmen reported on the accomplishments of their respective commissions as well as the implementation of their key priorities. Local priors and superiors were also given time to report about their communities and the different institutions attached to the communities. This year's Annual Assembly was officially closed by the Prior Provincial at around 11:20 in the morning of March 1, 2019.



Frs. Nicolas M. Echeveria, OSA, Rodolfo P. Sicio, OSA and Medardo A. Durmiendo, OSA together with the Prior Provincial, Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA. The three friars shared their memories and recollections on the foundation of the Province 35 years ago to the delegates of the 2019 Annual Assembly. Photo courtesy of the MMSCO.



The friars who attended the 2019 Annual Assembly posed together with Frs. Echeveria, Sicio and Durmiendo after their talk/sharing. Photo courtesy of MMSCO.

Program Planning and Budgeting Workshop for the 13 Provincial Commissions

Commission Chairs and Members joined the three-day program planning and budgeting workshop held last January 23 to 25, 2019 at the Conference Room of Basilica del Santo Niño's Library. Organized by the Provincial Office and ably assisted by the staff of the Philippine Augustinian Development Office (PADO), the said conference aimed to provide aid and technical assistance to the 13 provincial commissions in properly implementing their key priorities, goals and programs of action for the remaining one year in office.

Dr. Jeane D. Sanchez, the Province's Human Resource Consultant, delivered the morning talks and facilitated the workshop and reporting of the chairmen while the husband and wife tandem of Mr. Jose A. Capellan and Mrs. Marivic A. Capellan handled the budgeting workshop held in the afternoon. At the end of the 3-day workshop, the chairmen and their respective commission members were able to produce program plans from March to December 2019.



Frs. Jose Rene C. Delariarte, Edmar D. Escobar and Armando M. Dayao together with Ms. Marivic Y. Codiñera of PADO during one of the sessions of the planning and budgeting workshop held January 23 – 25, 2019 at the BSN Library's Conference Room. Photo courtesy of Ms. Teresa Mae V. Ceballos of PADO.

34th Santo Niño de Cebu Parish Fiesta

The only Augustinian-ministered parish in the Archdiocese of Cebu – the Santo Niño de Cebu Parish in Barangay Mohon, Talisay City, Cebu celebrated its 34th Fiesta last February 10, 2019. The Prior Provincial, Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA presided the 5.30 PM Visperas Mass on February 9, 2019 while the 10 AM Fiesta Mass was presided by Rev. Msgr. Ruben C. Labajo, PC, Rector of the Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral.



The image of Señor Santo Niño de Cebu was brought out in procession on the main streets of Mohon Parish on the Visperas of their 34th Parish Fiesta last February 9, 2019. Thousands of parishioners and devotees joined the said solemn foot procession. Photo courtesy of the Mass Media and Social Communications Office (MMSCO).



Sinulog presentation held at the grounds of Mohon Parish (afternoon of February 10, 2019).
Photo courtesy of Fr. Raul A. Cabugao, OSA.

MARIAN FEASTS



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Basilica del Santo Niño. Photo shows some workers busy preparing for the “Pagkanaog sa Virgen” rite held last February 9, 2019 at the pilgrim center. The Cofradia de la Virgen de Lourdes, one of the mandated organizations at the Basilica del Santo Niño, led the said festivities. In the Philippines, the center of the Lourdes devotion is at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Quezon City under the Franciscan Capuchin friars. Photo courtesy of Ms. Marie Claire R. Sandoval of the Provincial Office.

The Catholic faithful of Guadalupe Viejo in Makati City celebrated their annual barrio fiesta in honor of Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria last February 2, 2019. Guadalupe Viejo (Old Guadalupe) is the only barangay under the territory of Nuestra Señora de Gracia Parish, the only Augustinian-ministered parish (Filipino Province) in the Archdiocese of Manila. Photo courtesy of Mr. Nathaniel B. Frialde of Makati City.



