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COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

By: Fr. Marce Singson

The Church does not superstitiously observe days, merely as days, but as memorials of important facts and events. Christmas might be kept as well upon one day of the day as another. But there should be a stated day for commemorating the day of our Saviour, because there is a danger that what we may be done one day, will be neglected. Come, therefore, let us adore HIM!

Bring all members of your families and friends. Let us celebrate in the Church the birthday of our Saviour.



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WIDEN THE SPACE OF YOUR TENT (Isaiah 54:2)

The Second National Conference on the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees was convoked in Sydney from October 27 to 29. Strangely, it was held at Sydney Masonic Centre. The first day was exclusively for the priest-chaplains of the different ethnic communities all over Australia. There were more than 50 of us on the first day, with 5 Filipino chaplains from the dioceses of Sydney, Wagga Wagga, Broken Bay, Melbourne and from Brisbane. The theme of the national conference was: "**Widen the Space of Your Tent**" taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 54:2, which compares Jerusalem as a childless woman but now has to shout for joy because those who had been exiled will return and so the cities now deserted will be filled with people. Jerusalem is therefore urged by the prophet to **widen the space of its tent** because of the influx of the people of God.

Speakers on the first day were vibrant: Archbishop Lazzarotto (Apostolic Nuncio of Australia); Archbishop Philip Wilson (Archbishop of Adelaide and President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference); Archbishop Silvano Tomasi (Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations); Bishop Joseph Grech (Bishop of Sandhurst, Victoria).

Presenters on the second and third day were: Fr. Fabio Baggio (Director of Center for Migration Studies in Manila); Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn); Fr. Maurizio Pettena (Assistant Director of Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office); and Bruce Ryan (Executive Secretary-Bishop Commission for Pastoral Life).

In my reflection, the theme is very challenging for two things. One, it calls for Australia to widen the space of its tent because of the continuous influx of migrants from rich and poor countries in the world. Second it calls for all migrant chaplains to widen the space of their hearts and of their pastoral ministry because most of the new arrival-migrants need special care and attention because of the language, the difference of the culture and the danger of being pirated by other Christian denominations. The role of the migrant chaplain be broadened and redefined in terms of the changing demographic context in Australia.

It was indeed a demanding meeting as participants were urged to actively participate in group discussions and open forums with the presenters. But I went back home to Brisbane full of insights and with more courage to move on with my ministry as chaplain because I do believe that the vibrant faith of the Filipino migrants has contributed to the life of the Church of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and beyond. - by: Fr. Marce Singson

Prepare the Way

2009 is nearly drawing to a close - its another issue of Ang Binhi newsletter summarizing what the chaplaincy has done for the past three months and at the same time looking forward for a new beginning for next year's activities.

It's the beginning of advent season reminding us of the birth of Jesus Christ. His birth is a celebration, a mystery of love and a lesson to take us back to a new beginning. This is a time where we joyfully look to what is ahead, the birth of our saviour or some calls it a season of renewal. Reminiscing once again of a new born child will give us full freshness and trusting love. And let's try not to forget the real reason why we give and prepare Christmas during advent, because Jesus is the greatest gift of all who came into our lives. As in Luke 3:7-9 says "One must prepare for the coming of the Messiah by being faithful to one's calling and his coming will be a day of reckoning as true joy will be for those who are at peace with themselves, with others and with God's way of righteousness".

New things usually excite us. As we prepare for Christmas, however, our joy and anticipation come from old and familiar things. Our unique way and long celebration of Christmas often deprive us the true meaning of advent.

Jesus' coming must ignite our hopes in hard times. We often say that life is too short and full of uncertainties, we never know that anytime we may lose a friend, a dearly beloved ones, suffer sickness or even material things that we possess. Accept and prepare ourselves, Christ himself was sinless and yet he bore all the sufferings of his passion and understood human sorrow.

Jesus' coming must also bring us to turning points. If we are about to do new and unexpected things this season, would repentance and forgiveness a better way to keep our mind at peace. Genuine joy comes when we allow Him into our hearts not only this season but in our daily life. Life cannot continue as in the past and old routines must be set aside.

