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•Editorial•

Greetings!

The editorial staff is now ready to accept write ups/ articles of your chapter activities for the next issue of the Humanitas in August 2014. Deadline for submission of articles is July 5, 2014.

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Also, for everyone's information, the best bargain that we could get for the cost of each copy of the Humanitas is P68.00, freight and handling not included. For an order of 1000 copies for every issue we would be paying P 68,000.00. For three (3) issues a year the cost would be a whopping P 204,00.00! And for the cost of two (2) years, which is 6 issues the grand total is P 408,000.00! We are therefore earnestly appealing, and hoping for each chapter's kindness and generosity by increasing your donation to the FFCCWO fund.

To our sister, Irene Yusingco, who has finally gotten her wish to retire from her editorial post, we wish her well. May she continue to live and enjoy life to the fullest, away from spending hours after hours of pouring over our articles. Good luck sister Irene, and do keep in touch!

The Editorial Staff

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Bishop Leopoldo C. Jaucian, SVD,D.D.

Nat'l. Coordinator and FFCCWO Spiritual Adviser

Valedictory Address

Your Excellency, Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian, SVD, National Coordinator of the Chinese Filipino apostolate and spiritual director of FFCCWO, Reverend Monsignori, Reverend Fathers, and Reverend Sisters; COP Pres. Jenny Ng Chee and members of the council of presidents, Dativa Ong, our convention chairperson and members of the host chapter, my beloved sisters, members of the board of directors and members from the different chapters of the FFCCWO, guests and friends, a wonderful and blessed evening to all.

Two years ago, you entrusted me a big responsibility by electing me the National President of this Federation. I had no plans at all in taking this position; however, I was inspired by Sis. Aning Sy of the Dumaguete Chapter when she told me that "God's call to serve must not be rejected." I made myself available even though deep inside me I was reluctant and do not know what this position would require of me. It was just a few months after my husband passed away when this mission was given to me. I was used to just taking care of my family and focused on our business. However, I realized that it was not just my family that God wanted me to take care of but the bigger family, all of you my sisters in the Federation, and it was not just to focus on my business, but on God's Business, His work, His mission. God had actually entrusted me a responsibility, not to be the boss, but to be His humble and obedient servant.

I would not have accomplished this mission, if not for the support and help of the following to whom I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude and appreciation.

First, to our beloved Bishop, Bishop Pol Jaucian. Thank you for accompanying us in our chapter visits. Despite your very busy schedule, and having to travel for several hours from Abra to Manila, you had always been with us, guiding and inspiring us. Thank you so much for being our spiritual director and friend.

Second, to my beloved family, my three children and 5 grandchildren, I thank you for your understanding. My concerns had become your concerns too. You have always assured me of your love and given me support in our projects.

Third, to my sisters in the National Board, I thank you for being present in almost all board meetings, visitations and outreach projects. Thank you for being so supportive and committed. I will always treasure the friendship we have developed and I look forward to other occasions we could be together.

Lastly, to my beloved sisters, officers and members of the different chapters, I thank you for your warm welcome during our visitations; thank you for inspiring us for we have witnessed your commitment in loving and serving the Lord in your own way in your respective chapters.

Indeed, because of your sacrifices and dedication, you made this federation truly an instrument of God's presence and love for His Church.

Special thanks and congratulations for our sisters of Tagbilaran chapter, despite being hit by the strong earthquake, you have managed to host this convention.

Indeed, during these two years, God has given us several opportunities to express our concern and charity to people affected by various calamities. Thank you very much for your generous contribution thru our Sharing God's Love. Special thanks to Msgr. Bong Lo for extending his assistance and for helping us to ask more donations from his friends and parishioners.

We have shown our compassion and shared God's Love to the victims of typhoon Pablo in Compostela Valley in Davao, to the Zamboanga Seige evacuees, earthquake survivors in Bohol, survivors of typhoon Yolanda in Tacloban, Capiz, Roxas and Kalibo and lastly, typhoon Agaton in Butuan. All these were opportunities for us to show our solidarity to those in need. And I believe that in our own simple way, we have done our humble share in reaching out to them.

By the grace of God, in the best way I could, I offered my time, talent and treasure. I heard some people say that what we have accomplished in the past two years is a hard act to follow or continue. However, let me tell you, all these were done not by ourselves, but by the grace of God, and for His greater glory. We simply responded to His call, and made ourselves available, So as the year of the Laity invites us, let us choose to be brave.

To our incoming national president, Luisa Ng and the new members of the board, just always follow the Lord, let Him surprise you and do everything for His glory.

Finally, tonight, I was tempted to say, "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED;" however, inspired by Mama Mary, she never said those words: rather I join our Blessed Mother in saying, "Be it done to me according to Your Word." May God continue to shower His blessing to all of us.

Thank you.

Juana T. Go
Outgoing National Pres. 2012-2014



Luisa Ng

National President 2014-2016



Acceptance Speech

Your Excellency, the Most Rev. Leopoldo Jaucian, DD, Bishop of Bangued and Spiritual Director of the Filipino-Chinese Apostolate in the Philippines, Immediate Past President, Juanna Go, members of the National Board of the Federation of Filipino Chinese Catholic Women's Organizations, Council of Presidents, delegates from all over the country to the 17th National Convention, guests and friends:

My election as president of the Federation of Filipino Chinese Catholic Women's organizations is a welcome development. Although I never aspired to be in the position, I say welcome development because I sincerely welcome it as a gift that God has given me so that I too, like my predecessors, may have a share of humbly serving my sisters in the Federation this way.

I look at this as a bonus: this is a bonus because like everyone here, all I wanted in joining the ladies circle of Iloilo was to work on my relationship with my Lord and to slowly but surely craft a life of holiness, one that fits a daughter of the Heavenly Father. But as serving a huge federation such as this is a calling, I humbly accept this with the prayer that I may be able to primarily glorify our God and give him honor by the works that I shall carry out as your president.

At the start of my term, allow me to recall a part of the theme that to me is an urgent call that deserves attention. Our theme for the 17th National Convention is calling on all of us sisters in the Federation to become evangelizers. Evangelizers are messengers of God. By this, therefore, we are called to share the message of love and service to others. While we recognize that we can only do so much, remember that "all things can be made possible with God on our side".

I do not know how the next two years within my watch will unfold. I do not know what God will ask me to respond to while I lead all of you sisters in the Federation. But there is a point that I would like all of us to ponder and consider at the start of my term. I want all of us to remember always what Mother Teresa once said, "God does not want us to be successful; He asks us to be faithful."

We may not accomplish as much as the others did. But being faithful to Him in all things will be more than enough.

Thank you chapter presidents and secretaries for the vote of confidence. Thank you dear spiritual fathers for constantly guiding all the chapters. I am humbly accepting my new position all for the glory of God.

God bless us all!




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“Women-Evangelizers of Faith and Love”

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and told her, “...go to my brothers and tell them...” and Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples the she had seen the Lord (cf John 20:11-1`5).



My dear Ladies of the Federation of Filipino Chinese Catholic Women Organization, like Mary Magdalene, take courage for you are called and blessed by the Risen Christ to go forth and share His love to all. At this point let me congratulate the new team of National Board headed by the President, Luisa Ng of Iloilo. Let us all show our support and collaboration with them in their mandate to lead and to guide the Federation in the years 2014-2016. I journey with them in their visitations to the different chapters.

Amidst the challenges that life brings we pray for the grace of Easter Joy in our service and the joy of proclaiming and witnessing the Gospel. Let us remain in God's love with firm faith that Gods love conquers all things.

I request that as a chapter, focus on one action plan to live out your being an evangelizer of faith and love. Choose to be brave. You are heroes called to holiness reaching out to the poor, the elderly and abused women of our society. Love, pray and serve Jesus in them.

Mabuhay. God bless you all!

+LEOPOLDO C. JAUCIAN, SVD, DD

Bishop of Bangued and

National Director, Filipino-Chinese Apostolate

Message to FFCCWO

Fr. Bishop Jaucian

FFCCWO National Board 2014-2016



ILOILO

She may be petite in structure, and may look like any ordinary churchgoer, but behind that seeming simplicity and smallness she is in reality a woman with a magnanimous heart and heap loads of achievements, both in business and in the community, largely in collaboration with her husband, Johnny, and the wholehearted support of their three grown up kids. The numerous awards she received are too many to mention. But one that she values most is her being elected as vice president of the Santa Maria Parish Church Women's Association of Iloilo where she has been doing parish work since 2003. This passion for service was not left unnoticed by the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Catholic Women's Organization where she was elected secretary of its national board (2004-2006), and again as member of the board of directors (2006-2008). Now, she serves as the president of the FFCCWO (2014-2016).

