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*Happy Easter*



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Presidents and Secretaries Meeting Tagum City  
March 11-13, 2011

### 8th FFCCWO President-Secretaries Meeting: A Success

In Tagum City, a total of 86 delegates headed by National President Ms. Racquel Lu, from 21 chapters, attended the 8th Presidents-Secretaries Meeting of the Federation of Filipino Chinese Catholic Women's Organizations last March 11-13, 2011 with the presence of Bishop Leopoldo C. Jaucian, SVD, our National Coordinator and Spiritual Adviser and Monsignor Esteban "Bong" Lo, LRMS.

Delegates arrived in the morning of March 11 at the Davao International Airport, taking early flights from their respective point of origin. And they were brought to the City of Palms for lunch at Miko's Brew Cafe. After checking in at the Golden Palace Hotel they went on a city tour and enjoyed the sights of Tagum despite the rain. The group attended Holy Mass at the Parish of Christ the Eucharistic King with Monsignor Ulysses Perandos as celebrant after the tour and ended with a welcome dinner at Mayor Rey T. Uy's residence. They were serenaded with classical music from the string ensemble of the world recognized Tagum City Youth Rondalla Ensemble.



Workshops followed wherein the delegates were divided into groups of 8 or 10 persons. Questions were asked and answered based on the talks of the speakers. Then it was followed with the forming of huge groups accordingly from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The groups had the task of role-playing their answers. It was a fulfilling undertaking for the delegates. Monsignor Bong Lo gave the synthesis of the different role plays that the delegates performed and announced the winners to whom prizes were given.

The delegates from Dumaguete City Chapter were given the privilege to invite the delegates for the 2012 National convention which they will be hosting. A message was given by Fr. Raul "Bayong" Cuenco Delos Santos before the end of the workshop.

Mass was offered and officiated by Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian. After dinner the delegates were brought to the Tagum City Trade and Culture Center Pavilion to watch the international dance performances of Halili-Cruz Ballet, Douglas Nierras' Power dance and the Philippine Normal University through SAYAW PINOY 2011 Dance Concert presented by the National Commission for Culture and Arts, City Government of Tagum and the City of Tagum Tourism Council.

On the last day, all the delegates went to the New Christ the King Cathedral for morning Mass. Lunch was served at the cathedral. After lunch, they drove back to the Davao International Airport for their flight back home.



Day two of the national activities was held at the pavilion of St. Mary's College. The guests and officials delivered their messages. A workshop was facilitated by Ms. Erlinda E. Loria. Topic was focused on "How do we believe, live and share the Word of GOD? But what also was enjoyable was the ice breaker game called "age guessing", in which the first five delegates who won received a token from the host.



The host city is very much appreciative of the delegates for their active involvement in the activities of the 3 days national meeting, truly it was an event to remember for all time.

Our warmest and sincere thanks to all the delegates.....

Christ the King Cathedral Women's Association



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*President's*  
**Message**



*My dearest sisters in Christ,*

*Praise the Lord!*

*Fulfilling! That's my assessment of the recently concluded FFCWWO 8TH Presidents & Secretaries Meeting held in Taguigan City, Davao del Norte, last March 10-13, 2011. It was a delightful three-days experience for us. About an hour drive from Davao City, Taguigan was a pleasant surprise. The palm-tree-lined streets of the city were a sight to behold. Taguigan is called the City of Palms, because of these graceful trees.*

*The day before we proceeded to Taguigan, we had our 2nd National Board Meeting in Davao City. We discussed and agreed to open our own website ([www.ffcww.org](http://www.ffcww.org)), so that the federation can be accessible to all the members nationwide. We also discussed the importance of having the Presidents & Secretaries Meeting every odd year, not only because it is written in our By-Laws but also to update each chapter of the resolutions of the preceding national convention.*

*On our first day, we had a tour of Taguigan City and saw a growing, progressive city. Lush greenery abound everywhere. Almsa Uy, a member of the Taguigan chapter whose husband is the city mayor, invited us to a dinner at their residence with the Taguigan City Youth Rondalla Ensemble playing music to the delight of all the delegates.*

*Day 2 was a day of renewing acquaintances, deepening friendships, exchanging and sharing of ideas. The workshop conducted by Ms. Erlinda Loria brought out our resourcefulness and creativity. It made our day truly enjoyable! Messages by Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian and Monsignor Esteban Lo, LRMS, were indeed remarkably full of wit and humor. Not to be outdone was Fr. Enrique Bolongoy, LRMS, very impressive presentation of the Danaguet chapter invitation to the National Convention on March 2012. Lorna Liu, the Chapter President showed us video clips of what to see and expect in Danaguet. Indeed it was so motivating!*

*The highlight of the day was the talk of Fr. Raul C. de los Santos a.k.a. Fr. Boyang about Believe, Live and Share God's Love. It was punctuated with short humorous stories that kept us in safe attention. That evening, we were treated to a Sayon Pinoy show, showcasing ballet, folk and modern dancers in dazzling costumes. Once more we were made aware and appreciative of the performing arts.*

*My heartfelt thanks go to the Davao Chapter headed by President Erlinda Lee, who helped in welcoming and fetching the delegates at the airport, providing transport and for hosting the dinner. I also want to give my deepest gratitude and congratulations to the Taguigan chapter for doing a splendid job of hosting the meeting led by their indefatigable and hardworking President Vona Li with the able support of Almsa Uy. May your tribe increase.*

*Lastly, I would like to invite you all to the 10th National Convention in Danaguet City on March 2, 3 & 4, 2012. I hope you would spare the time to attend our convention because it will be an exhilarating and learning experience, a break from our daily tasks of life.*

*Thank you and God Bless!*

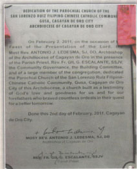
*Sincerely yours in our Lady,*

*RACHEL JO LU*  
 National President

## Cagayan de Oro Chapter



Dedication of San Lorenzo Ruiz Church, Mega Heights, Gusa, Cagayan de Oro City, Feb. 02, 2011. The San Lorenzo Ruiz Chinese - Filipino Catholic Community formally turned over the church to the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro. The occasion was graced by Archbishop Antonio Ledesma S.J., Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro, Bishop Leopoldo Jaulian, S.V.D., Diocese of Abra and Bishop Jose Cabantan, Diocese of Malaybalay, Bukidnon.



Christmas Party of San Lorenzo Ruiz Chinese-Filipino Catholic Community, December 8, 2010. The prayer group of Santi and Lily Lim sang beautiful Chinese songs.



San Lorenzo Ruiz Ladies Circle officers with the ever-dashing Santa Claus.

