



The Real Presence

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(Nocte Adoratricum Eucharistia)



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Meaning of *Eucharist*?

Luke 5:1-11. Peter had a great catch when, in obedience to Jesus, he lowered his net at the other side. This Gospel episode may lead us to believe that, since Peter learned how to catch, he became fisher of men. I believe otherwise.

Peter became fisher of men because he learned to be caught ... to be found ... by God. So, this is our lesson: *Be found and caught by God!* The truth of the Gospel is that we cannot find God. We cannot catch His Spirit. The Spirit will catch us ... and our vocation begins when we allow ourselves to be caught by the Spirit. How?

Put out into the deep! Jesus directs Peter. Fulfillment lies in waters deeper than we have ever gone before in our lives. We have to take risks, without guarantee for success. Otherwise, resources are under-utilized ... skills are under-developed ... talents, time, treasures and technology are not shared ... dreams and vision are not pursued.

Jesus invites us ... to leave the margin and shallow waters of our lives ... *go to the deep!* There, the Holy Spirit will catch us. There, you encounter the great power of God. There, we realize our inadequacy, weakness and limitations ... and accept the power over us. There, God finds us.

But, unless we accept that God is greater than we are, unless we accept the need to be forgiven, unless we accept God's terms of surrender, we cannot be found and caught by the Spirit. Go to the deep where we can be found.

Reflection: In Genesis, God asks: Where are you? As an Adorer, do you refuse to be found by God? Do you prefer to be lost? – Condensed from *Found by God – Glimpses of Grace: Homilies/Meditation* (2008) by Rev. Fr. Rufino C. Sescon, Jr.

What Is Eucharistic Adoration?

by Rev. Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., S.T.D.

We Grow in Love for Jesus with Every Encounter. In John 21:16, Jesus asks Peter the question that will determine his whole life: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Jesus is asking each of us the same question: do you love me? Those of us who have an experience of love, know, that true love sets no conditions; it simply loves and yet it must be nurtured and nourished by intimacy, closeness or regular contact. >>>>



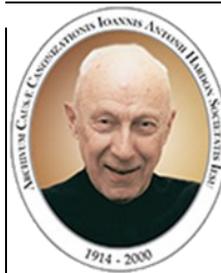
Jesus to Peter: **Be Fisher of Men.**

It is the same with time spent in divine intimacy with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. How can our encounters with the Lord not cause us to fall more and more in love with Him? As we yield to such love, it will prompt hunger for Scripture and the Sacraments as we seek to know and experience Him on a deeper level.

It will make us remember Him throughout the day, inspire us to do little things *just for Him* and try and make ourselves more attractive to Him by lives of purity and holiness. And yet, we should not feel discouraged if we cannot love Him fully because Jesus assures us that He will always love us with a love that surpasses all.

O God, You are my God -- for You I long! In Psalm 63, the Psalmist longs for divine life which is based on a close relationship with God. The Psalm most beautifully expresses the intimate relationship between God and the one who worships Him in His holy Temple.

Such must be OUR love and total self-giving to Jesus, exposed on the Altar, for our sake! *O God, You are my God -- for You I long! For You my body yearns; for You my soul thirsts, like a land parched, lifeless, and without water. So I look to You in the Sanctuary to see Your power and glory. For Your love is better than life; my lips offer You worship! I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands, calling on Your name. My soul shall savor the rich banquet of praise, with joyful lips my mouth shall honor You!*



Jesus asks for so little; yet, He gives so much! *This - the Eucharist - the whole Christ* is His gift to all. Whether we are young or old, sick or healthy, poor or rich, only by regularly partaking in the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, can we reap immense spiritual and temporal blessings in our lives!

The Holy Eucharist is the LIVING FOUNTAIN OF LIFE where we drink in the love of Christ Who alone quenches our thirst. Thus, time spent with our Beloved Saviour in Adoration, becomes the most profound, meaningful, joyful, peaceful and healing experience we could ever encounter! May our adoration never cease!

O, SACRAMENT MOST HOLY! O, SACRAMENT DIVINE! ALL PRAISE AND ALL THANKSGIVING BE EVERY MOMENT THINE!

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Alliance of the Two Hearts: Hope of the World

By Rev. Fr. Michael O'Carroll, C.S.Sp.
Courtesy of Assisi Development Foundation, Inc.



The Jewish custom at that time was for young maidens of pious families to be raised in the Temple where they serve until the age of marriage. Mary desires to remain a virgin betrothed to God in His service but surrenders herself to God's will for her. The Father in Heaven wills her to marry and chooses Joseph of the House of David as her spouse.

Rev. Fr. Nicolas Tuite de McCarthy, SJ (died 1853) reflects on the relationship between the heart of Mary – the center of her whole being – and each of the Divine Persons:

The Father adopter, in a special manner, as His daughter, the One Who would be the Spouse of His Spirit and the Mother of His only Son. He preserved her, alone of all creatures, from the stain of original sin, sanctified not only her birth but her very conception and prepared her from her mother's womb, by an outpouring of graces without precedence and without measure; before she was born, she could already have been called as truthfully as Gabriel did: *Gratia plena* ... Full of Grace!