Luisa Ng
President



DAGUPAN

Two words can best describe Ana Maria Lolim, or Maan, as she is fondly called: faithful and charitable. She embodies the Catholic ideals of loving God fully and sharing her blessings generously with the poor and needy.

As a mother she is never wanting in affection and loving care for her children. As a businesswoman she also keeps busy attending to the various demands of the family business, while her husband, Benjie, works diligently behind the scenes. Above all, she is constantly attuned to God in all her daily endeavors.

Presently, she is a member of the FFCCWO Board of Directors after having served as its national treasurer for two consecutive years (2008-2012).

Ana Maria Lolim
Vice-President



CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

Caroline Go Jeun, fondly called Carol, was born in Dumaguete City on July 5, 1963. She is the eldest daughter of Leon and Edelina Go. Her family resides in Cagayan de Oro City. She finished elementary and high school at Kong Hua School. In 1979-1980 she was sent to Connecticut as a Rotary Exchange Student. She graduated with a BSBA degree at the Silliman University in Dumaguete City.

Carol is married to Yang Ju Jeun, a Korean, with whom they have 2 children, Keshia Mae Jeun, 23 years old taking up Chemical Engineering, and Stefan Bryce Jeun, 21 years old taking up Business Management. Both are studying at Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City. Carol loves to cook and plays good golf. She is presently involved with the San Lorenzo Ruiz Filipino Chinese Community, and member of the FFCCWO national board.

Caroline Go. Jeun
Secretary



PACO, MANILA

Shirley Young Cheng is married to Pablo, whom she fondly calls her Lao Kong. They are blessed with two children. She joined the St. Peter the Apostle Parish Ladies Circle in the year 2000, the same year when she experienced her first FFCCWO national convention held in Bacolod. A simple and quiet person, she prefers to work rather than talk, and work she does with all diligence. Presently the president of this chapter, she is slowly getting immersed in the various parish activities, especially with the street children whom she fondly calls her "ampon." Sunday churchgoers in her parish are greeted with a warm welcome, and a sweet smile from this quiet lady. Her reelection as FFCCWO national treasurer makes her all the more humble and determined to do the best she can for the greater glory of the Lord.

Shirley Cheng
Treasurer



NAGA

Rose, as she is fondly called by friends, hails from Legaspi City, Albay, but had to leave her hometown when she married her loved one who is from Naga City. Though she graduated a pharmacist, she did not have a chance to practice her course, and became involved instead in her husband's business. And from there, she spread her wings further by getting involved in numerous socio-civic affairs, even garnering awards for her outstanding achievements.

However busy she is, she still finds time to extend a helping hand and assist in many church activities in her parish, the Naga Metropolitan Cathedral and in Our Lady of Fatima Church through its Catholic women's group, namely, Our Lady of Fatima Association. She also helps in the propagation of the devotion to the Marian and Divine Mercy. With her election as one of the FFCCWO national board of directors, she realizes that the Lord wants her to devote more time to this apostolate.

Rosemary D. Olivan
Director

FFCCWO National Board 2014-2016

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Jocelyn S. Limkaichong
Director

DUMAGUETE

Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong was born in Dumaguete City. Still very much in her prime, she is actively involved in various fields of social, political, economic, cultural and religious activities, thus making her a prominent figure in the city of Dumaguete. A certified public accountant, she was also, at one time, municipal mayor of La Libertad, Negros Oriental, a congressional representative of the 1st district of Negros Oriental, and is affiliated with a number of organizations. Following the footsteps of her mom, Anesia, she has now become an active member of the FFCCWO, having been elected as member of its national board.



Celia Wong Ferrer
Director

BACOLOD

Celia Wong Ferrer was born in Sibalom, Antique, second youngest among five siblings. She practically grew up in Iloilo where she attended and finished elementary and high school at the Sun Yat Sen High School with consistent honors. Similarly, she earned her college and master's degree with high honors. She is married to the late Judge Felix Salgado Ferrer. Celia holds a long list of achievements and recognitions, among which are:

1. A "Banwahon Awardee;"
2. Past president of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate International Bacolod Circle

With Celia's involvement in various religious, civic and cultural organizations, her election to the FFCCWO National Board is another challenge for her to do service for the greater glory of God



Emily Y. Go
Director

DAVAO

Emily Yutankin Go was born on May 19, 1963 in Cebu City, but settled in Davao where, together with her husband, Johnny, now raises a family of four, all of whom are grown up. Emily's involvement with the FFCCWO took quite an unprecedented route when the Davao Sacred Heart Ladies Circle headed by Gloria Go, her mother in law who was then its president, hosted the FFCCWO national convention, and needed support, asked her to join the dance presentation. From then on, the rest is history: from being Davao chapter president, to member of the DSHLC board of directors, and now, member of the FFCCWO national board.

Indeed, there is a time for everything. Emily feels that this is the right time for her to serve the Lord.



Lucy Luy
Director

ZAMBOANGA

Lucy Ang Luy was born in Davao City, but now lives in Zamboanga. She and husband, Manuel, have raised a total of 11 children, truly obeying God's command to "go to the world and multiply." Though having her hands full at raising the kids, and helping in the family business, Lucy has not forgotten that her first and foremost duty is to the Lord. May her membership to the FFCCWO national board equally bring her multiple spiritual blessings to be shared with those who need compassion and love.



Juana T. Go
Ex-Officio 2012-2014

BINONDO, MANILA

Juana T. Go, fondly called "Mommy Juana," needs little or no introduction to the FFCCWO community. She was born on May 24, 1938, and married to Gregorio, now deceased. The couple has a set of twins, George and Jimmy, and an only girl, Carolyne. Now a grandmother to five lovely kids, she could easily sit back and enjoy life, but she chose rather to continue working at the Lord's vineyard, through the FFCCWO where she finds great joy and fulfillment. Her generosity is legendary, because she firmly believes that treasure should be shared with the poor and the needy. She may be already past her term as FFCCWO president, but we know she will continue working with us for the greater glory of God.

Tagbilaran

Chapter



17th National Convention Federation of Filipino Chinese Catholic Women's Organization (FFCCWO) Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City, March 7-9, 2014

Day 1 – Friday, March 7, 2014

Morning Session:

Dressed in their chapter uniforms delegates from thirty FFCCWO Chapters nationwide arrived and were billeted at the Bohol Tropics Resort in Tagbilaran City for the three day 17th National Convention of Federation of Filipino Chinese Catholic Women's Organization. Everyone received a kit after which snacks were served; then lunch, followed by pictorials.

Afternoon Session:

Venue: Dagohoy Grand Ballroom, Bohol Tropics Resort

Attire : Chapter uniform.

A celebration of the Holy Eucharist formally opened the convention. Main celebrant was Most Rev. Leopoldo Y. Medroso, DD, Bishop, Diocese of Tagbilaran. All the visiting priests were co-celebrants led by FFCCWO National Spiritual Director Bishop Leopoldo C. Jaucian. The total amount gathered from the collection basket was donated to the Daus Parish to help in its church restoration. Procession of dignitaries followed after the Holy Mass. Chapter representatives carrying their chapter banner came in first, followed by the Council of Presidents.

Evening Session:

An inspiring message by Tagbilaran City mayor, the Hon. John Geesnell "Baba" Yap served to welcome the delegates. A highly appreciated cultural show, "Hadlang Bol-anon," showcasing several Boholano cultural values capped the evening's entertainment.

Day 2- Saturday, March 8, 2014

Venue: Metro Centre Hotel, Tagbilaran City

Attire : National Uniform

Morning Session:

Main Eucharistic celebrant and FFCCWO spiritual adviser, Rev. Fr. Peterson O. Tieng, together with all visiting priests as co-celebrants,



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Host: Our Lady of Lourdes Ladies' Circle, Tagbilaran City

said the mass in Chinese. Veni Jesu, a choir from the Cebu chapter, sang Chinese hymns during the liturgical service.

Keynote Speaker Rev. Fr. Randy Jasper Calo Odchique, Spiritual Adviser of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Chapter, of Butuan City. His topic: "Women in the Church: Evangelizing in Faith & Love." This year being the year of the laity, poses a challenge to the women to be evangelizers of faith and love. The name "evangelizer" is simply an affirmation of a task that women have been doing for so long – in the church and elsewhere. Foremost evangelizer is Mary, the bringer of God's news. The women who evangelize with the heart are better understood. Like loving mothers, they are endowed with compassionate hearts, willing to listen and provide comfort.