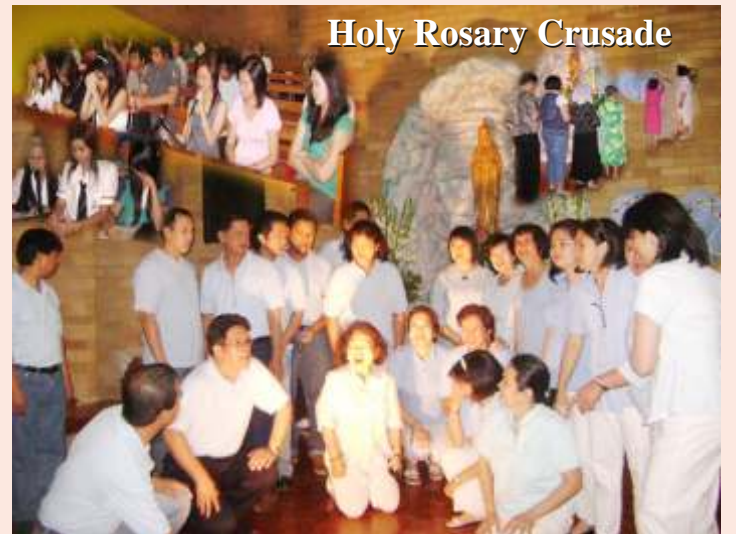
Looking ahead with anticipation, as if we are prepared, equipped with good health, fresh minds and in right terms with God, then a new beginning and a fruitful new year is achievable. With God's help we hope we can together continue what we've started in the chaplaincy - serving people through humanity and transform the lives of the less fortunate people especially the orphanages in the Philippines. Thank you for all your support, always follow God's way, He who gave us a bright light and let's make 2010 a better year.

Brisbane Chaplaincy Night



Non-stop disco, entertainment and raffle draws

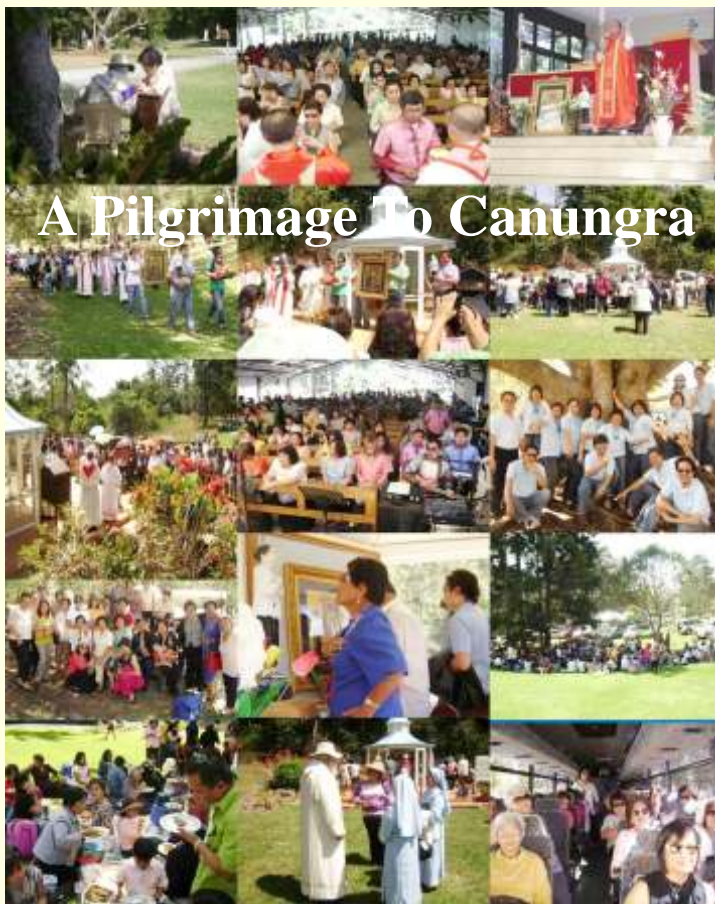
The annual fundraising of the Catholic Filipino Australian Chaplaincy of Brisbane was another success. We are grateful to all who entrusted their donations to enable us to carry on our vision and objectives to help others and sustain our temporal needs for another year. The winners of the raffle draw which include free return air fare ticket to the Philippines, Malaysia, Melbourne and consolation prizes were too happy and satisfied receiving their prizes during the chaplaincy night. Once again, our sincere thanks to all who bought raffle and entrance tickets, donors, sponsors and individuals who supported and contributed time and effort to make our fundraising event a reality.