Pastoral Visit of Bishop Mangalinao at Saint Augustine of Hippo Parish, Saguday

Bayombong Bishop Jose Elmer I. Mangalinao, DD held his first ever pastoral visit at the Augustinian-ministered parish of Saint Augustine of Hippo in Saguday, Quirino last February 17, 2019. Bishop Mangalinao presided the Sunday morning Mass with Fr. Exuper G. Lumintac, OSA, Parish Priest and Fr. Christian E. Funtanares, OSA, Parochial Vicar concelebrating and Rev. Richard Bryan O. Mijares, OSA serving as deacon. After the Mass, the bishop had a meeting with the friars, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Basic Ecclesial Communities, chapel leaders and other lay faithful wherein he discussed the pastoral programs and priorities of the Diocese of Bayombong.



Bishop Mangalinao (wearing a white clerical garb) together with the parishioners of Saguday after their meeting held on the morning of February 17, 2019 as part of his pastoral visit to the Augustinian-ministered parish. Photo courtesy of Fr. Exuper G. Lumintac, OSA.



Bishop Mangalinao (wearing a green chasuble) together with Fr. Lumintac and the parishioners of Saguday after the Sunday Mass presided by the Bishop (February 17, 2019). Photo courtesy of Fr. Exuper G. Lumintac, OSA.

CONVOCAION OF THE 186TH ORDINARY GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE



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FR. ALEJANDRO MORAL ANTÓN

PRIOR GENERAL OF THE ORDER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER

In accordance with the norms established in numbers 409 and 411 of our Constitutions,

I hereby CONVOKE

the Ordinary General Chapter which will take place
at Collegio Santa Monica in Rome beginning 1 September 2019.

All those who have the right and the duty to participate, as indicated in numbers 419 and 420, should be present on the date and in the place indicated. We are including with this letter the list of *ex officio* participants and instructions regarding the election of Definitors.

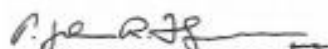
We invite the members of the Order to send, personally or together with others, any observations or questions which they consider appropriate for the Chapter. These must be sent to the General Curia before **March 31, 2019**.

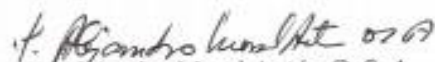
All the participants will receive the appropriate information and documentation, as well as the report on the state of the Order prepared by the General Council.

Since the General Chapter is the principal expression of our fraternity and of our shared responsibility for the good of the Order and for the mission of evangelization and proclaiming the Kingdom of God, I invite all members of the Order to be united in one mind and one heart, praying for the success of the Chapter, asking the Lord to bless our work and all our efforts.

Fraternally in Saint Augustine,

Rome, 20 February 2019.
Prot. 36/19


P. John R. Flynn O. S. A.
Secretary General of the Order


P. Alejandro Moral Antón O. S. A.
Prior General



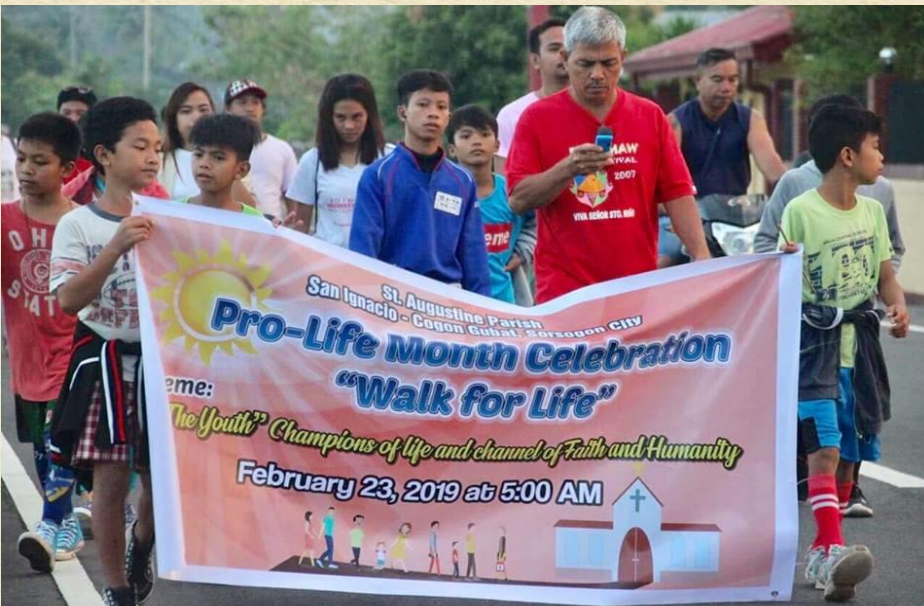
SACS Simply Professed Friars joined Walk for Life 2019



Simply Professed Friars from San Agustin Center of Studies joined this year's Walk for Life held at the Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City last February 16, 2019.