The second speaker was Rev. Msgr. Alberto S. Uy, E.V., a Vicar General from the Diocese of Talibon, Bohol. He gave us a very inspiring message on the role of women as evangelizers in society and in the family as shown in their own lives, sharing the faith with love, affection and tenderness. Church history is full of women evangelizers like Mary Magdala, St. Monica, St. Faustina, and many more. These women played a great role in the history of the church.

The woman in us was really inspired by Fr. Abet when he showed video of his work/advocacy in his parish in Jagna, Bohol. Amazingly, with the help of very poor folks who were victims of the 7.2 magnitude earthquake last October 15, 2013, they built a simple house one day at a time, and turned it over immediately to the recipient upon completion. The women played their part by cooking simple meals for the volunteer workers. This advocacy really inspired the delegates to shell out donations for this project amounting to a total of more than one million pesos which is good for no less than 59 houses for the poor earthquake victims.

Afternoon Session:

Workshop: Attended by 60 participants (2 from each chapter)

Rev. Fr. Randy Odchique headed this workshop and posed three questions in line with the theme of his talk: "Women in the Church: Evangelizers of Faith and Love".

1. What role does our FFCCWO Chapter play in the parish or diocese where we are in existence?



2. In what ways do our activities (outreach, liturgical, socio-civic in nature) enrich and give meaning to our organization as Chinese-Catholic women and to my own personal faith?

3. What suggestions can you make in terms of:

- a. The attitudes and values among members to make FFCCWO more effective as an organization of evangelizers.
- b. The level of recognition and acceptance that parishes and diocese give so that FFCCWO might help more in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

There were a number of responses. Some said the FFCCWO has inspired them to continue sharing God's love by conducting catechism to prepare kids for 1st communion and confirmation. They shared their talents such as painting skills to kids as well as old people. The various calamities that struck our country served as an avenue for the members to reach as many victims in Luzon, Visayas or Mindanao. Through the various outreaches, whether liturgical or socio-civic in nature, we were able to prove that women can truly help in the evangelization.

Meanwhile, there was an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with guided meditation for non-workshop participants.

Evening Session

Venue : Dauis Assumption Garden Square

A sumptuous meal was laid on the buffet table, while music and concert by the three "Angelos" kept the young ones entertained.

Day 3- Sunday, March 9, 2014

Venue : Convention Hall, Bohol Tropics Resort

Attire : Chapter uniform

Morning Session:

The day started with a Eucharistic celebration with Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian as the main celebrant and all the visiting priests as co-celebrants.

The following were the elected FFCCWO officers for the year 2014-2016: President-Luisa Ng of the Iloilo chapter, Vice President- Maan Lolim, Dagupan Chapter, Secretary- Caroline Jeun, Cagayan de Oro chapter, Treasurer- Shirley Cheng, Mla. St. Peter chapter, Board of Directors: Celia Ferrer, Bacolod, Jocelyn Limkaichong, Dumaguete, Emily Go, Davao, Lucy Luy, Zamboanga, and Rosemary Oliovan, Naga.

The 3rd Speaker was Dr. Gaines Marie Rosario, Head, Lay Formation Center, The Formation Arm of the Archdiocese of Manila. Topic: "The Joy & Challenges of a Woman Evangelizer". Mrs. Rosario cited the joys and challenges of a woman evangelizer. She said that both go together, and with love, respect follows.



The family especially is a seedbed of memories which are rich sources of lessons in faith, hope and Christian values. The task of evangelization may be demanding, but undoubtedly, it is also transforming.

Legaspi City Chapter will host the next 18th national convention in 2016.

Afternoon Session: Free Time

Some delegates spent time in the beaches or exploring the sights. Some went to Antequerra to witness the blessing ceremony of the newly completed temporary church.

Evening Session:

Venue : Panglao Island Nature Resort
Attire: Semi-Formal

The evening started with a fellowship dinner. The Loboc Ambassador's Band was the mainstay of the evening's entertainment.

A video presentation was shown highlighting Sharing God's Love's past activities.

Drawing of raffle tickets , winners were the following:

- 1st Prize : P30,000.00 Ticket# 03052
- Cotabato Chapter**
- 2nd Prize : P20,000.00 Ticket# 05218
- Virac Chapter**
- 3rd Prize : P10,000.00 Ticket# 10560
- Davao Chapter**
- Consolation prizes at P5,000.00 each
- Ticket# 07412
- Tacloban Chapter**
- Ticket# 01899 Iloilo Chapter
- Ticket# 06869 Bacolod Chapter
- Ticket# 07981 D u m a g u e t e Chapter (donated back to Sharing God's Love Fund)

After the valedictory address of outgoing FFCCWO president, Juana Go, the new set of FFCCWO officers for year 2014-2016, was announced and duly inducted by Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian.

The music continued throughout the night. Some stayed behind, but most delegates who were tired to the bones left for the hotel for a much-needed rest.

PICO DE LORO-“BEAK OF THE PARROT” The Fourth Board Meeting

February 6, 2014 - After a two-hour long ride from Manila, we arrived at Pico de Loro, Nasugbu, Batangas at 10:00am. We were welcomed with hot ginger ale and refreshing towelettes by the staff of Pico de Loro Bar.

At 10:30am the National Board headed by Ms Juana Go started their board meeting at the Pico de Loro restaurant. They had a perfect attendance which includes, Vice President Luisa Ng, Secretary Carol Jeun, Treasurer Shirley Cheng, and Board of Directors, Anita Lee, Dativa Ong, Lilia Grino, Vergie Po, Dr. Araceli Tan, FFCCWO spiritual director, Bishop Pol Jaucian, ex-Officio Raquel Lu and of course, the BFF of Tita Juana, Tita Mely Tieng..

Pico de Loro is exclusively for members only, but through the combined efforts and good name of Bishop Jaucian, head of the Archdiocese of Abra and Tita Mely Tieng, the National Board was able to hold their fourth board meeting there. I was one of the four guests present, the three others were Brenda Gan of Binondo, Manila, Mila Hiyon of Capiz and Dominga Sun, sister of Tita Juana.

The Pico de Loro restaurant offers Asian and Continental cuisines. We were given water proof wrist tags so that we could freely roam around the hotel's vast and beautiful premises and take a swim in the cool pool water. There were plenty of outdoor eco-adventures like biking, trekking, fish feeding, cove tour, diving, kayaking, snorkeling, wind surfing, beach volleyball and football.

We went sightseeing for a while. Later on we attended the mass at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Chapel officiated by Bishop Pol Jaucian. Carol Jeun served as our instant, effective and willing sacristan. An instant choir was also formed headed by Raquel Lu, Shirley Cheng, Anita Lee, Dr. Araceli Tan, Vergei Po and yours truly.

After the mass we went to the pools in swim suits. We were joined by Tita Juana Go and Tita Mely Tieng. We were like happy little children laughing and exchanging jokes, especially Tita Mely's jokes while enjoying the cool pool waters.

We rested after dinner at 7:30. Unable to sleep we gathered ourselves and practiced for the mass set for the following day instead.

Raquel Lu, Dr. Cely Tan and I spent a few hours at the beach taking pictures and enjoying the scenery. At 9:00 am before the mass, Bishop Jaucian heard confessions. It being First Friday, our songs were mostly about the Sacred Heart. Bishop Pol Jaucian complimented us, the instant choir, for our much improved singing voice. After the mass it was back again to Manila. Tita Juana treated us to lunch at the Century Seafood Restaurant.

Our heartfelt thanks to Bishop Jaucian and Tita Mely for the opportunity to visit Pico de Loro, and to Tita Juana Go for taking care of our one night accommodation, and the palatable dishes served us - all for free. Muchas Gracias, Gratis et Amore. Again, maraming salamat po, Tita Juana for everything.

Letty A. Suarez
Zamboanga Chapter



The Best time to give Love

✝ The worst of times is the best time to give love. This is a valuable lesson that we came to learn after a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the heart of Bohol last October 15, 2013 at around 8:12 in the morning. That earthquake is arguably the most destructive of all disasters, natural or man-made, that ever happened in the province in recent memory. The powerful quake had brought down many old, beautiful Churches in Bohol, but definitely not the faith of the people. Despite the unimaginable amount of damages in infrastructure and livelihood, and the hundreds of lives lost, Boholanos have remained steadfast in their trust in God. Remarkably, they even took the disaster as a great opportunity to show their love and concern for one another.