Holy Rosary Crusade

For years the Our Lady of Fatima parish Filipino Choir of Acacia Ridge has organised a daily prayer of the holy rosary through out the whole month of October. This year was such a huge success as we had the daily rosary and culmination both well attended. Our culmination theme was 'Mystical Rose'. Red and white roses were offered to the blessed Virgin in a form of a rosary. Red roses represent the blood shed by Jesus in calvary. They also represent the burning love of Jesus and Mary for us. White roses represent Mary as the Immaculate Conception as she is free from original sin. They also represent Mary's humility and obedience to be co-redeemer of the human race.

Mary is our best intercessor to her beloved son and the rosary is the number one tool. Remember the very first miracle Jesus performed - turning water into wine was done for his mother even if Jesus said that it wasn't his time yet. So, just like Mary, we should persevere and persistent in our prayer. In the 365 days with the Lord commentary on the first Sunday of Advent says "Prayer opens our eyes to the presence of God everyday, puts all things in the proper perspective and make us stand firm even in the midst of trials and sufferings." - by Fatima Sowter.



The Parable of The Fourth Wise Man

We know much of the popular tradition of the three wise men or magi. However, there is a story called "The Other Wise Man" written by Henry van Dyke. It's about a "fourth wise man" whose name is Artaban, also a magus, who lived in the city of Ecbatana, Persia (now Iran).

The story goes: As Artaban prepared to follow the star, he carefully wrapped three valuable gifts for the newborn king: A glittering sapphire, a magnificent ruby and a pearl of great price. On his way to the place of rendezvous where he was to meet the three magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar and begin the journey, Artaban encountered a sick traveller who was alone and in need of help. If he stopped to assist the sick person, Artaban would surely miss the rendezvous with his friends. Nevertheless, he stayed.

Consequently, he was late for the departure of the caravan with his three friends. Now he had to make the journey alone, and he needed supplies and transportation. So he sold the sapphire in order to purchase camels and the supplies he needed to cross the desert. He was saddened to realize that the newborn king would not receive the precious gem. After a long and tedious journey following the star, Artaban finally reached Bethlehem only to discover that soldiers were everywhere, due to Herod's command to slay all the male children in the village.

Artaban used the magnificent ruby to bribe the captain of the soldiers and save some of the innocent children. Artaban remained undaunted. He resolved never to give up his search. He searched in vain until, 33 years later; he found his way into Jerusalem on the very day that several crucifixions were to take place on a hill called Calvary.

Deep within his soul, he somehow knew that the King of Kings he had been searching for all his life was on that hill. And so he hastened to Calvary intent on using his pearl of great price to bribe Jesus' executioners.

On his way, he encountered a young woman who was being dragged to the slave market. She pleaded for help. Whereupon, he gave his last jewel the pearl of great price for her ransom. Finally, he reached the place where the crucifixions were to take place, and quickly realized there was nothing he could do to help his King of Kings. He was broken-hearted.

Then something remarkable happened. The dying Jesus looked down from the cross and said to him: "Don't be broken-hearted Artaban. You've been helping Me all the time. When I was hungry, you gave Me food. When I was sick you cared for Me. When I was stranger, you took Me in."

The Advent season is upon us, then Christmas season which ends with The Feast of Epiphany. But hopefully, it's not the end of the Christmas spirit the spirit of giving and sharing.