This image of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima graced the celebration of Walk for Life 2019 held at the Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City last February 16, 2019.



Saint Augustine Parish in Gubat, Sorsogon's Walk for Life held last February 23, 2019. Photo courtesy of Fr. Wilboy D. Bracamonte, OSA.

50th Foundation Anniversary of the Pontifical Patristic Institute (Augustinianum)

Around 250 friars, students and staff of the Augustinianum were received in audience by Pope Francis last February 16, 2019 at the Vatican's Clementine Hall. Among those present were Prospero Cardinal Grech, OSA who along with Fr. Agostino Trape, OSA founded the institute 50 years ago in 1969. Filipino Augustinian friars Nestor B. Bandalan, OSA, Efren D. Obja-an, Arvin C. Salceda and Robert Lee D. Lingo were also present during the said event. The Augustinianum is an institution of higher learning that specializes in the theology of Saint Augustine and of the Church Fathers.



The Prior General, Fr. Alejandro Moral Anton, OSA during his address to Pope Francis last February 16, 2019. Photo courtesy of the Photographic Service of L'Osservatore Romano.



USA Basic Education Department Teachers and Staff's international benchmarking in Bangkok last January 28, 2019. The teachers and staff were accompanied by Fr. Pederito A. Aparece, BED Principal.



The Augustinian nuns inside the cloister of the Saint Monica Augustinian Monastery in Nueva Valencia, Guimaras. Photo courtesy of Fray Stephen O. Tan, OSA.

The Augustinian nuns in Guimaras. Photo courtesy of Fray Stephen O. Tan, OSA.





The Augustinian nuns also visited the University of San Agustin in Iloilo City. Photo courtesy of Fray Stephen O. Tan, OSA.

The Augustinian nuns at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) of the University of San Agustin's Sambag Campus. Photo courtesy of Fray Stephen O. Tan, OSA.





Fr. Jonas M. Mejares, OSA, Parish Priest of Santo Niño de Cebu Parish in Mohon, Talisay City, Cebu together with his fellow canon lawyers during their annual convention held in Cebu City last February 19 – 21, 2019. Fr. Mejares is a member of the Canon Law Society of the Philippines (CLSP), an association of canon lawyers, mostly priests but not exclusively. Photo courtesy of Fr. Jonas M. Mejares, OSA.



Fr. Tomas C. Banayag, Jr., OSA, Parish Priest of Nuestra Señora de Gracia in Makati City together with Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle, DD in Panama during the celebration of the World Youth Day (January 22 – 27, 2019). Fr. Banayag was the Province's lone delegate to the said youth gathering. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tomas C. Banayag, Jr., OSA.

Anniversaries of Friars for 2019: birthdays, anniversaries of profession and ordination

40th Birthday

Fray Stephen O. Tan, OSA	January 26, 1979
Fr. Victor F. Gonzaga, OSA	February 25, 1979
Fr. Jasper V. Valmores, OSA	September 3, 1979
Fr. Aladdin P. Luzon, OSA	November 6, 1979
Fr. Michael Alvin G. Sequio, OSA	November 7, 1979
Fr. Imman Noel A. Abellana, OSA	September 16, 1979

60th Birthday

Fr. Vicente F. Amplayo, OSA	July 19, 1959
Fr. Jerome P. Mesina, OSA	July 20, 1959
Fr. Raul A. Cabugao, OSA	September 20, 1959

40th Anniversary of Solemn Profession

Fr. Raul M. Marchan, OSA	April 15, 1979
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25th Anniversary of 1st Profession

Fr. Fernando S. Cleopas, OSA	May 29, 1994
Fr. Harold Ll. Rentoria, OSA	
Fr. Andres D. Rivera, Jr., OSA	

40th Anniversary of 1st Profession

Fr. Dominador M. Besares, OSA	June 4, 1979
Fr. Danilo C. Dagsaan, OSA	
Fr. Manuel M. Vergara, OSA	



San Agustin Center of Studies (SACS) Community in Quezon City celebrated their coral (35th) foundation anniversary as an Augustinian Community last March 1, 2019. Congratulations, brothers!!! Photo courtesy of SACS Mass Media.