The worst of times is the best time to give love. The parishioners of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Jagna, Bohol gradually came to appreciate this precious lesson when we started to organize ourselves for relief operations few hours after the destructive earthquake. Appealing for immediate and systematic action, this is what I said to the parishioners: "We were spared from serious damages of the earthquake. It has become our great moral obligation to help our suffering neighbors as quickly as possible."

The worst of times is the best time to give love. By our recent experience we in Jagna know this is true. The devastating earthquake has brought the best in many of us. We become generous donors and courageous volunteers who work selflessly for many hours without complaining. Yes, because of the disaster we are turned into heroes and saints.

The worst of times is the best time to give love. Our food relief operations lasted for almost a month, but our rehabilitation efforts for earthquake survivors continue until now. This is made possible because of the generosity of so many people from all over the world, including the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Women's Organizations (FFCCWO), which has extended significant financial assistance for families of the earthquake survivors through Saint Michael the Archangel Parish.

The worst of times is the best time to give love. Amen, Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.
Msgr. Albert "Abet" Uy of Jagna, Bohol

Sharing God's Love

Helen Tiu, Secretary



Typhoon Agaton (Butuan)

In January 2014 typhoon Agaton caused heavy rains, and flooded even those areas which had not experienced this kind of weather before. Many went hungry and were left homeless.

Our chapter president, Virgie D. Po, sought relief assistance from the FFCCWO National Board, and immediately received one hundred thousand pesos. From this, our Butuan chapter bought rice and canned goods and turned them over to the Father Urios University through its head, Fr. Randy Odchigue. There they facilitated the distribution of goods even to the remotest areas.

In January 2014 our local chapter also had the opportunity to share God's love by donating some funds to 600 jobless families who worked for Mr. Lando Lim, manager of a plywood company in which area also suffered some devastation. This time we felt it was our chance to reciprocate Mr. Lim, who is a generous donor to our Bigay Puso project every December. This relief giving activity was the first ever most publicized activity of our organization. It was heartwarming to see people appreciate our effort.

January is also a time of mourning for the family of the late Atty. Roger Manzano who passed away recently. The late attorney is the son of Mrs. Ederlina Manzano, FFCCWO member, Iriga, Camarines Sur chapter. Though saddened by the attorney's demise, they felt comforted by the thought that they were not alone in their time of bereavement.

Typhoon Yolanda (Tacloban)



On February 13, 2014, together with President Juana Go, COP Mely Tieng, national treasurer, Shirley Cheng, national secretary, Carol Jeun, board of directors, Anita Lee and Virgie Po, and our beloved Bishop Jaucian, we visited Tacloban to celebrate Valentine's Day with our sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Women's Association, Tacloban chapter. The sight of the impact of typhoon Yolanda's devastation simply broke our hearts. The beauty of Tacloban still lingers in our mind when we last visited it in September 14, 2013. Looking at it now, in total ruins, is simply mind boggling. Filled with compassion, the FFCCWO,

through its Sharing God's Love Fund, donated P1M to Archbishop John Du of Palo, Leyte to help rebuild his parishes, which we learned, a total of 70 churches were destroyed. A donation of GI sheets and nails was also given to the parishioners of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, while the Sacred Heart School received 20 units of computer.





OUR LADY OF HOLY ROSARY PARISH

ANTEQUERA, BOHOL

Fr. Leonel M. Grado
Parish Priest, Our Lady of
the Holy Rosary Parish



Sharing is a grace from God and takes many forms. For the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Catholic Women's Organization (FFCCWO) they manifested this by helping to build a temporary church for the parishioners of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, Antequera, Bohol, Philippines

Antequera is one of the towns badly hit by the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that cast its wrath on that fateful day of October 15, 2013. The whole town was almost totally devastated including the Antequera Church. In the meantime masses were held at the Antequera covered court, sharing the limited space with the LGU. There was an urgent need to look for a suitable place of worship away from the noise and rubble. Our funds were low, so rebuilding the church and helping the parishioners seemed an insurmountable task. Prayers were our only recourse.

God answered our prayers. Donations poured in from all over, but most of all the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Catholic Women's Organization (FCCWO), headed by its national president, Juana T. Go, and Tagbilaran chapter president, Dativa Ong came to our rescue and offered to help us build a temporary church, which includes securing the church perimeter with iron grills, and tile flooring of the church floor area.

Everything and everybody were mobilized for the quick construction of this temporary church. Thus barely two months after the devastation, we were able to hold our midnight mass on December 31, 2013 in this half-finished church. On March 9, 2014, coinciding with the 17th National Convention of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Catholic Women's Organization held in Tagbilaran City, we were all set for the blessing and inauguration of the newly completed temporary Antequera church. This momentous event was attended by members of the local church hierarchy and religious organizations, as well as countless parishioners and the laity. It is truly amazing to receive this outpouring of God's graces and love through our generous benefactors, especially the FFCCWO which has made the impossible happen: a temporary church where God's flock may gather again to worship.

Bacolod Chapter



Irene L. Coo

On February 2014 President Ninfa Tan was re-elected president of St. Mary's Association precisely because of her dedication and hard work. The new set of officers for year 2014-2016 are as follow:

President:	Ninfa Tan	Asst. treasurer:	Leda Ang
Vice President:	Nancy Chua	PRO:	Mildred King, Susan Be, Teresita Sia
Secretary :	Jeanne Ramos	Business Managers:	Ching Ortega, Lourdes Lim Cristita Yu, Pelagia Capalaran
Asst. Secretary:	Irene Coo	Advisers:	All Past Presidents
Treasurer:	Cristina Chua		
Spiritual Adviser:	Rev. Fr. Peterson O. Tieng , LRMS Fr. Peterson O. Tieng		

inducted the new set of officers.

On February 21-23, 2014 the first Chinese Marriage Encounter was held at the Negros Women Building. All the three participating couples expressed happiness for having joined this encounter. Aside from the personal sharing of the couples, Fr. Pete added some romantic touches to his own pieces of advice to the couples.

The Bacolod Chapter was composed of 22 delegates to the FFCCWO National Convention from March 7-9, 2014 in Bohol. It was a pleasant surprise to listen to a very articulate master of ceremonies, Ms. Ardi Araneta, whose sense of humor kept everybody laughing in their seats. We thank the Bohol Chapter for a very good preparation. We also laud the heartfelt effort of the National President, Juana Go, who truly put into action the theme, "Sharing God's Love" by unselfishly sharing her treasure. She is really a lady with a golden heart. We continued to witness her generosity at the Presidents' Night party celebration. What a generous spirit!

Back home from Bohol, we put up a list of weekly Lenten recollections. Speakers came from Laguna, Manila and other parts of the Philippines. The talk on Spiritual Warfare given by Fr. Francis Piquia elicited an overflowing crowd. Another Lenten recollection by Fr. Bob McConaghy is due on March 22- 23, 2014. He will talk on the topic: Lenten: Journey of Conversion and Renewal. Again, this talk will be a crowd drawer. Meanwhile, we have stations of the cross every Friday of Lent. Surely, all these activities will help us in our continued effort to follow the Lord.

Outgoing Butuan chapter President



On March 03, 2014, our well-loved president, Ms. Virgie Po turned over the presidency to her successor, Mrs. Felisa Gumagay.

Though Ms. Po has remained single, she enjoys life; she devotes her time to do works of charity, she is a member of the FFCCWO, being at one time a national board member, thus has made countless friends far and wide. Those who know her can't help but love her for she has such a compassionate and loving heart; forgiving and slow to anger. She is truly a wonderful creation of God, for she has a special affection for the poor, the sick and the needy. And this lady can also cook well. No wonder her delicious recipes are always in demand.

To the incoming president of her chapter, she assured Mrs. Gumagay of her cooperation and wholehearted support.



Founding President of FFCCWO Butuan Chapter Comes Back to Head Chapter Anew



After a majority decision of its members, Mrs. Felisa Gumagay, founder and first president of the FFCCWO Butuan chapter is back to head the chapter again. Some 15 years ago a group of 8 FFCCWO members from the Davao chapter headed by its president, Nancy Lim, came to Butuan to visit a fellow "Davaoweno," Felipe, who happens to be the husband of Felisa. Felipe, who is a devout Catholic, a member of the Knights of Columbus and a lay minister of the church, together with wife Felisa were given a tall order by this group of ladies to organize Butuan and Surigao chapters of the FFCCWO. The mission was accomplished, thanks to the couple, Felipe and Felisa Gumagay.