This is the message of the 'fourth wise man'. May it inspire us to reach out to our less fortunate brothers, whether in or out of the Christmas season, especially those affected by the natural disasters that struck the Philippines and also in other parts of the world.

Another message is that there are people amongst us who have noble dreams of doing something great like the 'fourth wise man', but as time passes, circumstances beyond their control interfere with their dreams and never realize them. Cheer up, Someone up there may have a different plan. The important thing is to hold on and remain faithful in doing what's right. The Lord will then say, "You've been doing it for Me all along."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! - by Art Pagaduan

September 28 is the annual feast day of our very own first Filipino Saint and Martyr, San Lorenzo Ruiz. This year on September 26, hundreds of Filipinos made their pilgrimage to the shrine of San Lorenzo Ruiz at Canungra to honour him. It was celebrated with a rosary and prayers, a Holy Mass by our Filipino Chaplain Fr Marce Singson assisted by the local parish priest, the brothers and all, followed by a procession and a bountiful feast and fellowship.

When we join a pilgrimage we go most often to unfamiliar places with some unfamiliar people and things. We go away from the comforts of our homes like tv, noisy home theatre, kitchen, fridge, toilet bath and bed. We try to empty ourselves from the cravings of worldly things and we seek God's presence through his creation- the natural landscapes outdoor, the person beside us and through His Saints and angels. Just like our Lord Jesus, he led the pilgrims to a mountain, desert or seashore and not in the comfortable places of that time. After praying to His Father, Jesus declared the famous beatitudes for the lowly ones, the poor, humble and the peacemakers. These are the categories of people whom God favours and sponsors them for a place in heaven. Our Lord Jesus is so compassionate to those people following Him for they hunger for his words. Jesus also knew the difficulty of these people in following or keeping track of Him just by walking miles away. So Jesus provided a generous meal as His fellowship to all, to a big crowd of 5000. So then with the beatitudes we, as pilgrims, are already guided and our journey on earth is bound for the Kingdom of God.

Through our Saint and Martyr, San Lorenzo Ruiz, we pray that we will be guided by his examples and devotion to God, and that God's graces will give us all the strength we need to live our faith faithfully, regardless of how trying it may be. Fr Marce said that San Lorenzo Ruiz and other compatriots wore the Barong Tagalog, which is a thin fabric and typifies that of a lowly and poor clothing during the Spanish era, perhaps to distinguish different social classes like; the lowly ones from the upper class. Now the Barong Tagalog have flourished to be a fashionable item in the Filipino wardrobe. It is simply thin, fresh, not overdecorated and always presentable. There is a song entitled "Ang Barong Tagalog". I hope to have the opportunity to sing this song in the future. Till we meet again in the next pilgrimage to Canungra in God's blessings.

by - Vic Bacud

GOLD COAST CHAPLAINCY NEWS

FILIPINO AUSTRALIAN CHAPLAINCY NIGHT, OCTOBER 24, 2009

To organize and run a successful fund raising event is not an easy task. As you know, it involves teamwork, energy and, may I add, spiritual inspiration! The team - the organising committee - was dedicated and worked together towards the objective of raising funds for Filipino children with cancer - a very worthy cause! It also requires good leader and that we had: Mary Ann. Mary Ann was not only a good leader but a team player, moreover, one with ideas and imagination. I have to say that we could not have fully achieved our objectives without her leadership.

For example, it was Mary Ann's idea of continual slide display on stage. It put in focus the main objective of the evening, an objective that motivated the organising committee and the people who helped us to give their energy and time. Hopefully, it also motivated our guests.

I would like to praise our PA system Lloyd Saniel, the lighting was superb. It created an environment that allowed everyone present to not only feel good but also to enjoy dancing, eating and conversation.

Financially, we made a modest profit. There were unsold tickets but overall, we, the committee can give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done! Although we didn't generate a large sum of money, we generated fellowship and good will and that counts for something.

In conclusion, may I add that it was not all hard labour because, we, the committee also enjoyed ourselves - dressed up and danced and chatted with the many guests without whom, the night would have not got off the ground!