Special Feature

The Province recently celebrated its 35th inaugural anniversary last January 15, 1984. Here are other coral anniversaries of friars, communities and institutions of the Province:

- **35th Birthday**

Fr. Rommel G. Bongcac, OSA	January 17, 1984
Fr. John Paul S. Mabanta, OSA	July 28, 1984
Fr. Norberto Dominic S. Don, OSA	October 7, 1984
- **35th Anniversary of First Profession**

Fr. Alberto L. Esmeralda, OSA	June 5, 1984
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- **35th Anniversary of Solemn Profession**

Fr. Rodolfo S. Manaloto, OSA	August 28, 1984
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- **35th Anniversary of Presbyteral Ordination**

Fr. Jerome P. Mesina, OSA	March 26, 1984
Fr. Tito D. Soquiño, OSA	March 26, 1984
Fr. Alfredo B. Jubac, OSA	December 28, 1984
- **35th Anniversary of Canonical Foundation as a Parish**

Santo Niño de Cebu Parish, Mohon	September 1, 1984
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- **35th Anniversary of Canonical Foundation as a Religious Community**

San Agustin Center of Studies Community	March 1, 1984
Biñan Community	August 2, 1984

UPCOMING EVENT

CONGRESO INTERNACIONAL DE EDUCACIÓN
SAN AGUSTÍN,
MAESTRO **XXI**
PARA EL SIGLO

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONGRESS: SAINT AUGUSTINE, TEACHER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY. April 23 – 25, 2019 in Bogota, Colombia. Organized by Unicervantes in alliance with Villanova University. Two friars from the Province will attend the said congress: Fr. Andrew P. Batayola, OSA, President of Colegio San Agustin – Bacolod and Fr. Rommel D. Par, OSA, President of Colegio San Agustin – Biñan. Fr. Batayola will be one of the presentors (studies conducted under the theme of educational management and humanistic formation). He will be presenting his thesis entitled: “The Leadership Styles of the Lay Educative Administrators in the Perspective of Augustinian Spirituality”.



The interior of the retreat house chapel in Don Salvador Benedicto, Negros Occidental. Photo courtesy of Engr. Roger T. Naval.



The retreat house chapel at Don Salvador Benedicto. Photo courtesy of Engr. Roger T. Naval.



Boy's Shower Room at the Province's retreat house in Don Salvador Benedicto. Photo courtesy of Engr. Roger T. Naval.



Boy's Shower Room at the Province's retreat house in Don Salvador Benedicto. Photo courtesy of Engr. Roger T. Naval.



Some of the rooms at the Province's retreat house in Don Salvador Benedicto. Photo courtesy of Engr. Roger T. Naval.