← First Sunday Mass at San Lorenzo Ruiz Church officiated by Father Gil Escalante, SSJ.

## Lorenzo Mission Institute at Twenty-five

On the eve of the 25th anniversary (2012) of Lorenzo Mission Institute (LMI), the seminary Fathers and the alumnus priests who are members of Lorenzo Raiz Mission Society (LRMS) have come together for a Special Assembly (January 17-28, 2011). We believe this is one of the best ways to prepare for the celebration of LMI's Silver Anniversary - its alumnus LRMS priests coming together for a renewal.

### RECONNECTING WITH OUR ROOTS

The first part of the Special Assembly (January 17 - 20) was a Reconnecting with LMI's Roots" our founder, our first rector, our first superior and our present pastor and father. A tree can survive, grow tall and extend its branches only when it is very much in connection with its roots. The late **Jaime Cardinal Sin** was our Founder. Before his tomb in the crypt of the Manila Cathedral we prayed his favorite prayer - the Holy Rosary of our Blessed Mother Mary. We prayed that like him, "Seviam" (I will serve) - his motto. Later, we met with the person who is our best connection to our founder, His Excellency Most Rev. Socrates Villegas, Archbishop of Dagupan. For many years he was the Private Secretary, confidant and protégé of Cardinal Sin. Archbishop Villegas reminded us of three important points that guided Cardinal Sin: God is fair and faithful, therefore be strong and faithful; Rest for a while, if you must, but never quit; burn-out phenomenon is not primarily a question of workload but of relationships.

Msgr. John Su is the first Rector of LMI. He is now in his eighties and lives at St. John's Institute, Bacolod City. In his message to us, he wrote: "I am at the twilight of my life. In my mind there are a lot yet to be accomplished. In my age, I have never ceased dreaming. So be it with you. Do not be afraid to dream. Do not be afraid of the tempest. Always seek opportunities to do more. More importantly, pray, pray, pray - for if you are with the Lord who can be against you?" We asked Msgr. Su to continue praying for us. Msgr. Paul Lu was the second Rector of LMI and the first Superior of LRMS. He died on April 11, 2000. We will never forget his recurring admonition, "enter into your history." This dovetails with the Filipino trait, "Ang hindi maraming lamangon sa kanyang pinanggalingan ay hindi makararangat sa kanyang panatnagan" ("He who does not look back where he came from will never reach where he is going"). We renewed our response to grow in humility and gratitude for our history, to be at peace with our past, to learn its lessons - to be blessed, inspired, challenged and guided by it.

We had "Misa" (Holy Mass) and "Mesa" (dinner) with His Eminence **Gasencio Cardinal Rosales**, our Pastor and Father. Faithful to his motto, "Si normaon fuerit, fructus offert." ("If it dies, it brings forth fruit" John 12:24), Cardinal Rosales challenge us to be more spiritual and apostolic in order that we and our ministries may bear abundant fruits - fruits that last.

January 18 - 20 were days of Spiritual Retreat - reconnecting with the Root of all roots, the Origin of all origins: God himself. Fr. John Barro, Parish Priest, Mary,

Mirror of Justice Parish, Makati City, was our Retreat Master at Mount Peace, Baguio City. He led us in prayer - into the Prayer of Rest and the Prayer of Relinquishment.

### SEE, JUDGE, ACT

The next seven days, January 21-27, were spent on inputs, sharing, discussions, discernment and planning. Fr. Aristotle Dy, SJ, former Executive Secretary, National Office, Filipino-Chinese Apostolate shared to us on "Filipino-Chinese / Chinese-Filipinos & New Apostolic Frontiers" - on the questions of **Identify** (Filipino-Chinese / Chinese-Filipino well rooted in the Filipino and Chinese cultures, and the Gospel, and who love the Philippines), **Intersection** (inculturation / living and celebrating the Faith in concrete), **Insertion** (reaching out to other sectors of the Filipino-Chinese / Chinese-Filipinos, especially the poor and the uninvolved, as well as the newly arrived Chinese), and **Impact** (working with and through other groups / institutions, including the Chinese priests, Sisters and seminarians who are in town for studies). January 21 culminated with the 6:00 p.m. Vespers and Holy Eucharist with His Excellency Most Rev. Leopoldo Jaucian, S.V.D. National Coordinator, Filipino-Chinese Apostolate.

An update on "China & Evangelization - Opportunities, Difficulties & Hope" was given by Fr. Gregoire Vignola, PME, Person-In-Charge of the China Group of the Societe Missions-Etrangeres (Foreign Mission Society of Quebec, Canada). Although foreign missionaries cannot do much yet in China today and in the foreseeable future, yet their presence in China is very much appreciated by the local Catholics - an assurance that they are not forgotten by the universal Church, that the rest of the Church is with them in their painful journey. The ministry of the foreign missionaries is a ministry of presence, friendship, compassion and witnessing. It is more like the "hidden years" of the Lord Jesus Christ in Nazareth.

Fr. James Kroeger, MM, Professor, Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo-de-Manila University, gave very touching talk "Missionary Spirituality" (at the heart of which is the Paschal Mystery - the suffering, death and resurrection - of the Lord Jesus Christ and of his people) and "Doing / Living Mission Today" (in response to the hungers of humanity - hungers for food, freedom and justice, peace, truth, understanding, God and Jesus Christ).

On January 26, Fr. Jose Valerme Yu, LRMS, Assistant Father Moderator, led the discussion and reflection on "LRMS Spirituality". The following day, Msgr. Esteban Lo, LRMS, Father Moderator presented "2012: LMI Silver Anniversary, LRMS General Assembly & Mission Plan"

The Special Assembly ended with the 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and dinner with the LMI seminarians and staff at LMI in Makati City on January 28.

We pray that like our patron, San Lorenzo Raiz, we may indeed die a thousand deaths and live a thousand lives for God and his people.

- Msgr. Esteban "Bong" Lo, LRMS

# Minutes of the 2nd Board Meeting Held at Duo Commis, Davao City on March 10, 2011

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

## 2. OPENING PRAYER

Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian led the opening prayers

## 3. ATTENDANCE

### Present:

Raquel Lu	President
Therese Tan	Vice - President
Maan Lotim	Treasurer
Vergie Po	Director
Felicitas Uy	Director
Carmelita Tieng	Ex-Officio Member
Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian, SVD	National Coordinator, Spiritual Adviser, FFCCWO, Filipino-Chinese Apostolate

### Absent:

Felicitas Uy	
Posadas	Director ( <i>Arrival next day</i> )
Dr. Araceli Tan	Director ( <i>Stranded</i> )
So Ha Uy	Director ( <i>USA</i> )

There being a quorum the meeting continued.