All in all, a successful night, a night to remember!

Maraming Salamat,
Edith Wilson

You are all invited in our next events -

Sunday, 6 Dec 2009 from 10am - 4pm PASKONG PINOY at Sacred Heart Church's Casey Hall

Friday, 11 Dec. 2009 6:00 pm MISA de GALLO at Sacred Heart Church followed by Noche Buena at Casey Hall



Cheerful ladies of Gold Coast chaplaincy with DJ Lloyd beaming with his sophisticated music gadgets, non-stop and up-to-date disco tunes.



Induction of Filaust officers led by former GC Chaplaincy Vice Coordinator Jo Carreon



Filaust officers blessed by Fr. Marce after thanksgiving mass



Papang Abelardo's 80th birthday celebration with Chaplaincy Dance Group



Celebrity couples enjoying the night

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Updates from Ipswich Filipino Chaplaincy

By: *Thelma Woodman*



The Filipino chaplaincy of Ipswich celebrated Fr Marce's 50th birthday at Brothers League Club, Eastern Heights, on the 24th of August at 6.00pm. Fred Abarra and Rowena Sabuero entertained the group and everyone danced their night away.



Ipswich Filipino Chaplaincy Choir led by Fred Abarra. Above photos were taken at Marian Valley in Canungra during the annual pilgrimage held on the 26th of September 2009. This year everyone was happy because the weather was perfect. The Ipswich group also enjoyed the pilgrimage especially those new faces who came along for the first time. Everyone brought their favorite dish to share for the fellowship.



Our group at the Brisbane Chaplaincy Night and had a great time. The above photo was taken during the Brisbane Chaplaincy Night held on the 12th of September, 2009 on Nemies Road at Runcorn. **From left to right** : Vic Bacud, Efren Altez, Nena Drew, Thelma Woodman and Eden Rolfs.

Upcoming Events:

Excursion to Noosa Beach - December 6, 2009
Misa de Gallo in Ipswich - December 20, 2009 at 6.00 pm
Paskong Pinoy sa Ipswich - December 27, 2009 at 12.00 noon

Please bring your favorite dish to share during the fellowship

**For more information please contact:
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From left to right: Thelma Woodman, Mabel Duncan, Fr. Marce Singson and Josie Bacud.

*Though Christ a thousand
Times in Bethlehem be born
If he's not born in thee
Thy soul is still forlorn. (Angelus Silesius)*

By: Mimi Carbery

OF SPRING AND GIVING AND OTHER THINGS...

Spring has sprung... What better way to enjoy the gift of spring than lapping up the beauty of nature and sunshine in a blessed place among friends bonded in God. Members of the Caboolture Chaplaincy joined the rest of the Brisbane Chaplaincy at its annual spiritual journey to the Marian Valley Canungra on 26 September 2009. This day is also the feast of our own St Lorenzo Ruiz. A full busload of members and guests from Caboolture turned up for this pilgrimage for a Holy Mass and procession. The day was also spent visiting the Filipino shrine, praying to our Mother of Perpetual Help and relaxing amidst the wonderful ambience of the Marian Valley. The Caboolture Chaplaincy raffled hampers and presents to while away the time on the bus.

United we stand... A memorial service for the calamity victims of Asia and the Pacific was held on 11 October at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Rothwell. This was attended by local representatives of each region affected by the recent disasters - Samoa, Fiji and the Philippines. Each region took part in the singing for certain parts of the service. The Filipinos were represented by the Caboolture Chaplaincy Choir and the Deception Bay Choir. Members of Parliament and local politicians were on hand to join this memorial and generate fundraising for these regions. All proceeds from the day will be dispersed to each country by the Australian Red Cross. This event took front pages in the local papers as well as a special mention on television.