The betrothal of Mary to Joseph has its wellspring, and is promulgated, in Heaven by the very love of God. Joseph and Mary vow to live together in chastity for the love of God. *Fear of the Lord* is born ... of perfect love of the Lord ... of wisdom, justice and obedience of the meek. Those who truly love the Lord fear to disobey His commands. Mary and Joseph, in their great love of the Lord, are endowed with this gift: *Fear of the Lord*.

Love caused this gift with its fruits of meek humility and loving mercy – a love that is gentle, kind and merciful. Those who love in this way are not envious or boastful. The Beatitude of Gentleness is the first attribute of the Sacred Heart of Jesus which God bestows on Joseph as a gift of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, together with Mary, then raise and form Jesus *meek and humble of heart*.

There, in this Immaculate Heart of Mary, the sacred fire of Love does not go out, and where there burns ceaselessly an incense of unpleasant odor; there is the true altar of holocausts where the pure victim is immolated and consumed constantly; the true Holy of Holies, where the Eternal One secretly gives out His oracles; and the Living Ark of which that of the Hebrews was but a figure. **(To be continued February 2013)**

The betrothal ceremony of Mary and Joseph, attired in traditional Jewish garments ... was a wedding celebrated in Heaven for the glory that God would reveal through the Son of Mary.

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The Holy Spirit

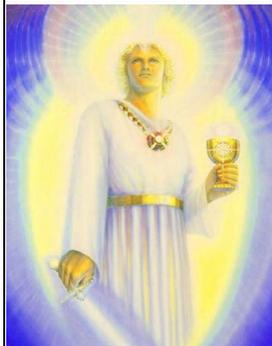
Galatians 4:9. *But now that you have known God – or rather, God has known ... found ... you – how can you turn back to weak and impoverished things? Do you want to be enslaved again – and go back to Egypt?*

We ... Adorers ... tend to grow tired of true freedom which God has gifted us with. We prefer no responsibilities and refuse to take risks. We prefer to be told what to do ... what not to do – this is good; that is bad. Do this; don't do that.

St. Paul tells the Galatians: *You belong to Christ, let the Spirit guide you*. But, to decide in favor of Paul's advice, we ... Adorers ... must reflect on the Word of God and His commands ... to take on responsibilities ... to take risks.

And because many Adorers prefer to be in shallow waters than the deep ... we are inclined to prefer the celebration of certain days, fulfill certain obligations and rites ... and then be left alone with our little faith and weak love. St. Louis Marie de Montfort, the great apostle of Mary, counsels us: *If you do not take great risks for God, you will not do great things for Him*.

Reflection: Which do you prefer: A journey that leads to True Freedom or one that leads to True Slavery?



St. Michael the Archangel

Angels and Archangels

From *Breakfast with Angels* by Traci Mullins (1996).

Isaiah 14:1-27 ...*How are you fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are you cast down to the ground, you who mowed down the nations! You said in your heart: I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne higher than the stars of God; I will sit on the Mount of Assembly, in the far recesses of the North; I will climb up above the clouds; I will be like the Most High!*

But down to the netherworld you go, to the deep recesses of the Pit. All who see you stare at you and ponder over your fate: Is this the man who shook the earth, made kingdoms quake, made the world a waste, who overthrew cities and did not give his captives release?

Our beloved Jaime L Cardinal Sin wrote in *I Will Serve: Reflections and Inspirations* (1999): The world is opposed to being tested; God, on the contrary, is all for testing. Before Adam and Eve were tested in the Garden of Eden, God put His angels to the test ... permitting them a glimpse of the future ... seeing God in the lowly form of man. In response to the invitation to adore Him Who would so *empty Himself*, a third of the angels deemed adoration of the God-man beneath their dignity hence they rebelled. Reflection: Choose True Freedom; reject True Slavery.

[Note from BroDuffy: Hell must be the model of dis-order, chaos, mis-management and dis-organization ... with Satan/Lucifer and his fallen angels all inclined towards *doing their own thing* and disobeying Satan's authority and doing only what they want to do.]

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St. Joseph

From *Living the Beatitudes with St. Joseph* by Howard Joseph Q. Dee (2004)

1st Mystery: *Betrothal of the Virgin Mary to Joseph.* **Gift of the Holy Spirit:** *Fear of the Lord.* **Beatitude:** *Blessed are the meek, they shall inherit the earth.* >>>>





On Prayer

Experiencing God: The Three Stages of Prayer
by Rev. Fr. Thomas H. Green, SJ (2010).

God, the Creator of the Universe, profoundly honors us when He ... in silence ... listens to our prayers.

Techniques of yoga breathing-exercises, relaxation, Zen meditation and the Jesus-prayer can bring us to quiet ... to silence ... to a listening attitude ... which is the first thing you need to hear God.

Non-prayerful techniques like listening to classical music, strolling and so on can, as well, bring us to quiet ... to silence ... to a listening attitude ... to hear God. As such, these techniques are valid. But ... notice ... no matter how quiet you become ... the silence does not produce God. Quiet ... silence ... does not oblige God to speak to you.