Our new president, Felisa, is a graduate of Chiang Kai Shek College Manila. She taught Chinese in different schools in the Philippines, but settled at last in Butuan where she met and married her husband, Felipe. They have five children, all of whom are successful in their own careers.

Blessed with a beautiful family and abundant financial resources, the couple is giving back to the community some of the blessings that they are enjoying. They know full well that the greatest path towards fulfillment is not in knowing what we want and how to get it, but in knowing what we have, and how to share it. Congratulations!

Iligan Chapter

After Kolambugan, Suroy Suroy sa Lanao del Norte, then a stop over at Gerona Park, Buruan-Iligan City

Iligan Ladies meet Ozamis Ladies at Mukas Kolambugan Lanao del Norte for the turn over of the image of Our Lady of China last Feb.9,2014.

Fr.Dwight Calaor administers the Oath of office to the new set of officers of the ILIGAN CHAPTER for 2014-2016.



Ilegaspi Chapter

DAUGHTERS OF ST. JUDE (DSJ) Officers

President:	Rosita R. Milante
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2nd Vice President:	Jean O. Ravalo
Secretary:	Maribel M. Ranola
Asst. Secretary:	Denny D. Palanca
Treasurer:	Shelley Yao
Asst. Treasurer:	Maritess D. Astillero
Auditor:	Zipporah J. Astillero
Business Manager:	Ma. Asela M. Yu
PRO:	Rita R. Palanca

Date of Election: July 07, 2013

Date of Induction: December 08, 2013

No. of Term: 2 years

Cagayan de Oro
• Chapter •



President: Rose Chua
Vice-Pres: Lydia Tan
Secretary: Susan Lao
Assistant Secretary: Atty Joyce Kho
Treasurer: Celia Sia

Assistant Treasurer: Nelfa Go
Auditor: Rosita Tanleh
Assistant Auditor: Beth Uy
Pro: Carol Jeun
Assistant Pro: Marilyn Tan

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Lucy Liong
Adelfa Sia
Mila Rodriguez
Marlyn Tan
Lydia Ching

Denvi Cabrera
Trining Go

The San Lorenzo Ruiz ladies circle has elected its new set of officers for the year 2014 - 2016. The new officers took their oath of office before father Gil Escalante last march 23, 2014 and was witnessed by the San Lorenzo Ruiz Fil-Chinese community. With the commitment to serve the community with faith, hope, love & might, we can say that the next two years will indeed be another fruitful term ahead. Congratulations ladies!

Cagayan de Oro
• Chapter •

Lydia Y. Ching
San Lorenzo Ruiz, CDO secretary

We Were There Too, All 40 Of Us From Cagayan de Oro City



We were a motley crowd of participants composed of six couples, two octogenarian sisters, both great grandmothers, a number of lolas still looking young and so very fashionista, and a lot others who were looking forward to a fruitful and enjoyable time at the convention.

The first day was mostly an occasion to say "how do you do?" to old friends and new acquaintances amidst the jolly confusion while claiming one's kit, brushing elbows coupled with friendly chatter with the one near us during lunch and snack breaks, group picture taking, then highlighted by a Eucharistic celebration. The parade of colors started at mid afternoon followed by reports from the various sections of the federation, and concluded with a sumptuous dinner in the early evening.

The focal points on the second day of the convention were mainly the keynote, inspirational speeches of Rev. Fr. Randy Jasper Calo Odchigue, and Rev. Msgr. Alberto S. Uy, EV. Their talks centered on the importance of women in their role as evangelizers of faith. To say that both their talks were utterly inspiring is an understatement. After Fr. Alberto S.Uy's powerful and heart tugging video presentation of Balay sa Kabos Foundation showing men and women earthquake victims joining hands in building simple houses, so many in the audience were touched and prompted President Juana to generously hand out the first donation of P 100,000.00. This gesture sparked a chain reaction. Other chapters followed with either 500T, 300T, or 100T donations. A total of over 1.1 M was raised in a matter of few minutes. What magnanimity!

The third speaker on the third day was no less inspiring. Dr. Gaines Rosario talked about the joys and challenges of a woman evangelizer by drawing experiences from her own life journey. Her talk was so touchingly beautiful and painfully real. She brought tears to everybody's eyes and melted our hearts. What a lady!

All told we really had a splendid time in Bohol. We had a chance to experience Boholano hospitality both from the simple folks on the streets, and from those well-to-do Boholanos in this lovely city. Thank you so much ladies! See you all in Legaspi!



Cotabato Chapter

We Were There

The FCCWO National Convention is always an eagerly anticipated affair. It is an occasion where the participants from the different chapters meet new friends, renew acquaintances and deepen friendships. It is also the chance to explore new and beautiful places.

The 17th FCCWO National Convention in Tagbilaran, Bohol last March 7-9, 2014 was pushed through despite the tragedy that struck the island province last October 2013. 10 members from the Mary Mediatrix Ladies Circle led by Madam Estrella Uy, a.k.a. Mother Lily, accompanied by their spiritual adviser, Monsignor Antonio Pueyo attended the event. The host chapter was prepared despite the setbacks caused by the earthquake. The venue, the excellent speakers, the various entertainments presented was all highly satisfactory.

One significant gesture which the delegates did was the instantaneous financial assistance of most of the chapters to Fr. Alberto Uy's Bala sa Kabos Foundation which build houses for the earthquake victims. In less than an hour, more than a million pesos was raised and promptly given to him. The magnanimity of the Federation members was once again manifested. May this generosity of spirit live on.

To the Tagbilaran hosts, our heartfelt thanks and our congratulations.

Habemus Cardinalem

March 11, 2014 was a red letter day for the Catholics of Cotabato City as a momentous event occurred. It was actually a double celebration. We have a new cardinal, His Eminence Orlando Cardinal Quevedo, who received the title on February 22, 2014. At the same time the new cardinal was celebrating his 75th birthday on this day, the 11th of March. A thanksgiving mass was celebrated by the Cardinal himself, with the Papal Nuncio as co-celebrant. Dignitaries from all over the country including cardinals, archbishops, bishops, priests and President Benigno Aquino III were among those who attended this big event.

In preparation for this milestone 3 members of the Council of Presidents, namely Estrella Uy, whom we fondly call Mother Lily, Raquel Lu, Conchita Tan, and, together with members of the Mary Mediatrix Ladies Circle helped raise funds and made solicitations.

Mother Lily led a delegation composed of members of the Mary Mediatrix Ladies Circle, priests and some parishioners to the Vatican for the Consistory of Cardinal Quevedo, who was all set to retire when God interfered and gave Cardinal Quevedo another calling.



F.A.S.T. Sponsors a Retreat

The Family Action of St. Therese (F.A.S.T.) sponsored a retreat for the students of Pangasinan Universal Institute (P.U.I.), a non-sectarian Chinese school in Dagupan City. It was held on March 19-20, 2014 at Sunnyside Retreat House, Baguio City. A total of 37 students, grades ranging from grade 1 to 4th year joined the spiritual journey. The retreat was given by Fr. Mario Sanchez, rector of Mary Help of Christians seminary in Dagupan City. He was assisted by Sister Mae Pascual, an hermit sister in Baguio City.

It has been the apostolate of F.A.S.T. to evangelize most specially students of Chinese schools so as to bring them closer to God, and experience the love of our Almighty Savior. This group has been doing this outreach activity annually aside from other religious activities they do in the parish.

Other than the spiritual talk given by Fr. Mario and Sister Mae, team building activities were conducted by Mr. Pete Fernandez, FCCY Dagupan chapter steward. He was ably assisted by fellow FCCYers Pamela Young and Luis Tamayo. They also made the stations of the cross on the hillside of the retreat house. During the leisure time after the retreat the participants took time out to roam the nearby SM, Baguio before heading back home.

This whole activity was headed by Anita A. Lee, the F.A.S.T. president, together with F.A.S.T. member, Teresita Dee and FCCY elder, Lita Respondo.





In celebration of the Chinese New Year which is the Year of the Wooden Horse, the Davao Sacred Heart Ladies Circle, together with the FCCY, Chinoy Catholic Community, Stella Maris Academy and the Parish Pastoral Council started off with a 9:30 am Mass at the Sacred Heart Parish on January 26, 2014. As it fell on a Sunday, it was well-attended by the Chinese community. The church was beautifully decorated with many big, red hanging Chinese lanterns and colorful flowers. Everyone wore red attires to symbolize happiness and prosperity. Some even wore cheong sam to look more like an authentic Chinese. Incense sticks were lighted, and offered to Our Lady of China which was placed on a small altar. To our amazement, our parish priest, Msgr. Paul Quizon greeted us in Chinese during his homily. The choir also sang Chinese hymns.