Golden gift from a golden heart... Rose Quirey spent her 50th birthday along the beautiful shores of Bribie Island one perfect Saturday on October 24 with a lunch barbecue complete with a full lechon. Rose's family, friends and workmates attended the occasion. There was a box which the guests were filling in with money. This surprise box was turned over to Mimi Carbery, Secretary of the Caboolture Chaplaincy, as donation to one of the Chaplaincy's beneficiaries, the Holy Cross Children's Home Foundation Inc in Tabaco, Albay. Rose hails from Albay and remembered the Orphanage from Mimi's asking directions to get there when she visits them in December. She told guests she did not want presents, just donations to the orphanage. What a way to mark a golden milestone!

"Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood, but everyone has something to give." This sums up the successful Disco Fundraising Night of the Caboolture Chaplaincy held on 31 October 2009 at the Caboolture Memorial Hall. The number of people who attended, donated, sponsored, volunteered and worked to make this a successful event is unprecedented. Guests danced indefatigably to the music provided by Lloyd Saniel. There were food, drinks, friends and prizes, prizes, prizes. Fr Marce arrived to oversee the drawing of the raffle. Thornton Wilder said, "money is like manure, it's not worth a thing unless it's spread around encouraging young things to grow". Funds raised from this event will especially help the children and young people grow in Christ through the financial and spiritual support of the Chaplaincy. So everyone rejoice in the art of giving and soak in the good feeling that comes from the simple, beautiful act of giving.



Bus load to Canungra Pilgrimage



Rothwell memorial service



Caboolture Chaplaincy Choir



Rose 50th



Officers, volunteer and friends



Dancers, Susan and DJ Lloyd during chaplaincy night.



MEM closes year with a bang!

By Telly & Nory Velante

The Marriage Enrichment Movement (MEM) had a hectic activities this year. It was the most enriching, exciting, and fun-filled year ever-in MEM's 10 years history.

The members were treated to attend to one or all of its prepared program almost every 1 ½ months apart during the year. There was no dull moment as most of the activities were mostly enjoyable and full of fun..... and not to mention some religious activities. All this done with just one aim "Enrich the marriage life of our members and friends". There was not even any pressure to our member, specially the busy ones, as they can attend any one or all of the activities that suits them. Plus there are no financial obligations to any of our members.

But wait there's more..... Free MES seminar

We still have one more activity before the end of this year, the most important of them all on the 11th and 12 of December 2009, 6pm-9.30pm on 11th Dec (Friday) and 8.30am-6pm on the 12th Dec. (Saturday) at the Canossa Complex in Oxley. Fr. Nards Mercene, a marriage counselor and member of the Marriage Tribunal in Sydney, will conduct the seminar to all prospective new members on how to best "enrich your marriage life" There is no fee or financial obligation to this seminar.

But we have a good Marriage! GREAT! But why settle for what you have if it can be improve. Don't let your good marriage stand in the way of a great marriage. This seminar is particularly beneficial to newly wed, married now for a long time and those marriage seemingly traveling on a bumpy road.

Book now for this seminar to the following contact details:

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Telly & Nory Velante	0421098373
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Ric & Fe Ambatali	0409894545

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND AN ENRICHED MARRIAGE NEW YEAR!



Post halloween disco attended by MEM couples and friends last October 7 at Runcorn

Let go of your ego

By Art & Rose Pagaduan

Ego is one of the subjects discussed during the MEM retreat conducted by Fr. Rey Sanchez recently. Many of us are familiar with the Biblical verse that says: "Pride before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). However, many of us do not realize that proud people hardly ever think that pride is their problem. Instead proud people believe that they are superior to others and are above the frailties of other people. In this state of mind, relationship with others, even more so with our spouse is bound to deteriorate.

Let's be candid about it. Proud and egoistic people turn us off. We meet proud people everywhere. They always put themselves on a mighty pedestal, acting and behaving as if they are above the rest of the world. Forgetting that the size of the crowd that will attend our funeral is dependent a lot on the weather and not on our proud personality.

Whenever we are tempted to be boastful and proud, let's follow the example of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States. The story about President Roosevelt goes: "Theodore Roosevelt was known by those closest to him as a nature lover. It is said that after an evening of talk with his friend William Beebe, the two would take a walk together. As they explored the vastness of the darkened universe, each marvelled at the Milky Way, the big and little dippers, and the enormity of the number of visible stars, realizing the minuteness of their stature compared to the universe.