## 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Maan Lotim presented a clear report of the financial status of FFCCWO. As of March 10, 2011, the bank balance showed an amount of P1,864,751.67 plus \$3,010 of the Xiamen Church Funds.

## 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Josephine Lee read the Minutes of the Meeting of June 18, 2010. No objection, alteration, or correction was noted, so the minutes was unanimously approved.

## 6. PRESIDENT'S TIME

### A. PSM

Pres. Raquel presented to the Board the negative reaction to the relevance of PSM. She said that we have to let the members know that the reason for the PSM is to continue and follow-up the commissioning of our chapters since two years gap is too long to review such activities. Bishop Pol promised that he will elaborate on the relevance so that everyone will be enlightened at the plenary session.

### B. HUMANITAS

The publication expense of the Humanitas is rising, so it is expedient that publication be reduced to three (3) issues a year at P40,000.00 per issue instead of the usual four (4) issues per year at P34,000.00 per issue. In the eve website, we have to contend with the old printed system. Should the internet be in full blast, we shall be saving P40,000.00 per issue. We also have to see to it that the publication be maintained at minimal subscription as at present.

### C. WEBSITE

The Board was presented with the proposal of the Website developer, WEBTOGO received by Pres. Raquel Lu last July 25, 2010. Total contract amount is P42,000.00 and an initial amount of P21,000.00 was approved for release since the developer has already done initial efforts to present a sample of the web page. Therese Tan found the web page still lacking in cultural relevance, religious depth, artistic quality and information substance, so another meeting at a later date in Manila will be set with Pres. Raquel Lu, Therese Tan, Josephine Lee and a representative of the web designer and/or layout artist. Suggestions were that the LMI altar be featured in the masthead; that in the mission page, the Xiamen Church should replace the picture of a Church in Jerusalem, that the activities which includes a page of Sharing God's Love should include action pictures like feeding, gift-giving, medical missions, etc.

#### D. RAFFLE TICKETS

As in the past year, FFCCWO Board was again given the sole prerogative to conduct a raffle during the Convention. The draw date will be on March 4, 2012 at Negros Oriental Convention Center in Dumaguete City. The sample of the raffle ticket was presented to the board. It was approved that the distribution of tickets will be prorated to number of members of each chapter. To reduce mailing cost, these tickets will be sent to the regional shepherds who will take charge of sending to their respective ward chapters.

#### E. THIRD BOARD MEETING

The schedule of the 3rd Board Meeting will be on November 27, 2011 in Cotabato. This will also coincide with the 55th Anniversary of the Mary Mediatrix Ladies Circle in Cotabato City.

#### F. CHAPTER VISITATION

Director Felicitas Uy was tasked to schedule Visayas visitations which will be on June 3 (Manila to Tagbilaran) June 4 (Tagbilaran to Cebu) June 5 (Cebu to Tacloban) June 6 (Tacloban to Manila)

#### F. CONVENTION

The next convention will be at the Negros Oriental Convention Center in Dumaguete City on March 2-3-4, 2010. It was agreed that a proposal be made to the Convention Chairperson to make name tags for easier identification.

There being no more matters to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 5:15p.m.

Prepared by:

Josephine Lee  
National Secretary

Certified correct:  
Raquel Lu  
National President

## Sacred Heart Ladies Circle of Davao Meets National Board

Early on Wednesday, March 9, FFCCWO President **Raquel Lu** accompanied by some members of the Mary Mediatrix Circle ladies of Cotabato arrived in Davao City to greet early arrivals for the Tagam PSM. On March 10 at 10:00 a.m. members of the Sacred Heart Parish Ladies of Davao together with National President **Raquel Lu** were early at the Davao International Airport to greet **Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian, SVD**, National Vice President **Therese Tan**, National Secretary **Josephine Lee**, National Treasurer **Maan Lofim**, Dagupan Chapter President **Anita Lee**, Dagupan Vice-President **Browyn Lim**, Dagupan Secretary **Betty Lim** and DSJ President **Niffa Lee** of Legazpi. Ex-Officio **Mely Tieng** arrived via Pal on a later flight. We then had a tour of the ongoing Agri-Fair in connection with DABAW Festival wherein different varieties of flowering plants, fruits, etc. were showcased. We proceeded to *Duo Commis*, a restaurant serving fusion cuisine and which is co-owned by **Enzo Tuazon** and **Simon Peter Lee**, Raquel's nephew. We had pan-seared creme dory, blackened tuna, poached fish in white sauce, braised pork in Indonesian sauce and beef smothered with buri thin sauce. Capping the sumptuous lunch was frozen red grapes in strawberry sauce. Normally this writer would not mention the food but since we all enjoyed the exquisite mouth-watering gustatory experience, it is irresistible not to. We were joined at lunch by Cotabato ladies **Garland La**, **Lily Uy**, **Lolita Uy**, President **Mildred Lim** and Sacred Heart Ladies **Pilar Uy**, **Soledad Huang** and many other members. Directors **Fely Lim** of Tagbilaran and **Vergie Po** of Butuan were there too.

After lunch the board stayed behind for the 2nd National Board Meeting while the rest made trips to the shopping places and fruits stands in Davao City.

In the evening the Sacred Heart Ladies Circle gathered at the *Emerald Restaurant* for the FFCCWO National Board visitation and meeting. **Emily Go** was the gracious emcee. **Raquel Lu** delivered a short message while **Bishop Pol Jaucian** enjoined each one to continue the present apostolate and continue works of charity while encouraging religious vocation among the youth and helping seminarians financially. He again obliged us with a song and the rest joined in the singing before the night ended. A long day it was, we did not stay long; the rest capped the night with coffee at a local coffee house. Again, thank you Davao ladies for accommodating us and hosting our dinner.

## FFCCWO Holds 8th PSM in Tagum City

FFCCWO successfully concluded the 8th **Presidents and Secretaries Meeting** on March 11-13, 2011 at Tagum City, the *City of Palms*. Out of 34 chapters, 25 chapters were represented. Missing were representatives from Surigao, Iriga, San Pablo, St. Jude Manila, Damar, Virac, Naga, Iligan and Jolo.

On March 11 at 10:00 a.m. the delegates boarded two buses stationed at Apo View Hotel in Davao City towards Tagum. Arriving at noon, the guests had lunch at Miko's Brew, then checked in at *Golden Palace Hotel* at Diversion Road Park Santol, La Filipina, Tagum City. During the riding tour, everyone was amazed at the well-planned urban development of the city including the wide roads lined with thousands of Hawaiian plums, red palms and other flower-bearing and ornamental plants. Along side the rivers were mangrove trees *bakawan*. We passed by a clean and orderly public market, the public cemetery, the newly-constructed city hall, schools, and other major city buildings, all of them well-maintained.