Techniques ... silence ... the right posture ... the right place ... the right mantra ... do not produce an encounter with God. God does not allow Himself to be manipulated by you. There is not way we can turn God on and off at our will ... when we want to ... where we want to.

God is the Lord of the encounter ... He initiates the encounter. While you are at prayer, it may seem to you that God is not listening ... that He is absent ... that He is not present. But, if you know that you are really ... and truly ... open in mind and heart to God ... indeed, you are praying.

Prayer-experience ... group-prayer ... vigils ... are not one-way streets ... not something you do alone. Prayer ... vigil ... is an encounter ... an interaction ... between God and you ... between God and your Turno vigil-group.

Reflection: What would Flor's reaction be if Manny goes courting her with words straight out of Romeo and Juliet?

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On Silence

From *The Ragged Edge of Silence: Finding Peace In a Noisy World* by John Francis (2011)

Before I started on my journey of silence, I was enamored of cars – which to me conveyed the idea of who I wanted to be and the dollar-worth of the people who drove them. I coveted

branded clothes not because their styles suited me but because by possessing them I felt I would be the better person than those around me.

These pre-occupations ... pre-conceptions ... which were born of pretense ... I left behind as I walked in silence. I let go of the pretense of race ... seeing that we are all the same ... and different: This vision has become the rule of my life.

Wisdom, I discovered, is rooted in silence ... for how can I learn if I am in a perpetual state of yapping – that is, outwardly agitated and, inwardly, in turmoil? Being attentive in silence is important because nothing happens by accident. God created all beings ... things ... and are thus sacred. Everything that happens to them is significant ... **Next column**

... clothed with symbolic meaning.

By being attentive, we gain a little more wisdom and understanding of our own lives. In every person ... every act ... every thing ... every instant ... we should be intensely attentive to the Divine Presence.

Thomas Merton, the Trappist monk, points out that silence led him to conclude that either journey – into the concept, or the practice, of silence – has merits, but it is best to take part in both.

Lesson Four on Silence: Journal Writing. Objective: Record of your Journeys and Landmarks.

Your Journal may be scrap-paper glued or fastened together ... a simple notebook ... or a folder in cyber-space. Write about the weather, how you feel about it and its consequences. Draw and paste photos on it. Tape collected items on it – do whatever you want. What's important is you do it every day. In a month, choose a free day to reflect on what you have done the previous month.

Journal-writing provides an opportunity for you to discover something about yourself which you may have overlooked – perhaps, because you did not take the time to express in written words what you felt. And, writing is a good discipline. The more you write, the better person you become. Don't be afraid to share your journal with others. **(To be continued February 2013)**

On Brotherhood



Merton: A Biography

By Monica Furlong (1980)

How did Merton triumph over several crises of identity as a Trappist monk in Gethsemani, Kentucky, USA? How much did he miss the many pleasures of the modern world?

The Trappist Abbey at Gethsemani lies in a wild, lonely countryside. The landscape is unspoiled and quiet ... except for the occasional throbbing of the guns at Fort Knox. The surrounding hillside change color during the day through many shades of green, violet and blue.

There are woods, valleys, wide fields and ponds; a marvelous abundance of birds, animals and flowers; enormous butterflies in plenty, big crickets and katydids. Local farmers built illicit stills for making the dangerous local moonshine.

Medieval Cistercian ... Trappist ... tradition is one of simplicity in architecture, ritual and way of life ... in everything. The Trappist monastery is a thousand years in time from 20th century America. Even the great church at Gethsemani is unheated.

Trappists follow the Benedictine rule – a life devoted to prayer and manual work, lived in common with other monks. However, unlike the Benedictines, Trappist monks live a life of silence, ate and drank sparingly, slept fully clothed due to the absence of heating oil, rose at 2AM to pray the night office and spent the rest of the day in prayer, meditation or reading.

Accepted into the Novitiate, with an ex-Marine for a guardian, Merton had to learn quickly the traditional method of Cistercian communication: Sign language. Using mostly the right hand and its forefinger, the monks had over 400 hand signs – covering everyday words for food, work, clothes, the liturgy, vessel breviary, the Divine Office (*Opus Dei*) and others. **See Page 8, Column 1**



The Good Shepherd.

On Leaders

Sirach 10:1-5. The wise leader will teach his people; the government of the intelligent man is well-ordered. As the leader is, so will his ministers be; as the leader of the city is, so will be its inhabitants.

A king without wisdom will ruin his people; a city will prosper through the wisdom of its rulers. The government of the earth is in the hands of the Lord; in His own time, He will raise up the right leader.

The success of every man is in the hands of the Lord and He clothes the rulers with His glory.



Moses

On Virtue

Isaiah 40:31. Those who wait on God will find their strength renewed. They will soar as with eagle's wings ... run and not go weary ... walk and never tire.

In his book *Patience: How We Wait upon the World*, David Baily Harned writes: Whenever *Patience* is absent, *Charity* ...

Love ... sours ... for the sake of *Love*, we endure as much as we must ... as calmly and patiently as we can. We are forgiving toward those we love and who love us ... no matter how often our expectations are disappointed, we do not surrender our hope that patience will be rewarded.