Finally, Teddy Roosevelt would break the silence and say, "Now, I think we are small enough. Let's call it a night."

The Roosevelt mentioned here is the same Roosevelt who said "No educated man can afford to be ignorant of the Bible."

This story is worth remembering every time our heads swell.

The human ego is a social need. Yes, the reality is that we are egoists, one and all. Though we do not admit it. Just listen to people arguing. One will observe that at least one party to the argument will insist that his position is right. Emphatically insisting that all the points raised by those disputing him are on the wrong side. As though he alone has the right to be right. No wonder, many of us try to avoid encounters with people who think that they are the greatest.

Proud and egotist people are misled in thinking that a meaningful life consists in dominating, having and getting. But this is not so. It consists of giving, serving, and understanding. Rather than think too much of ourselves and our own interests, let's think about the welfare of others. As the Holy Bible says: "Bless and you will be blessed."

The parable of the two seas in Palestine clearly illustrates the two kinds of people in this world one who takes without giving back and the givers who share with others. As the story goes: "One sea is fresh. Fish live in it. Trees and bushes grow near it. Children splash and play in it. The river Jordan flows into this sea with sparkling water from the hills. People build their homes near it. Every kind of life is happier because it is there. The same river Jordan flows south into another sea. Here there are no fish, no green things, no children playing, no homes or building. Stale air hangs above its waters, and neither man nor beast will drink of it. What makes the difference between these neighbour seas? Not the Jordan River. It empties the same good water into both. Nor is it the soil or the countryside.

The difference is that the Sea of Galilee receives water but does not keep it. For every drop that flows in, another drop flows out. The giving and the receiving go on in equal measure.

The other sea hoards its income. Every drop it gets it keeps. The Sea of Galilee lives and lives. The other sea gives nothing. It is called the Dead Sea.

All Souls Day Masses

In the Philippines, Filipinos gather to the cemetery to pay respect to their departed love ones. In Brisbane, Fr. Marce celebrated masses in three different churches: Our Lady of Fatima Church in Acacia Ridge, St Carthage Church in Gordon Park and St Flannan Church in Zillmere. We honour and pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly beloved ones

Typhoon Ondoy Appeal

Despite a very limited time, donations for typhoon victims came up day after day from October 1-14. The chaplaincy was able to raise \$6,252.70 and immediately sent to five beneficiaries in the Philippines. A thank you letter was sent to all benefactors and published in the chaplaincy website. Beneficiaries are the following -

1. Diocese of Pasig (covers the cities of Pasig, Taguig and Pateros);
2. Diocese of Antipolo (covers the whole Province of Rizal, Cainta and Marikina City);
3. Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan (covers Lingayen, Dagupan and the whole of Pangasinan);
4. Diocese of Baguio (covers Baguio City and Benguet Province); and,
5. Archdiocese of Tuguegarao (covers Cagayan Valley, Aparri, and Tuguegarao)

Bishops acknowledged assistance

In a separate thank you letters to Fr Marce, portion of which are quoted:

"In times of calamities and want, it is heart-warming to experience the love, care and generosity of people like you. we felt God's love through you. They were a big help to our afflicted people who lost houses, properties and even loved ones". - Gabriel V. Reyes DD, Bishop of Antipolo.

"I would like to thank you and your community most sincerely on behalf of the Diocese of Pasig for this generous assistance for our people. You ca be assured that your donation will be used for the relief operations of the Diocese especially for the purchase of medicines since most of our evacuees are getting sick". - Francisco C. San Diego DD, Bishop of Pasig.