In the afternoon, we had a one-hour adoration followed by Holy Mass at the *Church of Christ the Eucharistic King*. That being the day when an earthquake shook Japan, everyone was gripped with fear due to the impending tsunami along the coastal provinces of the Philippines. Thus prayers were offered for that intention. *(We were happy our prayers were answered, though sad that Japan was not spared the nuclear spill in the aftermath.)* Main celebrant was **Msgr. Ulysses Perandos**, Vicar General of the Diocese, assisted by **Msgr. Esteban "Bong" Lo, LRMS, Fr. Ray Victor T. Pascual** and **Rev. Fr. Enrique "Eking" Balongag**.

After the Mass we were treated to a sumptuous dinner at the residence of our gracious hosts, Tagum City Mayor **Rey Uy** and his loving and ever-energetic wife **Mrs. Alma Uy** who is also the City's Tourism Director and a member of FFCCWO. While enjoying dinner, the guests were entertained by the Tagum City Youth Rondalla Ensemble which performed at the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, China.

At this point, **Bishop Jaucian**, who left early that day for Cotabato together with Mother **Lily Uy** and **Pilar Uy** came back after attending the golden sacerdotal anniversary of **Bishop Orlando Quevedo, D.D.**

The night's program was opened by **Clara Isabelle L. Uy**, the mayor's lovely daughter who gave us an overview of the city as a tourism destination. She likewise expressed her warm welcome as emcee. The invocation was led by **Mansueta T. Syilo**, followed by the reading of the Federation Creed by **Lay Fong L. Montero**, while **Lolita L. Uy** led the Federation Song.

**Pres. Vina T. Li** delivered the welcome address.

National **Pres. Raquel J. Lu's** gave a report on the recent provincial visitations and mission trips to Tuguegarao to deliver aid to calamity victims. She also invited the delegates to the convention in Dumaguete City on March 3-5, 2012, and encouraged support for the coming FCCY Convention in Naga City on April 5-9, 2011. During the convention there will be a raffle as our fundraising project. She also announced the birth of the FFCCWO website which is under development but will be fully operational before her term ends.

**Pres Fanny Uy**, Council of Presidents updated the delegates on the outreach projects to help seminarians and Lorenzo Mission Institute, while congratulating Tagum for hosting this year's PSM.

After dinner, the National Board conducted a consultation meeting with the MIPWA ladies of Dumaguete and evaluated their plans for the Convention. Some important matters were discussed and cleared before they would finally present them at the plenary session the next day.

Day 2 started with breakfast at the hotel, after which the delegates were transported to the newly-constructed *St. Mary's College Pavilion* where the entire proceedings for the day was held. **Pres. Raquel Lu** formally opened the meeting, followed by the message of **Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian**. That day coincided with the 23rd sacerdotal anniversary of the good bishop, so we greeted him through a song. We also sang a birthday song for **Fanny Uy** who just celebrated her natal day with a big bash in Iloilo.

In his talk, **Bishop Poi** encouraged the members to look at PSM in a new light, to consider it as a vital activity of the organization because whenever members come together we center our discussion on the Word of God. We talk about what we have done for our brothers and sisters and thus inspire our fellow members to follow suit. When we gather we invite Jesus to transform our lives into His likeness. He commended the likes of **COP Fanny Uy, Celia Lim, Lily Uy** and the rest of the veteran members who never tire of being present at every opportunity for reunion, be it near or far. They always make themselves available in the service of the Lord.

In his talk, **Msgr. Bong Lo**, reminded all of us to trust the Lord always, to believe in Him, "for we do not know what the future holds, but we all know Who holds the future." No matter what happens we have to believe, because believing makes a joyful heart. Remember that God is Love, "*Deo Caritas Est.*" He took the opportunity



to extend invitation to the FCCY Convention in Naga City on April 5-9, 2011 while he requested us for prayers for the forthcoming World Youth Day on August 11-21, 2011 in Madrid, Spain. For our information, there is also a planned convention of the FCCCYA (Filipino Chinese Catholic Young Adults) sometimes this year.

The workshop was facilitated by **Ms. Erlinda E. Loria** of the tourism office in Tagum. She led the singing of ice-breakers to the delight of the delegates.

Luz S. Lim of Mary the Queen Chapter read her recap on the Fontana Workshop. The members were divided into groups for the workshop wherein we answered questions recalling the Fontana Convention where we shared how we experience the love of God and how we can extend it to our neighbors, most especially to those have less in life. Having done that, the leaders collated the answers and delivered their reports.

One of the highlights of our workshop was the dramatization segment. Our acting prowess was put to the test as we had to perform on the spot a skit on how God shows His love for us. We were divided into three groups representing Luzon which presented a play regarding a dysfunctional family whose members eventually found God through the guiding hand of a church worker. This was rated as PG (with Parental Guidance). Coming in second was Mindanao which evoked the most laughter. This was about a prolific couple considering abortion who decided to preserve life instead due to the timely advice of a health worker. The dialogue between the husband and wife transformed the play into a sex-comedy, thus it was rated R (Restricted). Last, but not least was Visayas which was rated as GP (General Patronage), a wholesome skit about a village experiencing fire. The villagers called on God, and through the prayers of some nuns, they found the presence of God's intervention to prevent the spread of fire and cause further damage. The classification was the brainchild of Msgr. Bong Lo. In fairness, all actors did their best! Congratulations to everyone!

A remarkable presentation of the sights and sounds of Dumaguete City (*City of Gentle People*) was presented by MIPWA President Lorna D. Liu with the expertise of a tourist guide and travel counselor. Next was the talk of Fr. Enrique (Eking) Balongag of Mary Immaculate Parish of Dumaguete City, explaining the theme of the convention, the manner of registration and the registration fee, all of which hopefully could be done via the internet. Anesia "Aning" Sy, 2012 Convention Chairperson, delivered a moving speech on commitment and invited everyone to visit Dumaguete and experience their kind of hospitality.

**Alma Uy, RN, MBA** introduced the guest speaker in the person of Fr. **Raul Cuenco de los Santos**, more popularly known as "Father Bayong." He pitched in for **Bishop Chito Tagle** who was indisposed during the Fontana Convention. He jokingly blamed the good bishop for this added commitment to the FCCCWO ladies then and onwards.

In his talk, he said that the glory of God is reflected in the face of a man fully alive, a man who is happy because he knows himself. Knowing our real selves is an act for humility and that is a sign of true wisdom. With wisdom, we have to know what we can change and know what we cannot. Therefore, we should focus our attention on what we can do, on what we can change. There are only three things, however, that God asks of us and that is first, to be kind; second to be kind; third, to be kind.