Charity ... *Love* ... also involves constancy and consistency. Those we love must have the confidence that they can depend on us ... particularly, the children who will not gain the basic trust so essential for their development. If we grow impatient, we will no longer love and cherish the other-ness of others ... their remarkable characteristics which allows them to be different and distinct from ourselves. *Love* is a commitment to *Patience* ... always.

What could be the meaning of *Hope* if it were not patient? *Patience* sees what indifference and boredom never can ... *Patience* takes the time, dedicates the energy and wants to see. *Patience* and despair may look upon identical landscapes and, at first, glimpse nothing that promises renewal. Yet, *Patience* brings something that was not apparent until *Patience* has done its careful work. So, there are grounds for *Hope* as long as *Patience* lasts.

Without *Patience*, *Faith* can not endure. *Faith*-fulness to our Creator requires us to display to others the same patience God shows to us. *Faith* in Father and Son together emboldens us to endure patiently the adversity we encounter, in imitation of the Suffering Christ Who was obedient unto death.

As a synonym for Christ's obedience, *Patience* is the content ... the essence ... the meat of faith. In the time, between times of crisis and blessing, we must be ready to pause, to listen in confident expectancy, so that we can attentively discern and decipher the signs of God's actions in our lives.

Hence, we need *Patience* ... See next column >>>>

... without it, there are no virtues. *Patience* is ... a necessity that our nature enforces ... a requirement of civic order ... an ingredient of every virtue ... and the heart of the Gospel.

(February 2013: All virtues reside in Patience)



Clive Staples Lewis

Perfection

From *The Joyful Christian* by C. S. Lewis (1977)

As a child, when I had a toothache, I knew that if I went to my mother she would give me aspirin to deaden the pain. But, I did not go to my mother – at least, not until the pain became very bad. Why did I not go to her? I knew she would give me aspirin but I also knew she would do something else – take me to the dentist.

I could not get what I wanted out of her without getting something more which I did not want to get. All I wanted was immediate relief from pain – period! But, I could not get relief without dentists having my teeth set permanently right. I knew those dentist would start fiddling with my other teeth which had not yet begun to ache.

Our Lord is like the dentists, if I may put it that way. Give Him an inch, he wants more ... much more! Dozens of people go to Him to be cured of a particular sin which they are ashamed of ... like masturbation or physical cowardice ... or something which obviously spoils daily life like drunkenness and bad temper Well, He will cure but He will not stop there. Healing may be all you asked, but once you call Him in, He will give you the full treatment.

That is why He warned people to count the cost before becoming Christians. *Make no mistake* He says *the moment you put yourself in My hands, full treatment is what you are in for – nothing. Understand that I am going to see this job through. Whatever suffering it may cost you on earth, whatever unconceivable purification it may cost you after death ... whatever it costs Me ... I will never rest nor let you rest until you are literally PERFECT – until my Father can say without reservation that He is well pleased with you, as He said He was well pleased with Me. This I will do for you. You have free will and, if you choose, you can push Me away.*

And yet – this is the other and equally important side of perfection – this Helper who will, in the long run, be satisfied with nothing less than absolute perfection, will also be delighted with the first feeble, stumbling effort you make tomorrow to do the simplest duty. As George MacDonald pointed out, every father is pleased at his baby's first attempt to walk; no father would be satisfied with anything less than a firm, free, manly walk in a grown-up son. In the same way, MacDonald said: *God is easy to please but hard to satisfy.*

The practical upshot is: On one hand, God's demand for perfection need not discourage you in the least, as you strive to be good – even in your present failures. Each time you fall, He will pick you up. He knows perfectly well that your own efforts are never going to bring you anywhere near to perfection.

On the other hand, you must realize from the outset that the goal toward which He is beginning to guide you is absolute perfection; No power in the universe, except you yourself, can prevent Him from taking you to that goal. That is what you are in for. And, it is very important to realize that.



The China Mission: Jesus is at the upper center with St. Francis Xavier and St. Ignatius of Loyola, kneeling. Standing: Xu Guangqi and Matteo Ricci.

On Mission

1 John 1:1-5. *So we tell you what we have heard and seen with our own eye ... what we have looked at and touched with our own hands ... the Word Who is ...Eternal Life ... and we are telling you of Him ... that you may be in fellowship with us ... with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. And, we write this that you may have perfect joy.*

The Commission Jesus gave to His apostles was to evangelize ... proclaim Him to all nations ... to hasten His Second Coming. Christians are duty-bound to go on missions ... to evangelize ... to proclaim Jesus ... unless we do not want

Jesus to be with us again.

Joy and peace are the first fruits of the Gospel when it is proclaimed ... and when we welcome it. Reflection: As an Adorer of Jesus, how can you involve yourself in the Jesus Commission of world evangelization if you know you are called by God to stay within the limits of your home ... your neighborhood ... community ... parish ... and country?

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The ANF Constitution: Part I Chapter III

Lay Apostolate. The Adorers' duty ... to take an active part in the life of the parish, Diocese, Archdiocese and penetrate the world with a Christian spirit ... as witnesses to, and of, Christ ... drawing men, women and youth closer to God ... and towards the faith ... in the midst of human society – in family, school, business, work, politics and leisure; in community, neighborhood, country and Church – is based on his union with Christ, through baptism ... empowered and strengthened as witness ... by Christ Himself.