After the mass the Stella Maris Lion Dance Troupe delighted the parishioners with an entertaining performance, plus a Kung Fu presentation by the Grade 3 pupils.

As part of our Chinese tradition, ang paos were distributed. A simple program followed by a sumptuous lunch was hosted by the Ladies Circle at the Social Hall. The whole event ended with lots of group picture taking.



Front row (left to right): Lina Tan - Treasurer, Surian Te - Asst. Treasurer, Sylvia Uy - Secretary, Josephine Lim - President, Monsignor Paul Cuison - Spiritual Adviser, Lily Co - 1st Vice-President, Conchita Tan - Asst. Secretary, Erlinda Tan - Ex-officio

Second row (left to right): Emily Go - Board of Director, Violeta Santiago - Auditor, Gloria Lu - PRO, Felinda & Erlinda Lee - Board of Directors.

On the evening of March 23, 2014, members of the Davao Ladies Circle attended a concert of the Boholano Singing Priests who call themselves JEDUTHUN. This concert, "With Love and Faith" of Monsignor Albert Uy is dedicated to St. Pedro Calungsod, patron saint of Filipino migrants. Again, the Davao Ladies Circle had a photo opportunity with Monsignor Abet before the concert. We also handed over to him our donation for his housing and other projects in Bohol.

It was a night of beautiful music: from spiritual to Visayan to upbeat songs by the Jeduthun, which kept the audience in high spirits especially when the priests showed their flair in dancing aside from their wonderful voices. Nonstop singing and dancing energized the whole church with loud clapping to the beat of music, and the audience even sang along with the priests.

Monsignor Abet narrated the life of St. Pedro Calungsod while the singing priests went for costume changes. Learning about his life and martyrdom inspired us to live according to his spirit. It was truly a blessed Sunday well spent in St. Francis of Assisi Church and a symbolic way to end with lighting of candles and singing of "Let there be peace on Earth."





HONORING OF BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



During our monthly meetings, we have our tradition of celebrating the birthday of members for the month. We gave an honoring through giving them a red rose and a Bible verse as a message from the Lord..this would become their inspirational message which encourages them to grow into the person that God wants them to be or maybe a message to lift up their spirits.

Below are samples of months with several birthday celebrants.

We are both happy and honored that the newly elected National President of the FFCCWO is from our Chapter, the immediate past National Vice President, who is our very own, Luisa Ng. She is deserving of this position as she has the experience of having gone around with our immediate past National President Juana Go in visiting the different chapters around the Philippines. She is outgoing, responsible, willing and able, has good leadership, service oriented and ready to sacrifice for the benefit of the poor. Congratulations!

SANTA MARIA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Officers For the year 2014-2016

President :	Lanie H. Uy
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Board of Director:	Fanny L. Uy
Spiritual Advisers:	

Fr. Antonio Roberto Sian, S.J.

Fr. Joseph Haw, S.J.

Induction of Officers for the new term was held last February 9, 2014 at the parish Church after the 7:00AM mass, with Rev. Father Robbie Sian as the inducting officer and followed by a simple breakfast at the nearby Kinder Hall.



SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR A VERY WELL LOVED PRIEST

The Iloilo CWA ladies joined the Pastoral Council and the different organizations of the Parish in giving Father Robbie Sian, our Parish Priest and Spiritual Director a big surprise birthday party for his 46th birthday last April 5, 2014 held at the Grand Hotel Ballroom.

The Iloilo CWA with their surprise number, underneath the polo shirt is a t-shirt with Father Robbie's picture as super hero.

It was to show how much we appreciate him and love him for what he is doing to the Parish for the past 5 years. His dedication and spiritual inputs through his homilies, good and loving relationship with the parishioners alike had endeared him so much to all. Aside from the programs of dancing and singing, several tributes were given to him during the night of the celebration, comments like: "listening to Father Robbie's homilies is like having a mini-retreat"... "we wanted to attend the early mass at Santa Maria because we get to have rich spiritual inputs from his short but meaty homilies"... "Father Robbie, though young as he is who just celebrated his 5th sacerdotal anniversary this month is full of wisdom and very down to earth in his sermons, which make people able to relate. Father Robbie, we thank God for sending you to us and for the messages you preach which help us understand and be closer in knowing and experiencing God's love."



Our Church, the Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, is located in an old area where most of the old Nagueno families live, including the family of our beloved former secretary, the late Jesse M. Robredo. Our Filipino-Chinese Catholic community here has been supporting this church for 62 years. Its spiritual foundation is getting stronger, especially with the support of members of the Our Lady of Fatima Association which is largely composed of the Filipino-Chinese Community in Naga City. The Filipino-Chinese Youth, though having their own projects, work hand in hand with the Association, thus giving the Church a very strong, solid foundation indeed. **Isn't this a great blessing for the community and the next generation to come?**

In April 14, 2013 the new set of officers for year 2012-2014, headed by president Rosemary Olivan, was inducted by no less than His Excellency, the Most Reverend Rolando Tria Tirona, O.C.D., D.D., who is also the new Archbishop of Caceres.

The Archbishop was impressed especially when Chinese songs and some of the prayers during mass were said in Mandarin.



This prompted the Archbishop to form a partnership with this group of dynamic ladies in the church activities

In July 29, we were lucky and blessed for the opportunity of sponsoring children ages 1 – 12 for baptism. **This is a wonderful blessing to be an instrument in bringing a child to become a child of God.** (See pictures marked # 1 A & B)

On October 13, **the most awaited date in our calendar of activities, the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima**, we got another surprise when the FCCWO national officers, headed by President Juana Go paid us a visit. This gave our own new set officers a chance to interact and learn more of the FCCWO mission. The Most Reverend Archbishop Tirona was with us. (See pictures marked # 2 A & B)



In October 14, a day after the feast day celebration, our community welcomed the visit of our very own Lady of China, brought to us by the National officers. A mass was celebrated in her honor by our Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Mariano Clarence Canafe, Jr. of the LRMS community. Later on we scheduled the home visits of Our Lady. Isn't this showing us that Our Lady is always with us, manifesting herself in many ways? (See pictures marked # 2 C & D)



Now as they say, good luck comes in 3's. Our church was chosen by the Diocese to host the visit of the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima from her shrine in Fatima, Portugal from October 24-25, 2013, a mere 10 days after we celebrated her feast day. This is simply awesome!

A blessing received again when our community was able to solicit from among its members an amount for the Sharing God's Love Foundation for our brothers and sisters in Bohol, Tacloban and Leyte. The Gawad Kalinga also showed support to our FCCY in this reaching out effort. This time it was our opportunity to give, instead of receive, because few years back Bicol was a recipient of blessings from Sharing God's Love Foundation.



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More blessings came on December 2013 when we were finally able to raise funds for the fencing, cementing and putting up of lighting on our new parking lot, which is adjacent to our church. We had this area blessed on the Chinese New Year in January 31, 2013.

On March 9, 2014, the last day of the 17th National Convention in Tagbilaran, Bohol, the whole Bicol Chapters namely, Legaspi, Catanduanes, Tabaco, Iriga, and Naga City felt blessed when the Legaspi Chapter, the Daughters of St. Jude, accepted the challenge to host the 18th FFCCWO National Convention in 2016. At the same time our very own president, Rose Olivan, was elected member of the Board of Directors representing Luzon. (See picture marked # 3 A)



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Photo shows some members of Our Lady of Fatima Association, Naga Chapter with Rev. Fr. Mariano Clarens, Canafe, Jr., LMRS, OLFA president Rose, far left, and officers Nene, Shirly, Secretary Linda, Maria Go, sister of immediate FFCCWO past president, Juana Go, OLFA past president, Lolita Tan and Heide Olivan. (See picture marked #3 B)

March 25, 2014, on the feast day of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, our community once again welcomed with much joy and felt honored to host the Arma Christi Relics (Splinter from the relic of the True cross, filling from the Holy Nail, chip from the column of the Scourging from the Holy Crown of Thorns) (See pictures marked # 4 A & B)



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Surigao Chapter

Virginia Cordera



We started the year 2014 with a special meeting of the ladies circle on January 5, 2014 at the Gateway Hotel. Other activities were as follow:

January 10, 2014 : last day of our block rosary of Our Lady, Queen of China which was held at the residence of our chapter president's home, Charita Go. Dinner followed shortly courtesy of president Charita.