Medical, Optical and Dental Mission at SACS

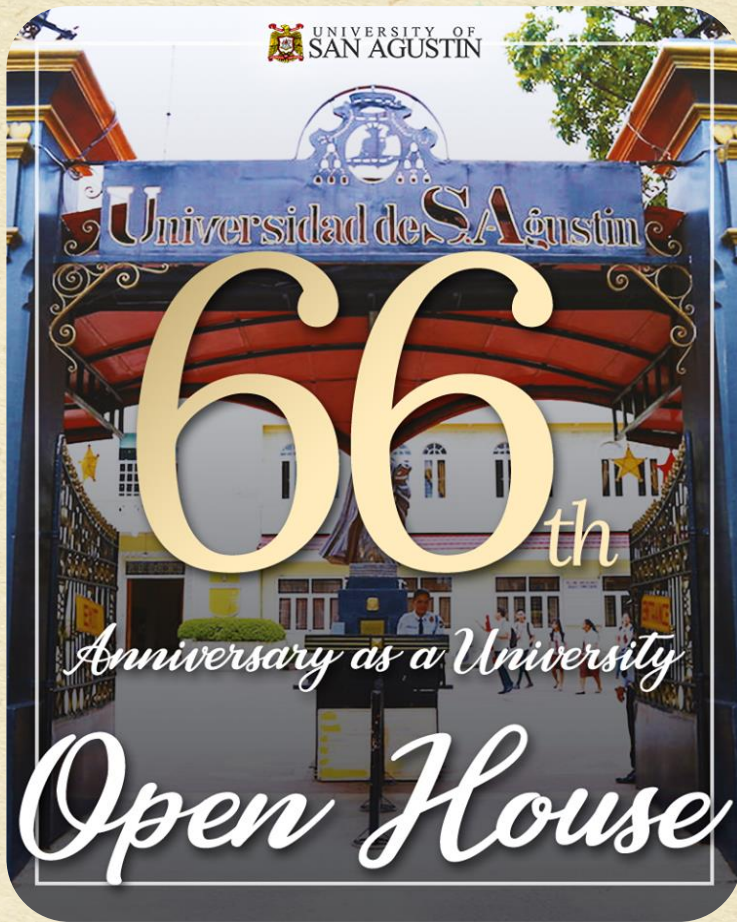
Last February 2, 2019, the San Agustin Center of Studies Community had their Annual Medical, Dental and Optical Mission. The event was able to address the health care concerns of almost 800 patients coming from different chapels where the seminarians are having their apostolate. The whole event ended at 12 noon. The volunteers came from different fields: doctors and dentists from Veterans Memorial Medical Center, doctors from Quezon City Medical Society, OPD nursing and medical students from the University of Santo Tomas Hospital (USTH), optometry students from Centro Escolar University (CEU), and the Cofradia del Santo Niño – SACS Chapter for the feeding program. It was also supported by the Brgy.VASRA, Soaper Enterprise, and the different benefactors of the medicines, eyeglasses, and grocery items.



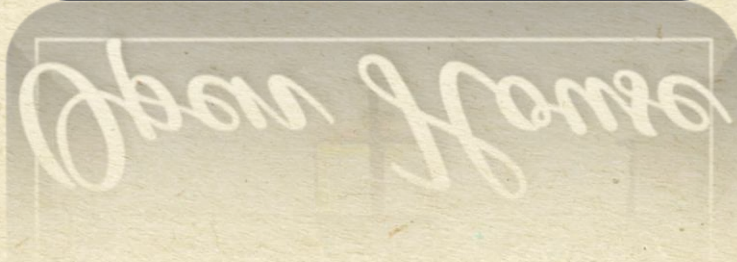
Even the happy bee was present during the medical mission! Photo courtesy of SACS Mass Media.