He stressed that the eight beatitudes are a useful guide to being faithful as he explained that our role in life is not to be successful, but to be faithful. After the talk, the guest speaker was presented a token and a plaque of appreciation.

A concelebrated Mass was held at the third floor chapel of the same building. The chapel is being maintained by the RVM Sisters. Main celebrant was **Bishop Pol Jaucian** assisted by the priests present.

This was followed by a quick dinner at the second floor. While having dinner, some opted to buy some paintings, goodies, souvenirs and dry goods on display right next door.

As a final treat, the guests trooped to the Tagum Trade Center Pavilion for the "Sayaw Pinoy" Program of folk dances, ballet, hip-hop, modern and experimental dance presented by the Halili Dance Company and other dance companies of national and international fame. We all enjoyed the show courtesy of the Tourism Council of the city headed by **Mrs. Alma Uy**.

Day 3 meant going home early for those who would be travelling to far-flung provinces, but most of the delegates, had breakfast at the hotel. Holy Mass was at the New Christ the King Cathedral. Lunch was at E Park. We will always remember this gathering at Tagum, a gathering to strengthen our faith so that together we could build better Filipino Chinese communities believing, living and sharing God's word and blessings. As we left we heaved a sigh of nostalgia. We will always remember this notable place with its most friendly hosts.

Thank you, Christ the King Cathedral Ladies! Thank you, Tagum! Thank you, Lord! May God be honored, praised and glorified in all things!

**Josephine Lee**  
FCCCWO National Secretary

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## Bacolod Chapter

### St. Mary's Association on a Taiwan Pilgrimage

February 20, 2011 was the culmination of our Catechism classes for students of non-sectarian schools. There were 39 first communicants and their parents were there to give full support to making this day a memorable one. Thanks to the catechists-Sandra Dusaran, Anita Franco, Alo Dusaran, Hope Dusaran, John Evangelista, Jaren Malales and Nica Jean Solcoretis for their brilliant teaching and training the pre-and post-communicants as choir during the Eucharistic celebration. After the ceremony in the church, an agape with the students and their parents followed at Antonio Hall.



In the afternoon of February 20, 2011, we flew to Manila for our pilgrimage to Taiwan. We went to the mountains where the Virgin Mary appeared to three Taiwanese in WuFongCI. This apparition is not recognized by the Catholic Church but we have faith in our hearts. Our spiritual adviser, Fr. Emil Ascano presided over the Eucharistic celebration and we visited the grotto built for Mama Mary where we lighted candles.



On the mountain, the climate was cool and there the sound of water from the falls was soothing to our ears. Wild plants grew everywhere reminding us of Camiguin Island visited during the FFCCWO convention in Cagayan de Oro. Mama Mary knows how to select breathtaking places on Earth. Jesus preached the Beatitudes, prayed and fasted on a mountain; was transfigured at Mt. Tabor; we must take care of our mountains. God will not make another Earth.

We watched the Lantern Festival, visited 101 Observatory, National Palace Museum, Martyrs Shrine, Chiang Kai Shek Memorial, Flora Park and the National Park. Our tour was arranged by Julia Lopez of Lopez's Travel. She is a Past President of St. Mary's Association and Past Director of FFCCWO. She took care of us like a mother takes care of her children. She saw to it that we did not get lost, that we did not go hungry that the places in the itinerary were fully accomplished.

## Roxas City Chapter

### CHRISTMAS !!! SHARING OF GOD'S LOVE TIME.



We, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Capiz Filipino Chinese Catholic Women's Association of Roxas City decided that for Christmas, instead of having the traditional party among our group; we would share it with 150 less fortunate families of a selected barangay. The packages contained rice, bread, groceries, plastic items.



On December 19, 2010 at 9am we celebrated Holy Mass at Mt. Carmel Parish Church, after which the members distributed the packages to the happy beneficiaries.



### Bigay Puso 2010

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

What a powerful verse this is! It touched my heart and became my favorite verse. Jesus is the greatest gift God has given to us. His only SON. Can we do this? Even if we have three or ten children, we will not be able to give even one of them to those who have none.

But we can be generous in some other way.

In our chapter, we have this Bigay Puso project which we had undertaken since 2003. As Christians, we agreed to share our blessings with our less fortunate brothers and sisters.



This year, we had 350 parcels of goods which consisted of a plastic basin filled with 3 kilos of rice, corned beef, meat loaf, sardines, pancit canton, a sachet of milk, instant noodles, 5 packs of boy bawang, biscuits and a sachet of Surf powder costing P400.00 per parcel.

We distributed the gifts every December 21 right after the Eucharistic Celebration held in the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel.



Everybody got their share and they all went home happy, praising and thanking God for the Love they received from Him through us. We too, for our part, felt the joy and satisfaction for having done something for our fellowmen. God always use us as an instrument of His love. We thank Him for the faith He gave us, He let us praise Him by responding to Him by doing our part in the little and simple ways which we have always done.



To all my FCCWO colleagues let's keep on sharing our blessings. *"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever."* 1 Peter 4:9-11

### A Message of Gratitude

As the saying goes, "Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

2010 was the year where I have many things to thank the LORD for. There were many surprises in my life which I only imagined before they happened.

Having been elected as one of the directors of the Federation National Board, gave me many opportunities to serve God and to travel a lot, especially to the places where I have not been before like South Luzon, Dagupan, Bicol, and even Metro Manila.

My special thanks to our energetic President Raquel Lu and to our past President Mely Tieng for always informing us about our different activities such as board meetings, chapter visitations, giving assistance to the flood victims, Presidents and Secretaries meeting.

To the rest of our fellow board members, thank you for accepting me.

Thanks to Maan who always give us pasalubong from Dagupan which she made herself; to Theresie, Josie, Soha, the two Fely's for the special delicacies from their respective places. We enjoyed each other's company, working hard in hand, through different bodies with one heart, one spirit serving the Lord in the spirit of humility.

Once again, let me say thank you and Deo Gratias et Mariae.



Virgie D. Po  
President  
Butuan Chapter

## Kalibo Chapter

The Sto. Niño Fil/Chinese Catholic Ladies Association, FPCCWO Kalibo Chapter, once again had proven the unity and oneness of the Officers and Members for noble objective, "To serve, share and help in the alleviation of those who need assistance.



Last February 2011 (Chinese New Year) everyone agreed with no second thought in sharing whatever each could share for the purchase of food and other goods for Our Lady of Fatima Penitent Sisters Center at Rosario Malinao, Aklan. "Sharing God's Love" knows no boundary in terms of sharing with the ones who need it the most. The sisters in the center thank the Kalibo Chapter for the surprise visit.