Social Apostolate. The Adorers' duty ... to give a Christian outlook to our country's laws and customs – in the midst of human society – by their study habits; by the example of their daily lives at home, school, work, business, politics and leisure; by their conversation; by what they do and do not do; by their honesty and charity; by sharing the needs and hopes of those around them ... is based on the 1971 Second Plenary Council of the Philippines (PCP-II) ... that evangelization requires conversion to Gospel values and the transformation of social structures.

Evangelization and Re-evangelization. The Adorers' duty ... for formation and re-formation ... toward a properly integrated Catholic Christian spirituality ... through training modules based on the Gospel values of Jesus and ... as witness to others of God's grace working in our lives ... is based on the directive of Jesus to evangelize all nations and its peoples ... to pave the way for His Second Coming.



... to sponsor scholars to seminaries and convents, particularly for Tarcisian Adorers and the children of Adorers ... to participate in the progression, succession and renewal of the Church and its hierarchy and composition ... is based on our mission to evangelize which starts at home – where evangelization first takes place and where evangelization takes first place.

Livelihood Programs. The Adorers' duty ... to form, and to help others to join, cooperatives to improve the plight of his fellowmen ... to share his time, talent, treasure and technology in training the unemployed or upgrade the skills of the under-employed for their general well-being ... is based on God's plan for all of His creatures to share the bounty of His creation ... tempered by justice and charity.

Note: The Section/Council President, including the National President, is charged with organizing an Implementing Committee, under supervision of its Director, for implementation of PCP-II decrees.

[Bro. Duffy suggests that, for calendar year 2013, each Turno/Section/ Council, including the National Council, choose at least ONE of these apostolic works of mercy **LSEPL**.

Also, while not explicitly mentioned above: An Adorer must indulge in sports for general well-being. The Roman poet Juvenal reminds us: *A healthy body, a healthy mind*. Turnos/Sections/Councils are encouraged to engage, in healthy competition in a sports program that transcends gender and age, such as chess.]

Mark 3:1-6. Is Jesus interested in our spiritual progress and in our material well-being? Is it possible to separate one from the other?

Jesus may not have given us specific plans for bettering the economy, the educational system nor the organization of the ... Adoracion Nocturna Filipina ... at Turno/Section/Council level. Instead, He attacked our prejudices which prevent us from uplifting the lives of our brother/sister Adorers. Upliftment is more important to Jesus. In this manner, people have the capacity and the means to better their condition which, unfortunately, we poorly use because of principles and institutions which we consider to be sacred thus we allow half the world to die.

For example, Jewish law prohibited all work on the Sabbath – the day of the week consecrated to God – hence people may not walk more than a thousand paces, pick wheat nor heal the sick. Another example: many people hold that Christian marriages may not be annulled under any circumstance. Thus, Jesus *looked at them with anger* because God desires to give life.

As Jesus attacks our prejudices, the Pharisee and the partisans of Herod in each of us ... Adorers ... unite against Jesus because it is not to our best interest that He awaken others ... Adorers ... from their passivity, hesitancy ... reluctance ... and lukewarmness.

(February 2013 — Part I Chapter IV)

World Leprosy Day is on 29 January. The Department of Health and its corporate partners have launched The Best Practices & Innovative Ideas in Fighting Leprosy contest. Prizes range from P5,000.00 - P100,000.00 by entry. Entries must be emailed to leprosybestpractices@gmail.com on or before 18 February 2013. Winners will be announced on the week of 04 March 2013. Entry forms and contest rules are accessible at www.doh.gov.ph.



Tarcisian Challenge: Lead the Youth Closer to Christ

An Example of the Olympic Spirit
Taken from *A Basic Guide to the History, Ideals and Sports of the Olympic Movement*
US Olympic Committee Sports (2002).

The modern Olympic spirit has been reflected by many individuals. One who did was Clifton E. Cushman, a renowned track star at the University of Kansas who won the intermediate hurdles three times at the Kansas Relay and the silver medal in the 400-meter hurdles at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games.

During the U.S. Olympic Trials, he was leading the race to qualify for the 1964 U.S. Olympic Team when he stumbled on the last hurdle and fell – failing to qualify for a chance to win the gold medal. Many people, including the students at his high school, wrote him about his unfortunate tumble and how sorry they felt for him. Clifton replied below:

An Open Letter to Young People: *Don't feel sorry for me. You may have seen me on TV hit the fifth hurdle, fall and lie on the track in an inglorious heap of skinned elbows, bruised hips, torn knees and injured pride, unsuccessful in my attempt to make the Olympic team In a split second, all the many years of training, pain, sweat, blisters and agony of running were ... wiped out. But, I tried! I would much rather fail knowing that I had put forth an honest effort than never have tried at all.*

Some of you have never seen the satisfaction of doing your best in sports, the joy of excelling in class, the wonderful feeling of completing an assignment, a job and looking back knowing that you have done your best. You spend more money, enjoy more freedom ... yet you are unhappy.