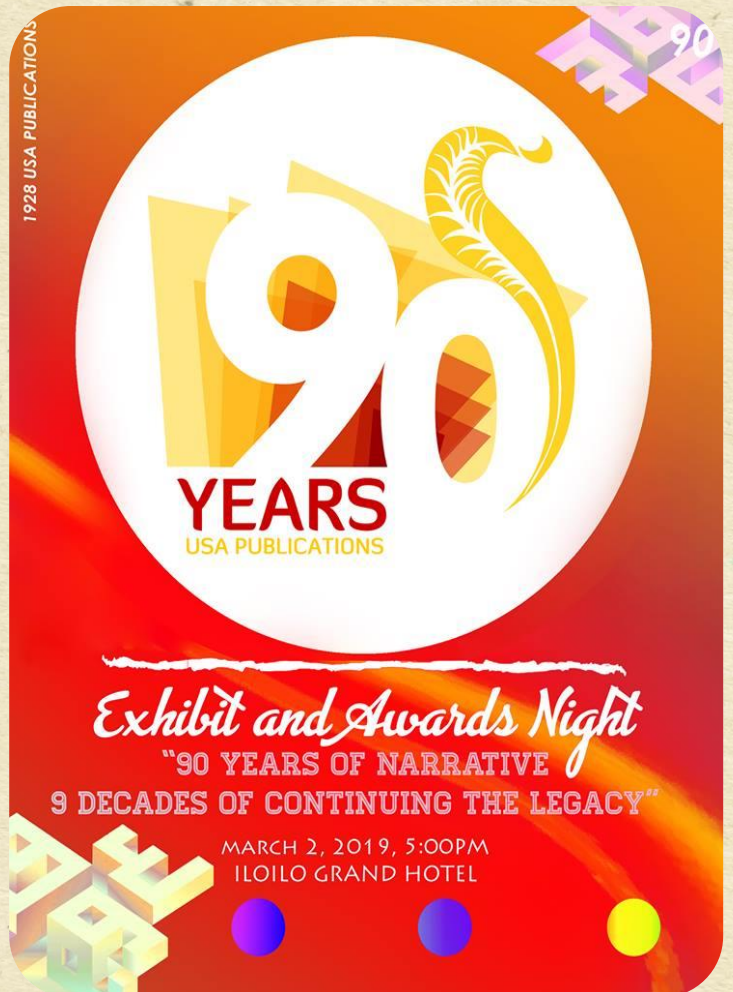
The volunteers during the medical, dental and optical mission at SACS (February 2, 2019). Photo courtesy of SACS Mass Media.



It was in March 1, 1953 when the University of San Agustin earned its University Status which made it the First University in Western Visayas



In this academic year 2018 – 2019, the USA Publications rejoices in its nine decades of responsive, developmental and research-based campus journalism in the University of San Agustin as the official press corps of the University.



CSN in CVRAA

Student – athletes from Colegio del Santo Niño represented the Cebu City Elementary Division in the Central Visayas Regional Athletic Association (CVRAA) meet last February 18 to 20, 2019 at Dumaguete City (Volleyball boys and girls and Table Tennis). Frs. Vicente F. Amplayo and Raul A. Cabugao together with the students' parents accompanied the students in Dumaguete City.



Fr. Raul A. Cabugao, OSA together with the parents and student – athletes from Colegio del Santo Niño who joined CVRAA in Dumaguete City.

A colorful promotional poster for Colegio San Agustin Senior High School. At the top, the school's name "Colegio San Agustin" is written in a stylized font, with the address "SOUTHWOODS INTERCHANGE, BIÑAN CITY, LAGUNA" below it. The central theme is "AUGUSTINIAN EDUCATION LEARN • LEAD • SERVE". Three tracks are highlighted: "ACADEMIC TRACK" (preparing students for higher education), "TECH-VOC-LIV TRACK" (equipping students for the workforce), and "SPORTS TRACK" (teaching physical education principles). A circular logo for the "SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT" is also present. The bottom section features the motto "ONE MIND ONE HEART INTENT UPON God" and lists subject areas: ABM (Accountancy, Business, & Management), HUMSS (Humanities & Social Sciences), STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics), HE (Home Economics), and ICT (Information & Communications Technology). Contact information and government permit numbers are listed at the very bottom.

Fiesta Señor celebrations at Santo Niño and Ecce Homo Chapel in Upper Laguna, Greenhills, San Fernando, Cebu (February 4, 2019).



Fiesta Señor celebrations at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Socorro, Surigao del Norte led by the friars of the Augustinian Community of Socorro.



Fiesta Señor celebrations at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Poblacion, Guipos, Zamboanga del Sur led by the friars of the Augustinian Residence of Guipos (January 30 - February 1, 2019).



**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
(Augustinian Friars)
Poblacion, Guipos Zamboanga del Sur**

Welcomes

**The Pilgrim Image of
Santo Niño de Cebu**

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
Poblacion, Guipos Zamboanga del Sur
January 30 – February 01, 2019**



Viva Pit Senyor! Viva Pit Senyor! Viva Pit Senyor! Viva Pit Senyor! Viva Pit Senyor!

from the Province's Archives

construction phase of the Saint Thomas of Villanova Hall (STVH) in San Agustin Center of Studies in Quezon City circa 1996. STVH also houses the Saint Thomas of Villanova Institute, the Province's philosophy institute for college aspirants and postulants.