## "Good Deeds and Example to be Emulated"

On March 6, 2011 seven new members were inducted making the Kalibo Chapter, a strong chapter of thirty six (36). Three were Kalibonhon residing in Manila, namely Alita Lim Tan, Adelaida Lao Marnel and Arilyn Chua while two, Naly Lao Tocol and Dioleta Lao De Felipe, are residing in Canada. Nella Dela Cruz Ho and Liny Ang Gregorio are locals. They voluntarily signified to join, knowing the good deeds the Chapter had done for the marginal sector of society. We need not campaign to attract more to join, instead showing good deeds, unity of members and harmonious camaraderie are qualities being observed. Through these noble acts, they were enthusiastic to be one of us.

"Service above all without counting the cost" is the firm slogan of Prexy Madeline that inflamed them to hold on despite various adversities personally encountered by some members.

With the guidance and assistance of the Divine Creator, we accomplished our missions with flying colors. "Sisters, keep up the good work and God will do the rest".



## DSJ Sponsors First Communion

The Daughters of St. Jude under the leadership of President Nifla Lee and project co-chairpersons, Asela Yu and Rita Palanca extended their apostolic arms to 18 Filipino Chinese children ages 6-9, most of them grandchildren of our members by facilitating their First Communion last April 3, 2011. Three weeks before the event, the children attended catechetical instructions from their mentors, Lolita Gramado and Remedios Nocamera. They were taught how to pray and how to make a good confession, to include good manners and values. The children's parents were so supportive that during the event they came on time to watch their children, all radiant in white and bearing lighted candles while receiving Jesus for the first time.



Fr. Marlon Antonio Madrid celebrated Holy Mass. The lectors were parents of the communicants, while the children represented themselves during the Prayer of the Faithful. The parents presented their gifts during the offertory. They were handed certificates and tokens of prayer books, rosaries and candles. Video cameras rolled while cameras clicked here and there to preserve in print and in video this memorable event.



Nifla Lee expressed her thanks and appreciation to the project coordinators, the parents, the mentors, the choir, the lectors, the commentator and to Rev. Fr. Marlon. He likewise reminded the children to be faithful in faith and received Jesus always in Holy Communion.



Josephine Lee, FFCCWO Secretary and DSJ Director took the opportunity to congratulate the communicants and their parents and to invite the mothers to be members of DSJ. Young as they are, these young mothers may have new ideas and unbridled energy which are ingredients for an organization to be alive and vibrant. Needless to say, the old members are already gaining age graciously, so it is expedient that young blood must be injected into the organization. Hopefully, we will be inducting new members soon.

### Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God,  
All me with life anew,  
that I may love the things you love,  
and do what you would do.  
Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with you I have one will  
to live and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God,  
my soul with grace refine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with your fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God,  
so I shall never die,  
but live with you the perfect life  
in your eternity.*

Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889 (alt.)

## Cebu Chapter

### Happy Birthday, Father Ben

The Sacred Heart Parishioners gathered to celebrate the birthday of their parish priest, Father Benjamin Sim, S.J. on April 17, 2011 with a Mass followed by lunch at the Sacred Heart Center. The youth prepared a most enjoyable program. Some young people from the mainland participated. Father Ramon Mores, S.J. enlightened the guests on the life of Fr. Ben. *Ad Mañnos Atanos, Father Ben!*



### Lenten Recollection

Rose Coloengco, SHPLA veep and Worship Committee chair, invited Father Ben de Guzman, S.J. to give a one day Lenten Recollection on March 13 (1st Sunday of Lent). It was open to all parishioners and the Sacred Heart Center was filled with members of the parish mandated organizations, a good start for the observance of Lent.

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March 20, 2011 was the first Communion Day for twenty students from Cebu Eastern College and Cherish School (non-sectarian schools). The SHPLA Catechism Committee (Rosie Tio, Dante Dy, Lolly Yau and Milaros Lorenzo) organized the eventful day with Fr. Ramon Mores, S.J. officiating at the Mass at St. Francis Xavier Chapel. The parents of the students were fully present and happy to witness this important day in the lives of their children.



### Easter Triduum

Archbishop Amonio Ledesma, S.J. of the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro conducted the Easter Triduum talks this year (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Mornings). The Sacred Heart Center overflowed with people from all walks of life and of all ages to hear the good bishop speak on the practical aspects of Christian living. They were enlightened with the social teachings of the church with reference to the documents of Vatican II, PCP II and the encyclicals of the popes that call for renewal to be a church of the poor. Archbishop Ledesma is at the vanguard of Natural Family Planning. His talk convinced the audience to propagate Natural Family Planning as an alternative to certain aspects of the RH Bill. Counselors from Cagayan de Oro may be requested to train local counselors.

### Malaysian Jesuits at Sacred Heart Parish

Bro. Sebastian Young S.J. and Bro. Alvin Ng, S.J. of Malaysia, have been in the Philippines for two years, taking up theology at Loyola School of Theology in Manila. They spent their summer break getting acquainted with parish ministry. Their first assignment was to help Fr. Archie Caramputan, S.J. in the lived-in three days retreat at Betania Retreat House last March 25-27, 2011. Bro. Sebastian was recalled to Manila after two weeks while Bro. Alvin stayed on, participating in the numerous activities of the parish. The SHPLA took advantage of his vast knowledge of the Bible and organized a series of lectures open to all. Bro. Alvin has command of several languages, Hebrew, Greek, Latin for his studies; Bahasa Malaysia, Mandarin, Amoy, Cantonese, Hakka, English and Tagalog which he picked up in Manila. The audience were shocked to hear that there is no "Adam and Eve". They were just figures created by the author to give substance to the story of creation as can be seen in the stories of the beginning of the human race by different peoples on earth. Most in the audience have been taught the Catholic Catechism and were comfortable and contented in their belief. Bro. Alvin opened their eyes. The ladies, men and guests have been much enlightened and are inspired to read and study the Bible as one means to deepen their faith, moving towards a more intimate relationship with their creator.





## Spirit-breathing God

On the first page of the Bible, God is breathing. We encounter there a breathing God, a spirit-sharing creator. The spirit is hovering over the depths, over the formless void. God's breath, God's life, God's wind, God's energy, God's Spirit, hovering over the deep. The very inner being of God hovering over the deep, bringing life out of death, order out of chaos, harmony out of dissonance. Can we see and recognize that same Spirit-breathing God in the risen Jesus?