January 11, 2014, 5:30 pm: A thanksgiving mass was celebrated for Our Lady, Queen of China before she bade us good bye the following day, January 12, 2014. Meanwhile, the statue of Our Lady was placed in the Cathedral for the night.

January 12, 2014, Sunday, 7:30 am: Braving torrential rains and flooded streets, 15 of us ladies from the San Nicolas de Tolentino Ladies Circle escorted the statue of Our Lady, Queen of China back to Butuan. From Butuan the statue will be taken to Iligan for worship and prayer. In the meantime we attended Sunday mass at the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Butuan where the statue of Our Lady, Queen of China was temporarily placed for everybody to view and pray. Bad weather continued to plague us on our way home in the afternoon, but thank God, we managed to reach home safely.

February 15, 2014: Evening retreat at the Cathedral Parish Hall given by Rev. Fr. Max Gatela. Chapter members attended this retreat together with their spouses.

February 23, 2014: Post wedding reception for the couple Jean Michel & Cathy, eldest daughter of our chapter president, held at the Gateway Hotel. Guests included members of the ladies circle, friends and relatives.

March 7-9, 2014: 17th FFCCWO National Convention in Tagbilaran, Bohol. Although 13 members pre-registered for the convention, only 4 members and 2 guests actually attended. Most are still traumatized by the recent earthquake that hit Bohol, Cebu and other places.

Nevertheless, we would like to congratulate the Tagbilaran Chapter for the hosting a highly successful convention. They left nothing to chance, from the tiniest detail to the big ones, everything was put in proper place. They really did a terrific job, despite the fact that the province just suffered from the devastation of a deadly earthquake. Congratulations again.

Filipino-Chinese Community of Tuguegarao Collaborates in the Renovation of St. Rose of Lima Parish Church

Tuguegarao Chapter

- Fr. Fredel Go Agatep



Archbishop Utleg, assisted by Fr. Agatep, blessed the Adoration Chapel of St. Rose of Lima Parish.



The Parish of St. Rose of Lima in Annafunan, Tuguegarao City was established in 1950 and was entrusted to the Priests of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (CICM). During the Great Jubilee 2000, the parish was turned over to the Diocesan Clergy. Currently, it is under the care of Fr. Fredel Go Agatep who is also the Chaplain of the Filipino-Chinese Community of Tuguegarao. When Fr. Agatep took over the parish, he saw the need to improve the parish church. With the help of various donors, a good number from the Filipino-Chinese Community, the renovation and widening of the church continues to this day.

During the visitation of the officers of National Board of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Catholic Women's Organization (FFCCWO) last year, the Federation's former president, Mrs. Juana Go, and vice president, Luisa Ng, donated a substantial amount from their personal funds for the ongoing improvement of the parish church.

The Filipino-Chinese Catholic Community of Tuguegarao, through the leadership of its chapter president, Mrs. Edna Ontiveros, has been constantly supporting Fr. Agatep's project. The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel was blessed by His Excellency Sergio Utleg, Archbishop of Tuguegarao, last March 16, 2014. The family of Edna Ontiveros, our local chapter president, and Miss Concepcion Tuyuan, sponsored the construction of the Adoration Chapel. Also present during the blessing was Mrs. Susan Quirroga, Tuguegarao chapter secretary. After the blessing a simple get-together was held at the parish hall. At four o'clock in the afternoon, members of the Filipino-Chinese Community of Tuguegarao, with their families, gathered at the Archbishop's Chapel for their monthly Sunday Mass and to honor all March birthday celebrators and graduates.

From Tacloban With Love... An open letter of thanks

Tacloban
Chapter



We, the Tacloban ladies, survivors of Super Typhoon Yolanda were not able to express our thanks during the Presidents' Night at the convention in Tagbilaran last March 9, thus we are expressing our deepest gratitude and sincerest thanks thru the Humanitas.

To the FFCCWO National Board headed by our ever generous president, Juana Go, our motherly ex-president, Carmelita Ong Tieng, Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian and Msgr. Esteban "Bong" Lo, we are so touched by all the love and concern you manifested by extending financial assistance to us through the "Sharing God's Love," letting us feel we were not abandoned. Sister Melly and secretary Carol Jeun trying to contact us from day one of Yolanda's devastating fury that practically left Tacloban City to ground zero, Msgr. Bong Lo's efforts to raise more funds, the different chapters' donations, prayers, concerns and calls from friends just wanting to hear our voices and know that we are all safe, we say thank you. The Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos given to our members may not compensate for our loss, but it certainly helped a lot and gave us a deep sense of belongingness to a big family, the FFCCWO, where the love of God and love for neighbors, the reaching out to help those in need, is so amazingly contagious. To Bishop "Pol" Jaucian, Juana Go, Melly Tieng, Carol Jeun, Shirley Cheng, Anita Lee and Virgie Po, thank you for coming to Tacloban last February 13 to 15, to give donations to the Archdiocese of Palo. Archbishop John Du was very happy to receive one million pesos from our FFCCWO's Sharing God's Love, the Blessed Sacrament Parish and the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish were likewise the lucky recipients of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos. The Sacred Heart School received ten computers plus one computer for the parish church office.

To sis Melly, thank you for making it possible for me to join your group and experience Sharing God's Love in Tacloban City, my first time to go back three months after the multitude of people fleeing from it.

To a kindhearted lady from the U.S., an aunt of a member of the Tagbilaran Chapter, who opted to remain anonymous, thank you for donating one thousand U.S. dollars to our chapter. Above all, we thank our almighty and loving God for saving us from the strongest typhoon ever to hit land. Thank God for giving us our second life, and giving us a chance to start a better life, to appreciate more of the many blessings

and graces we received. The immeasurable love and mercy of God is so overwhelming as shown in the wonderful gifts of families, relatives and friends, and all the help that keeps pouring in to Tacloban City and other Yolanda affected areas in Leyte and Samar. To my niece, Geraldine "Gigi" Uy Wong, who flew to Tacloban on Day 4 via FedEx cargo plane of Bert Lina to bring all our family members to safety, our deepest thanks. Our gratitude to Cebu Pacific for giving us free transport to Cebu on Day 5. In behalf of the officers and members of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Women's Association, Tacloban Chapter, a million thanks to all those who, in one way or another have touched our lives; your warm embraces and words of comfort and encouragement will always be treasured in our hearts.

Wisdy Kiang Lim, Director, SHJWA, Tacloban Chapter





On December 7, 2012 FFCCWO chapter member, namely the Immaculate Conception Ladies Circle of Virac, Catanduanes elected its new set of officers at the residence of Ms. Mary Ban Giok. These officers were inducted into office by the good Bishop himself, Manolo de Los Santos, and will be serving a term of two years. The new set of officers are as follows:

President	Mary Ang Ban Giok	Vice-President	Dr. Mila C. Balmadrid
Secretary	Dr. Araceli G. Lim	Treasurer	Lily Co
Auditor & MMO	Alma Fortuno Trinidad V. Laynes	Advisers	Concepcion Co
		Spiritual Adviser	Bishop Manolo De Los Santos

Immediately on its first meeting the following agenda for the year were discussed and subsequently approved:

1. To continue the ongoing project of giving yearly financial assistance to seminarians in the province, as well as extending medical and financial aid to indigents especially during the Christmas season,
2. To assist the Bishop in the ongoing renovation of the Virac Cathedral through financial contributions and other fundraising projects,
3. To recruit new members for the Ladies Circle,
4. To encourage all ICLC members to attend the FFCCWO national convention in March 2014, and
5. To grant scholarships to deserving indigent students.

In review, all the activities held during the past year are as follow:

Monthly meetings were usually held on the last Saturday of the month after the 5:30 pm anticipated mass, with members taking turns in hosting the meeting.

In March 2013 Past President Concepcion Co together with President Mary Ang Ban Giok attended the Presidents and Secretaries meeting in Dagupan City, after which they joined the group that proceeded to Bangued, Abra to attend Bishop Jaucian's silver sacerdotal anniversary celebration.

The highlight of the year's activities was the visit of five national officers, namely: President Juana T. Go, Vice President Luisa Ng, Secretary Carol Jeun, and Director Anita Lee. They were accompanied by Bishop Pol Jaucian, national spiritual adviser. Our chapter received updates on current issues and activities of the mother organization. At the sumptuous dinner tendered by our chapter a new member, Governor Araceli Wong was inducted into the ICLC by Bishop Jaucian in the presence of Bishop Manolo De Los Santos. The newly installed governor vowed cooperation with the group. She really inspired and motivated all of us. Also we were truly thankful for the substantial donation of the FFCCWO for the repair of the cathedral.