I dare you ... do what is right and not wilt under the comments of your so-called friends. I dare you ... clean up your language. I dare you ... honor your father and your mother. I dare you ... go to Church without having to be compelled. I dare you ... unselfishly help someone less fortunate and enjoy the wonderful feeling that goes with it.

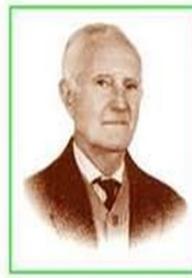
I dare you ... be physically fit. I dare you ... look up at the stars, not down at the mud, and set your sights on high that, up to now, you thought is unattainable. There is plenty of room at the top, but no room for one to sit down.

Clifton E. Cushman graduated from Grand Forks Central High School in North Dakota in 1956 and inducted into the Grand Forks Central Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990.

Beloved Tarcisian Adorer: In your own small way, how would you respond to these challenges?



Rev. Fr. Robert Kennedy, SJ is also a Zen master (*roshi*) who teach Zen meditation, not to analyze or theorize about prayer and life but to plunge us into the contemplative act itself in the situations of our daily life.



Alberto Capellan Zuazo. Declared Venerable on 06 April 1998 by Pope John Paul II. For beatification, pray: *O God, You granted Your servant, Alberto Capellan Zuazo, a singular love for the mysteries of Your Body and Blood, and the charism of finding and serving You in the poor: make me also able to pass through this life intimately united to You, serving You in the neediest of our brothers and sisters. Deign to glorify Your servant, Alberto, and grant me through his intercession this favor that I ask of You (mention request).* Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

Adorer Profile

Domingo A. Vargas. With gratitude to the late Bro. Edgardo R. Hernandez, he invited me into the pool of religious activity, firstly as an active adorer of Turno 1255 of Section 106 in 1989.

The charismatic Jefe de Turno, Bro. Artemio Juntilla, appointed me as Treasurer. In 1998, I was commissioned a lay minister of the Holy Eucharist at our parish. On 24 August 2011, I was installed Jefe de Turno 1255 at Mary Immaculate Parish, Moonwalk, Las Pinas City, in lieu of industrious Bro. Jose Saguido. I said to Bro. Ed: *Appoint someone younger.* His jovial response: *Be a good boy, Lolo. You can do it. The Holy Spirit will assist you.*

I saw light of day on 04 October 1936, walked with *bakya* for shoes through elementary and high school. Of 4 brothers and 2 sisters, I alone finished high school, not on account of intelligence, but of poverty. My father was also an Adorer and I followed his footsteps.

In order to finish college, I worked as helper at Holy Rosary Parish, Naga City under the Vincentian Fathers, at their Marian Center in San Marcelino, Manila as an acolyte and as secretary of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Apostolate – whose history is contained in a book I wrote *Touching Our Lives : My work in Marian Center.*

The Center became my life-time work and the fruits of my sacrifice were my wife, Corazon and our 5 children, and my diploma in AB Journalism from MLQU. My faith has been strengthened, thanks to adoration of, and communicating, the Holy Eucharist.

In recruiting new members, I realized that parishioners do not know much about *Adoracion Nocturna Filipina* hence I obtained the assistance of Bro. Solomeo A. Abuel, Jr. then Section 134 Secretary to invite as speaker, Bro. Caesar A. Aycocho, President of Section 28 Makati on September 2012. They are now aware of the spiritual benefit of visits to the Blessed Sacrament and that we are an organized movement with national network and international affiliation.

Of those who attended the September orientation in our parish, 10 became Active Adorers of Turno 1255. Our target this year is to invite parishioners who are less involved in other religious organizations, to let them know more of the *Adoracion Nocturna Filipina.*



Cardinal Newman's Prayer: Radiating Christ

Shared by Bro. Domingo A. Vargas

Dear Jesus, I adore You in the Holy Eucharist; help me spread your fragrance everywhere I go; Flood my soul with Your Spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of You. **See Page 9, Column 1 >>>**

From **A Fiery Flame: Encountering God's Word**

Edited by Rev. Fr. James H. Kroeger, MM and Joseph D. Zaldivar
From presentations made during the *Josefino Forum: Verbum Dei*
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Academic Excellence in Ministerial Priesthood and Pastoral Work

By Rev. Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres
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We learn from the Gospel of Luke 14:48 – To whom much is given, much is demanded. I believe much is demanded of you – future priests, bishops and pastoral workers. In this country where the faith is strong, you are expected – whether you like it or not – to be leaders, tasked to lead in many challenges, disasters and situations in life.

Questions: How do you prepare yourself to respond to the great challenges presented before you? What skills do you need to develop? What do you need to learn? What opportunities do you need to learn these skills?

You will be tasked to lead and organize. You need to have system ... order ... organization. You will need fund-raising skills and networking skills. You will need to be persuasive and communicative in more ways than one. You should know the various resources you need to finish well any work or activity which you have started.

You will have to know how to deal with people who go through a form of dying ... the process of denial ... anger ... bargaining ... and depression. You must learn to organize better ... to encourage people ... to learn new ways, skills, methods, systems. May we all give our very best to the great needs that surround us today.