It is on the first day of a new week that Jesus breathes on his disciples. His resurrection day is the first day of a new creation. He personally is hovering over the chaos of the void, the dark empty deep of the earth. In his breathing God is breathing again.

In the book of Exodus, as Moses and the people are moving to freedom, the east wind dries up the sea before them. The east wind: the breath of God arising from the place where the sun itself arises? Arising from the future? Can we see and recognize a spirit-breathing God, a liberating east wind in the breath of the risen Christ?

## Reflections on the Matteo Ricci Pilgrimage

It has been sometime since we returned from the Matteo Ricci Pilgrimage. Yet every time I think about it, I cannot help but feel that sense of peace, the surge of love, that longing to go back and experience it all over again.

The whole pilgrimage was a Spirit-filled, Spirit-led journey from shrine to shrine. We followed the path of Matteo Ricci by arriving first in Macau. Then we visited a little church on the island of Shanchuan where St. Francis Xavier once lay dying looking towards the mainland where he longed to go and preach. But on the very same year (1552) Francis died, Matteo Ricci was born and later succeeded him. Matteo Ricci became the first foreigner ever to enter the imperial courts of China. He became a personal friend of the Emperor. And in the course of sharing his knowledge of Western Sciences with the Emperor and his court, he introduced them to the Christian faith. We marvel at the courage, the ingenuity and the wisdom of this man of God, this Jesuit who knew how to be a friend, how to supply a need and how to win hearts for Christ.

Then we arrived at Shanghai and approached the much revered Marian Shrine of China in Seshan situated on a mountain top. We wondered how the elderly among us can climb all the way to the top while praying the Stations of the Cross. But by the unfailing grace of God and our determination, we ALL



Jesus has risen from the east like the rising sun itself and breathes on his huddled disciples. His breath is a breath of freedom, this time for an even greater movement to freedom, an even fuller liberation. "He breathed on them and said to them 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'"

Our hymns and prayers throughout the Easter season speak of new creation and new exodus, the end of life as a formless void, the end of hostility, alienation and any form of sin that could contain and enslave people in their inward-looking huddles.

In our own fears and limitations, can we muster the spirit to respond to the presence of Christ among us today with such a song? Maybe we need to fasten our seatbelts to respond to the presence of his spirit, to breathe in the whirlwind.

*Corbis Eddy, Who Knows the Shape of God? Homilies and Reflections for Year B (Shannon-News), 2002, P 117-118*

made it to the top, happy and exhilarated! As if that's not enough, the eldest of us all, Fr. Chuang, age 88, was so refreshed after the climb that he even celebrated the Mass following it!

Without a shadow of a doubt, God was with us from beginning to end. As we travel, we realized that we were in the company of people who sincerely cared and looked out for each other. We seemed to look at one another MORE lovingly. We seemed to see each other with NEW EYES. We realized that we were looking at each other with the LOVE OF THE LORD!

During this time of GRACE, we seem to know that our self-worth is NOT WHO WE ARE OR WHAT WE HAVE. We KNOW that we are endlessly precious because of Christ living in each one of us!

So much so that even the teen-agers among us, they loved and cared about the seniors helping them in every way, giving them priority, supporting them as they walked, tirelessly carrying their things. Throughout the pilgrimage such acts of love touch us no end.

Finally we arrived at the climax of our pilgrimage in Beijing where we paid our respects at the tomb of Matteo Ricci and the tombstones of 62 other Jesuit missionaries in China. All these brave men of God risked all, sacrificed all for the love of God and His people. We honored them and Matteo Ricci; we thank God for sending such men into our midst.

At the end of our pilgrimage we carried home with us our gratitude to God, our love for our brothers and sisters and the determination to live with them in love and in unity. We pray that at the end of this long Pilgrimage of our lives, we may arrive at the Holiest of all Shrines and see Him face to face.

Rose Coleongco  
Vice President  
Sacred Heart Parish Ladies Association

## Zamboanga Chapter

### Activities of St. Joseph Filipino-Chinese Catholic Association

Contributed by: Dr. Araceli T. Tan  
President

Advent Recollection: We had our advent recollection **December 12, 2010** at St. Joseph School Conference hall. Our recollection speaker was Sister Agnes Wong, MMB (Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz), the daughter of Past President Abelarda Wong. She talked about the significance of the 5 Advent Candles thus: 1st Sunday of Advent, "Prophesy Candle" candle of hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah, 2nd Sunday of Advent, "Bethlehem Candle of LOVE, symbolizing Christ's manager, 3rd Sunday of Advent, pink or rose colored "Shepherds candle", it represents joy, 4th Sunday of Advent, "Angels Candle represents peace; and 5th candle on Christmas Eve "Christ Candle" represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. She also emphasized God's memory " Fullness of Life with God". All the participants were enlightened; Advent and Christmas celebrations became more meaningful.



### December 19, 2010 visit of Cotabato Past President Lily Uy and Company



December 19, 2010



Misa de Aguinado (Misa de Gallo) December 21, 2010, with Archbishop Romulo Valles as the Mass Celebrator.

Christmas Party: December 28, 2010 held at Garden Orchid Hotel

We had 6 groups who presented Christmas carols, Christmas story drama and raffles. Most of our members were present including Parish Priest Fr. Andy Barcelo, Chinese Priests Fr. Chang and Fr. Joseph and the staff of St. Joseph Church.



Gift Giving at the Home for the Elderly January 19, 2011



Sto. Niño Feast Day Celebration January 16, 2011.

- 11:00AM Blessing of Sto. Niño statues
- 2:00PM Procession
- 3:00PM Distribution of goodies to children
- Distribution of the Sto. Niño statues to the community
- 4:00 Mass



SJCCWA celebrated the Lunar Chinese New Year February 03, 2011. Drum and Bugle Performances by the St. Joseph School Students

Holy Mass was presided by Archbishop Romulo Valles. A Lion/Dragon Dance preceded the breakfast of Chinese delicacies as siopao, siomai, etc.



## Zamboanga Chapter

On February 11, 2011, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, SJFCCWA members visited the sick at the Zamboanga Medical Center Pediatric ward.

Fr. Andy Barcela anointed the little ones while members distributed goodies.



The FFCCWO condole with Director Leticia Suarez (2008-2010) on the demise of her beloved husband Leonardo. The family came to Cebu January 11 to attend the Sinulog Festival. They were early to make time for a trip to Simlala, a place of apparitions by the Blessed Mother (not yet approved by the church) to thank Our Lady for their prayed-for grandson Jose Manuel. Leonardo made the steep climb to the chapel and suffered a heart attack; declared D.O.A. upon rushed to the Sibonga Medical Center. Leonardo had a premonition of his death. He said he wouldn't want to spend his hard-earned money on life-sustaining remedies when he saw a patient covered with tubes at a hospital. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for the family Leticia, their three sons and daughters-in-law, two daughters and sons-in-law and three grandsons that he left behind. May the Lord and the Blessed Mother be with them in their bereavement.