When super typhoon Yolanda hit, our chapter donated 50,000.00 pesos to the Tacloban chapter to help victims of the typhoon. We also gave donations in kind to help alleviate the sufferings of our fellowmen in that city.

The Chapter again got involved in the celebration of the Virac town fiesta held every 8th of December. For the past several years we were assigned to the finance committee primarily to generate funds for the various religious activities of the said occasion. Our visiting guests were treated to a pre fiesta dinner courtesy of our past president, Ms. Conching Co, and on the day of the fiesta we distributed 1,000 lunch boxes to the indigents who came all the way from far-flung barrios to attend the fiesta masses.

In conclusion, we say this little prayer: We love you Lord. Thank you for loving us and giving us the strength and courage to serve you.

Council of Presidents Meeting at T

The Council of Presidents (COP) is composed of the past presidents of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Catholic Women's Organization (FFCCWO). As an advisory body, the members' experiences are invaluable in providing guidance and insight in the administration of the FFCCWO. COP also oversees the election of the national board at every national convention.

During the 17th National Convention in Tagbilaran City, members of the COP met on March 7, 2014. Present at the meeting were Luz Lim (Manila), Lily Uy (Cotabato), Elizabeth Gan Go (Cebu), Abelarda Wong (Zamboanga), Evelyn Lo (Bacolod), Fanny Uy (Iloilo), Jenny Ng Chee (Cebu), Conchita Tan (Cotabato), Raquel Lo (Cotabato), and Meily Tieng (Manila). Absent from the meeting were Elizabeth Yang, Rosita Uy Bico and Celia Lim.

The members discussed the COP fund, which has been used to provide an annual support of P 100,000.00 for the seminarians



Drop Egos, work together

- Jocelyn R. Uy

MANILA Archbishop Luis Cardinal Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle has a word of advice for church organizations: Drop the attitude of competition and work together.

In his homily at a Mass concluding the three-day Philippine Conference on New Evangelization at the University of Santo Tomas on Friday, Tagle observed that a "competition of egos" had become rampant among church organizations in the country.

"Let us do away with one big problem of missionaries being sent... the individualism. This is not part of the mission," CBCP News, the official news service of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, quoted Tagle as saying.

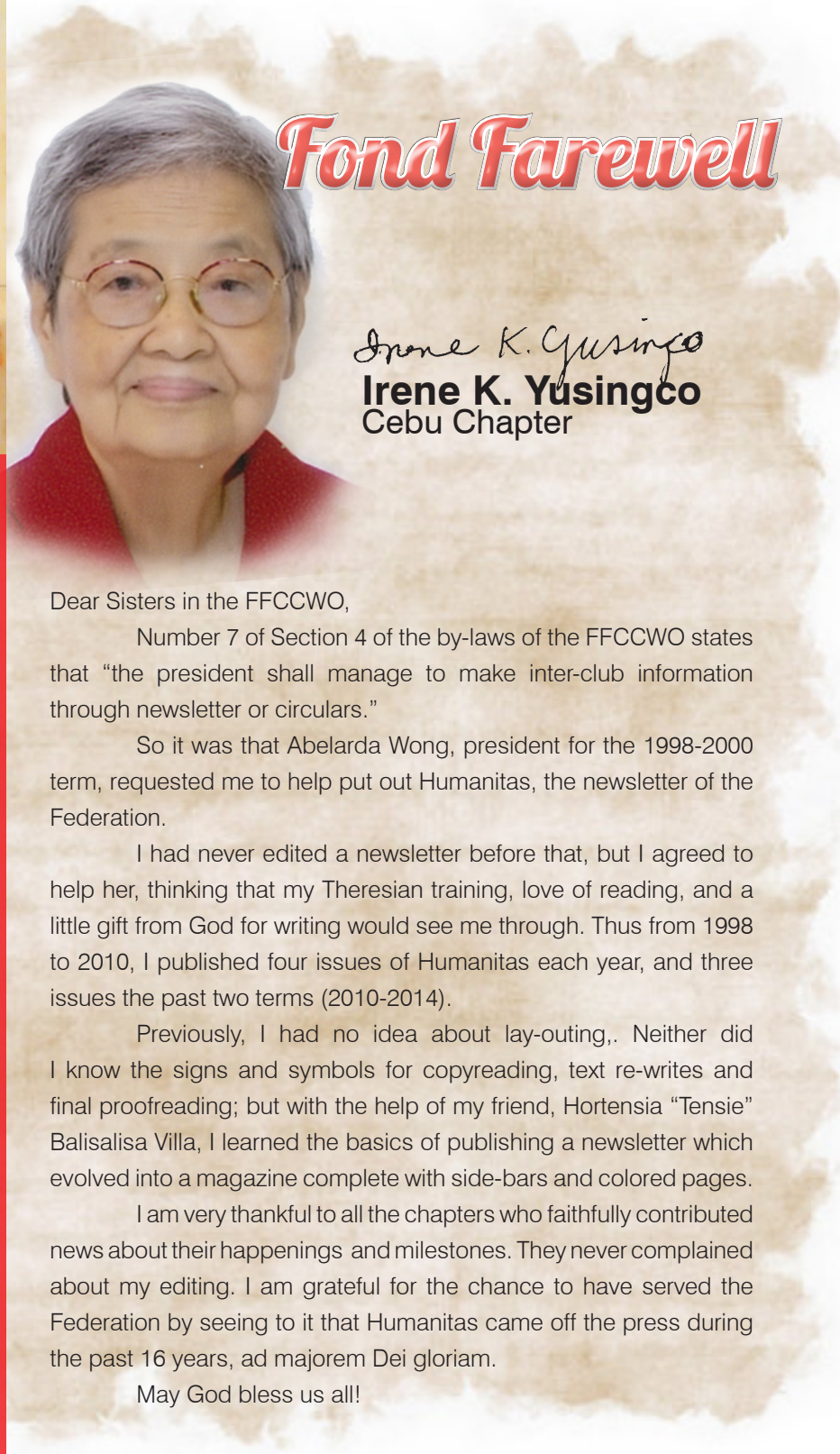
"So to the church organizations and movements, let us avoid the competition of egos. It is hard. It destroys the mission," said Tagle.

Instead of trying to outdo each other, the archbishop urged church missionaries and organizations to submit to and lift one another and work together for Christ.

He reiterated the need for the Catholic Church to be united, emphasizing that its mission would be stronger and more effective if its "laborers will stay and love one another."

"We are sent together. We are sent as a church. We are sent as companions and I appeal to you, let us keep this common journey together," said Tagle.

"If you have companions on the way, the work may be heavy but you know you have someone there who shares with you the same vision, also the same mission," he added.



Fond Farewell

Irene K. Yusingco
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Cebu Chapter

Dear Sisters in the FFCCWO,

Number 7 of Section 4 of the by-laws of the FFCCWO states that "the president shall manage to make inter-club information through newsletter or circulars."

So it was that Abelarda Wong, president for the 1998-2000 term, requested me to help put out Humanitas, the newsletter of the Federation.

I had never edited a newsletter before that, but I agreed to help her, thinking that my Theresian training, love of reading, and a little gift from God for writing would see me through. Thus from 1998 to 2010, I published four issues of Humanitas each year, and three issues the past two terms (2010-2014).

Previously, I had no idea about lay-outing,. Neither did I know the signs and symbols for copyreading, text re-writes and final proofreading; but with the help of my friend, Hortensia "Tensie" Balisalisa Villa, I learned the basics of publishing a newsletter which evolved into a magazine complete with side-bars and colored pages.

I am very thankful to all the chapters who faithfully contributed news about their happenings and milestones. They never complained about my editing. I am grateful for the chance to have served the Federation by seeing to it that Humanitas came off the press during the past 16 years, ad majorem Dei gloriam.

May God bless us all!

Tagbilaran City on March 6, 2014

of the Lorenzo Mission Institute. The COP fund was created from the proceeds of the raffle that former president Lily Uy started during her term in 1990 to 1992. This raffle has been held at every FFCCWO National Convention, with the proceeds going into the COP fund. Since the 2004 convention, the raffle was handled by the FFCCWO and the proceeds used to fund various projects.

The council decided to turn over the balance of the COP fund amounting to a little over P1 – million to the FFCCWO national board for the continuous support of LMI. The check was formally handed over on Presidents' Night to current National President, Luisa Ng.

Congratulations to Juana Go as our newest member, to Conchita Tan as our incumbent president and Raquel Lo as our secretary.