Eucharistic Homily: Encountering God through Words

By Rev. Fr. Victor C. de Jesus, S.J.
Rector, San Jose Major Seminary

We heard many words today. Our God is a God of words ... perhaps, we may even say ... a noisy God. But, do you remember living in a world without words? Yes, at least, for a time ... in the womb of our mother.

Some of us live in the world of sign language. Our Mass celebrant this afternoon, Bishop Honesto Ongtioco, knows sign language. Signs are words.

How do we teach ... and how will one learn if, like Helen Keller ... she is **blind** ... in the dark and cannot see people's reactions to what she does; and **deaf** ... smothered with silence, not hearing anything from the dark; and **mute** ... locked in a world of darkness and deafening silence... in a world not of her own doing ... unable to give and receive ... to eat properly as we do ... to exchange words and improve on the meaning of life ... find joy and laughter in the company of other people ... seemingly alone and alienated from the rest of humanity by an invisible barrier? Learn she did.

How would you explain to a Helen Keller that the Word of God is a promise ... that God Himself is a promising God?

In the end, through the pain of estrangement ... our truest spouse is God Who became **See next column >>>>**

Word in Jesus and tells us: *I shall be your Spouse ... Word made flesh for you ... to nourish you with fire ... Bread for your journey.*

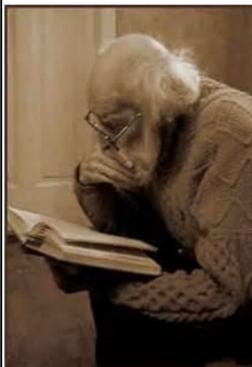
God gives us His promise ... His very Word, His very heart – in flesh, sacrament and sign – the One whom we celebrate and praise in this afternoon's Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. God gives His Word ... even if we break our own word ... of our own accord.

And so ... now, we turn to God to give our word ... again. He invites us, into whose hearts He poured His Spirit so that we may call Him *Abba!* We are invited to give our word again ... to renew our commitment at the table of the Covenant, the *new* Covenant. We ask ... and pray ... that we may keep our word to the One who keeps us.

May the Lord bless and keep us ... faithful to the Word ... to our marriage covenant with Him ... and nourished by the Word ... on fire for the Word ... that we may again *sing* of the Word of God and proclaim His praise. Amen.

<(-: JokeS only :-)>

What difference can you find in a prince, a gorilla, a bald man and an orphan? The prince is an heir apparent. The gorilla has an hairy parent. The bald man has no hair apparent. And, the orphan has no parent.



[Wisdom of the Ancients]

Hebrews 7:7 – No doubt, he who blesses is higher than the one who is blessed.

Genesis 12 – The lesson of Abraham is that you have to be willing to risk it all ... to give up everything for God. The bottomline is if you're too comfortable ... too secure ... too into having *control*, then you won't be willing to trust God. In the Lord's Prayer, we pray that *God's will be done*. You are saying that *God, I'm prepared to do your will*. Yet, really, what

you want to do is *your* will because most of us are control freaks. We want the security of knowing that we have a house ... we have a job ... our children are protected ... we have a savings account. And God says that not going to bring the security you really need in your life. Now, if you want to understand what God is saying to you, you have to be alone ... you need to be quiet ... you need to listen.

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Rev. Fathers Ramon M. Pedroza and Carmelo C. Esteban** – both Montfort Missionary Fathers: For a stronger missionary vocation through, with, in and for Mary. *Soli Deo!* God Alone! *Ad Iesum per Mariam!* To Jesus through Mary!
- 2. Bros. Leonardo B. Dayap and Edmundo P. Monroy** – both National Council Officers: For recovery of body, mind, soul and spirit due bronchitis and mild attack resulting to momentary blindness, respectively; and Bro. Bong Dayap's mother due to complications brought about by diabetes.
- 3. Bro. Wilfredo A. Rabaca**, VP of Section 5 Vigan: For the eternal repose of our beloved deceased brother Adorer, Leonardo Rabaino, of Turno 1166 Sta. Catalina Ilocos Sur.
- 4. Sis. Dolores dIR. Tumaneng**, Secretary of Section 28 Makati: For the eternal repose of our beloved deceased brother Adorer, Vicente E. Aceveda, of Turno 1008 St. Andrew.

On Brotherhood ... For *God*, a triangle is formed with the thumb and the forefinger of both hands and raised up. For *Holy Spirit*, the sign for God is used with the hands flapped as wings. For *fast*, the lips are pressed together by the thumb and forefinger.

For nationality, an Englishman was represented by raising the nose-tip with a forefinger; and a Frenchman by twirling an imaginary moustachio.

Merton also had to get used to a diet largely lacking in protein which he describes as often completely tasteless – no meat, eggs or cheese, except if sick. The Trappist table had on it a water jug, wooden spoon, fork, knife, earthenware mug, enameled plate, folded napkin and other implements.

After the Trappist had eaten – soup, bread, vegetable and an apple – the custom was to wash the knife, fork and spoon in the mug of drinking water, dry them with the napkin, empty the mug into the soup bowl if water is not entirely drunk and dry the mug with the napkin, leaving everything in its original place on the table.