Leonardo Francisco Suarez  
June 1, 1951 - Jan. 12, 2011

## Surigao Chapter

### San Nicolas de Tolentino Ladies Circle

Last October 4, 2009, the beloved mother of Past President Virginia Cordero and Auditor Josefina Cordero passed away. In less than 2 years after her passing, on Feb. 21, 2011, their father Samson Yu Cordero Sr., (91 years old) who has been for 13 years comatose, peacefully joined her and our Creator in heaven. The Cordero family would like to thank all the family, relatives and friends who came all the way from different parts of the country to pay their last respects to a very generous, humble and loving person.. We know that Samson Cordero Sr. has touched many lives in one way or another. Eternal rest grant unto him, oh, Lord; and let thy perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace! Our condolences to the Cordero Family.



The Ladies Circle organized and sponsored the catechism classes for 35 Sun Yat Sen elementary students in preparation for receiving their first holy communion. The classes were held every weekend, Saturdays and Sundays in February and the first two weekends in March.



On March 18, the students made their First Confession.

The Feast of St. Joseph, March 19 was First Communion Day for 35 students from Grade III to Grade VI with a Special Mass officiated by Father Charles. The first communicants were given their Certificates, Rosaries and prayer guides.

## Dagupan Chapter

### Celebrating the Lunar New Year with Thanksgiving

By: Brown Joy C. Lim

Chinese New Year is the most awaited and most celebrated occasion in the Lunar Calendar. It is a time when families and friends come together to wish each other a prosperous and fruitful year to come.



In our parish, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, the Filipino-Chinese community celebrated Chinese New Year with a Chinese Mass, and this year's celebration proved to be a very special one because it was a concelebrated Mass by Most Rev. Socrates B. Villegas, D.D., the Archbishop of Metropolitan Lingayen-Dagupan. After the Mass, fireworks showered the festivities and the community gathered together for a feast of the traditional *tikay* and tea.



The Family Action of St. Therese (F.A.S.T.) together with the Holy Family Lay Association (HOFLA-another parish based Filipino-Chinese organization) hosted a dinner in celebration of the occasion.



Whenever there is talk about Chinese New Year, the topic of food can never be left out. Besides the belief that food also nourishes the soul, it also symbolizes the prosperity and abundance for the year ahead. Thus, traditionally last February 7, 2011, we, the F.A.S.T. members together with the FCY Dagupan Chapter hosted lunch at the Missionaries of Charity Home for the Elderly and Handicapped as a way of sharing the blessings that the good Lord has showered upon us.

As we end and begin a year, we center our gratitude and thanksgiving in prayer to our Almighty God for the bountiful year that has passed in the hope of a prosperous new year ahead.



## Iloilo Chapter



### DECEMBER 2010

We have an annual Christmas gift-giving, a Rummage Sale of clothing, toys, Christmas decors, housewares, office supplies, books, and foods donated by our CWA members held at the Sta. Maria Parish. Proceeds from the sale was used to buy groceries for indigent families of the different barangays in the city. Unsold clothing and toys were added to the grocery package for gift-giving. CWA also sponsored Masses for Simbang Gabi, Christmas and New Year.



### FEBRUARY 2011

In celebration of the Chinese New Year, a Chinese New Year Mass was held on February 6, 2011 at the Sta. Maria Parish Church. The Honorable City Mayor of Iloilo, Patrick Jed Mabilog, heard Mass together with the parishioners, students of the different Chinese schools and members to the Chinese family associations who came mostly in their red Chinese attire.



To give honor and reverence to God Almighty, the celebration was opened by a Lion Dance of the Sun Yat Sen High School Lion Dance Troupe and offertory dance by the Sun Yat Sen High School students. Chinese ancestral rites ceremony was incorporated in the Mass.

Students from different Chinese schools read the Prayers of the Faithful in English and Hiligaynon, and in different Chinese dialects.



The Mass was presided over by Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian, SVD, with Fr. Robbie San, S.J., Fr. Salty de la Rama, S.J., and a guest from Thailand, Fr. Petrus Puspo Penstro, S.J. as Co-Presiders. Mr. Ceasar Pelayo, President of the Philippine Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and Industry-Panay Chapter, served as Master of Ceremonies.



## Tacloban Chapter



Father Rex Ramirez inducted the new set of officers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Women's Association for 2010-2012 last Jan. 9, 2011; with Spiritual Director Father Edgar Macalalag, officers and members posed for posterity.



### Sacred Heart of Jesus Women's Association

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The Chinese Lunar New Year Thanksgiving Mass was sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish Council and the Sacred Heart of Jesus Women's Association on Feb. 6, 2011.



Some officers and members of the Sacred Heart Parish Council and the Sacred Heart of Jesus Women's Association together on the occasion of the Chinese Lunar New Year Thanksgiving Mass.



## Dumaguete Chapter

### Mary Immaculate Parish Women's Association Ladies in Tagum, Davao

One Friday morning, March 11, 2011 @ 7:25 am -

Seven MIPWA ladies along with our parish priest Fr. Ray Pascual and Fr. Eking Balongag were on a Cebu Pacific flight bound for Tagum, Davao, to attend the 8th Presidents and Secretaries meeting. It is a full force campaign for the FFCCWO 16th National Convention in 2012 which the Dumaguete Chapter will be hosting.

Of course, the group will never be complete without the presence of the convention chairperson Mrs. Anesia Sy, who flew all the way from Manila to Davao to join the group. "Thank you Nang Aning..."



Then our dear Nang Aning's sweet pleading voice invited all to visit Dumaguete and support the 2012 Convention.



On Saturday morning, March 12, @ 11:30 am -

A 30 minutes time slot was given for the campaign presentation. Fr. Eking started the talk with a flashback of how and why the chapter accepted to host the convention. According to him, it was not a coincidental but providential decision, based on that day's Gospel reading, a year ago at Fontana, Pampanga, The parable of the Fig tree...for three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?..." Reflection on this: "Be fruitful, be useful, and do not say NO..." The beginning of the statement "Dumaguete will not say NO".



Indeed, it was such a fulfilling campaign concluding with Fr. Ray's unexpected finale song rendered to the ladies, who were so "kilig" to the bones for more.



After which the chapter president, Mrs. Lorna Lla, showed video clips of Dumaguete, with a commentary in her "ala Italiana" voice.



So, ladies, see you in Dumaguete and dayon!!!