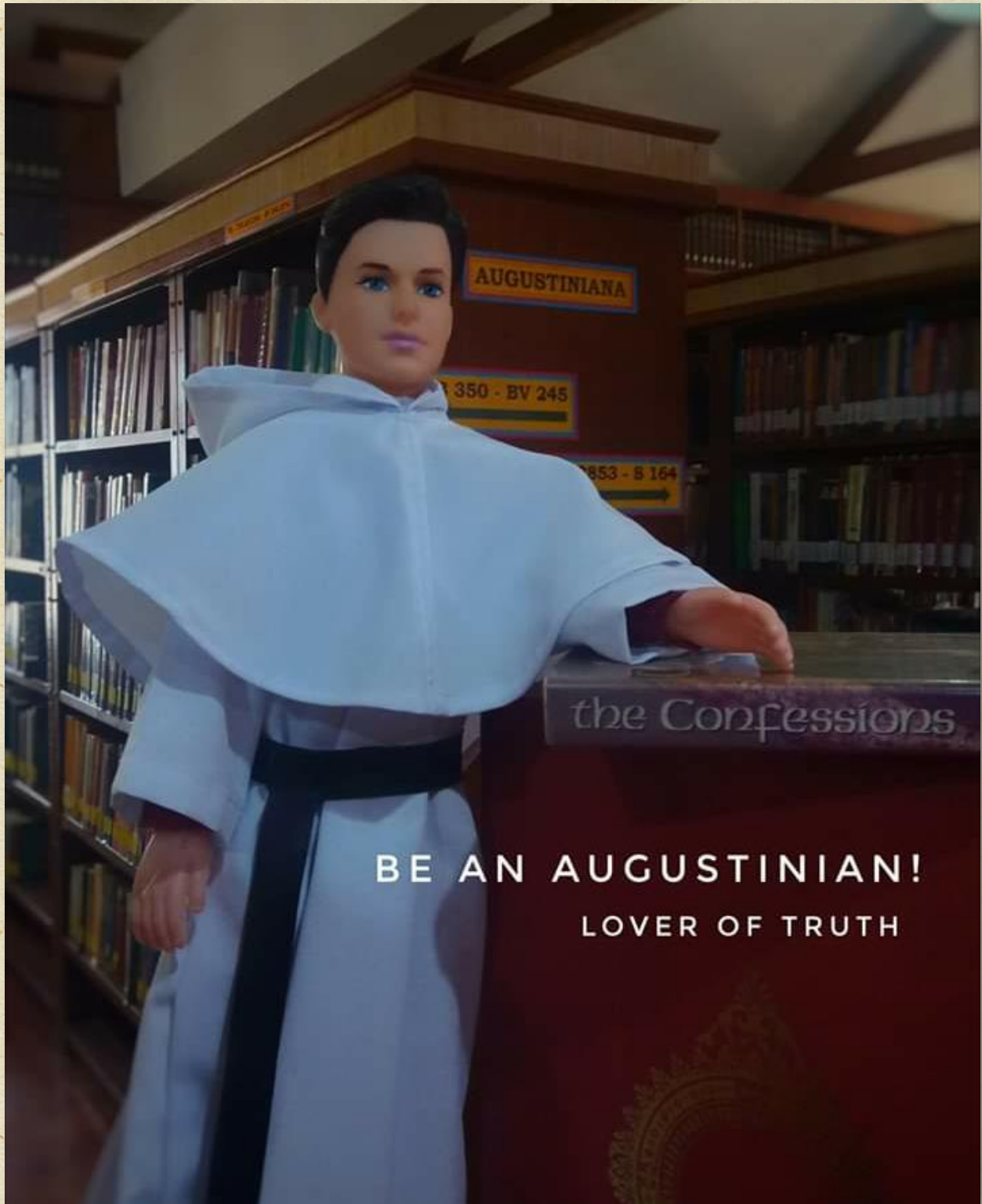
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construction phase of San Agustin Center of Studies (SACS) in Quezon City circa 1984. SACS is one of the three formation houses of the Province.



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