"This wonderful gesture of solidarity with our people, especially those suffering the effects of the recent typhoons, is a manifestation of ecclesial communion. Rest assured that our people will be forever grateful to you and your kind benefactors". - Diosdado A. Talamayan DD, Archbishop of Tuguegarao

"Thank you for your donation for the flood victims in the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan. Please be assured that your donation will be used for the rehabilitation work that now needs to be done. Crops ready for harvest were destroyed and houses were devastated beyond repair. Our children need to get new school supplies and we need to create livelihood opportunities for the people of God. The floods were high but the flood of charity is even higher and more immense. May the Lord reward you for your kindness. At the Cathedral of Saint John in Dagupan, I will remember you each time I lift the Host and chalice at Mass". - +Socrates B. Villegas, Archbishop of Dagupan-Lingayen.

Misa de Gallo & Christmas Events

- Dec. 6th, Sunday, 10am, Paskong Pinoy sa Gold Coast, Sacred Heart Church, Casey Hall, Clear Island Water
- Dec.12th, Saturday, 7pm, Paskong Pinoy sa Wynnum, Guardian Angels Parish Hall, Wynnum
- Dec.13th, Sunday, 12 noon, Paskong Pinoy sa Zillmere, St Flannan's Church, Zillmere
- Dec. 20th, Sunday, 12noon, Paskong Pinoy sa Caboolture, St. Peter's Church

MISA DE GALLO

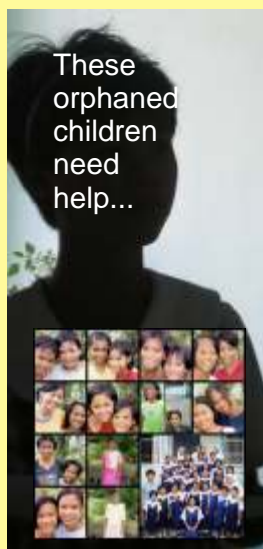
- Dec. 11th, Friday, 7pm, Sacred Heart Church, Gold Coast
- Dec. 16th, Wednesday 7pm, St Flannan's Church, Zillmere
- Dec. 17th, Thursday, 7pm, St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Marsden
- Dec. 18th, Friday, 7pm, Sts Peter & Paul Church, Bulimba
- Dec. 19th, Saturday, 7:15pm, St Matthew's Church, Loganholme
- Dec. 20th, Sunday, 2:00pm, Christmas Carols and Mass, St James Church, Coorparoo
- Dec. 20th, Sunday, 6pm, Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights
- Dec. 21st, Monday, 7pm, St Paul's Church, Woodridge
- Dec. 22nd, Tuesday, 7pm, St Bernadine's Church, Browns Plains
- Dec. 23rd, Wednesday, 7pm, St Carthage Church, Gordon Park

- Dec. 24th, Thursday, 10:30pm Xmas Carols, 11pm, Solemn Midnight Mass, St Matthew's Church, Loganholme
- Dec. 25th, Friday, 8:30am, Solemn Christmas Mass, St Matthew's Church, Loganholme
- Dec. 27th, Sunday, 12noon, Paskong Pinoy sa Ipswich, Our Lady of Miraculous Church, Eastern Heights
- Dec. 31st, Thursday, 11:00pm, New Year's Midnight Mass, St Matthew's Church, Loganholme
- Jan.1st, Friday, 8:30am, New Year's Solemn Mass, St Matthew's Church, Loganholme

"Yes we have received your donations. Thank you very much! Kindly extend our thanks to your Filipino community out there. Be assured that your financial support will be used to reach our hard-hit brothers and sisters, even as we prepare for another typhoon". - Carlito J. Cenzon, CICM, DD, Bishop of Baguio.

Spare a prayer to our senior members of the Filipino community in Brisbane Alberto Gologan and Leticia Aquilisan, who passed away recently - may they rest in peace.

Charitable Project Update - Orphanage



Our chaplaincy is sending its second financial assistance this year to the following orphanages in the Philippines.

1. Home of Peace Orphanage in Aparri-Tuguegarao, Cagayan,
2. Holy Cross childrens Home in Tabaco, Albay;
3. St. Joseph Orphanage & Centre for the Handicapped in Antique;
4. St Joseph Orphanage in Gango, Ozamis City.

Please be informed that we are continually accepting donations for this long term noble project.

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