Wearing a light-weight cowl of cotton flannel, the Trappist retired to sleep in his dormitory at 7PM, removing only his shoes and, if permission is given due to the heat, his cowl. No one is allowed in the dormitory without necessity or to rest without permission.

With slight variations, the monk awakens at 2AM for the night office, mental prayer the Angelus and private Masses in each cell, celebrated simultaneously at the side altars; meditation until *Prime* at 530AM; *Terce*, High Mass and *Sext* at 745AM; *None*, the Examen of Conscience and the Angelus at 11AM; *Vespers* and mental prayer at 430PM; lectures, *Compline*, *Salve Regina* and the Angelus at 610PM; to bed at 7PM – then work is used to fill in-between the schedule with very limited free time.

The purpose of the silence, meager diet, work, confinement and prayer was to free the monks from distractions and concentrate on the contemplation of God. They saw the sun rise and went to bed as it set. They knew cold and heat, real hunger and the satisfaction of hunger, the joy and weariness of manual work. They became acutely aware of birds, flowers, trees, the sky and the stars. Weather became important for the cold of winter and the heat in summer.

Merton understood that, by abstaining from sensual experience, he does not kill his senses but sharpen them to submit to a point of much greater intensity. The Cistercian observance, as with all religious observances, aims not at ultimately denying the senses but at focusing ... re-focusing them – on God.

Merton took his first vows of temporary profession in 1944 – three years after admission into the Abbey – and dedicated himself to God as a monk in 1947. Both vows were given on the same date: 19 March, the Feast of St. Joseph. The day of solemn profession for Merton was a happy one. He felt a sense of union with his fellow monks ... this family ... this

band of brothers.

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At age 32, Merton had come to rest and he rested with delight. Where conflict arose between the needs of the monk and needs of the writer for prose and poetry, the monk triumphed. But, Merton writes: *I did not yet know to recognize my selfishness because they appeared as spiritual in their new disguise. All my bad habits had sneaked into the monastery with me ... receiving the religious vesture with me – spiritual gluttony, spiritual pride and spiritual sensuality.*

Yet, Merton offers a simple explanation for the kind of life he had chosen to lead: *The monastery is a school in which we learn ... from God how to be delighted when God shares the perfection of His love with us ... but first, God must cleanse our souls of the lies that are in them ... by making us detest ourselves ... get sick at the sight of ourselves ... and turn to Him. In the end, we will find Him in ourselves ... in our own purified natures which have become the mirror of His tremendous Goodness and of His endless Love.*

With the little time he had for writing, Merton began to work again in a way he had enjoyed in the past – keeping a journal. The published extracts began on 10 December 1946. The entry on 28 April 1947 reads: *On and off since Ester, I have been playing a game called Insomnia. It goes like this: Lie down in your dormitory cell. Listen to first one monk and then another monk begin to snore without, however, going to sleep yourself. Then, count the number of hours, and console yourself with an exact knowledge of the amount of sleep you are missing. The fun does not really begin until you get up at 2AM and try to keep awake in choir. All day long you wander around the monastery bumping into walls for lack of sleep.*

With the monk always winning over the writer in him, to what secret formula does Merton attribute the extraordinary success of his books?

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On Apostolic Works of Mercy

From *In the Heart of the World* (1997)

by Mother Teresa. Edited by Becky Benenate.

An example of how generous people are is this: We had picked up a young orphan boy whose mother had died in the home of the destitutes. She had come from a well-to-do family but her life had come down on difficult circumstances.

The boy grew up and was asked: Why do you want to become a priest? He gave a simple answer: I want to do for other children what Mother Teresa has done for me. I want to love as she loved me. I want to serve as she served me. I want to teach as she taught me.

Today, he is a priest ... with the heart of Jesus and Mary ... devoted to bring the message of Jesus to all those who have nothing and have no one – those who have forgotten ... what human love is ... or the warmth of a human touch ... or even the kindness of a smile

Reflection: As an Adorer, what is Jesus telling you to do for Him through this story? Has your Turno/Section/Council organized an outreach program?

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Cardinal Newman's Prayer ... Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with, may feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer – but only You, O Lord. Stay with me, then I shall begin to shine as You are; so to shine as to light to others. The light O Jesus will be all from You, none of it will be mine; it will be You shining on others through me. Let me thus praise You in the way You love best, by shining on those around me. Let me preach You without preaching, not by words but my example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You. **Amen.**

Constantinople ... Egypt – priests and scribes – was not intended to be used by anybody else. Papyrus on which it was written is found only in Egypt. In contrast, the English language is favored in trade and commerce; arts, sciences, law and medicine; and business, labor and government.

Around 2000 BC, the Jews living in Egypt – the world's first overseas worker – invented a writing system revolving around an alphabet with 27 letters: also, the world's first. Led by Moses, the Jews, descended from the ancient people of Israel ... of Jacob ... came out of 400 years of slavery in Egypt and settled in the land of Canaan – first settled by Abraham after leaving the land of Ur of the Chaldeans.

These ancient Jews ... Canaanites ... Israelites ... were called by the Greeks as Phoenicians. The National Geographic Magazine Genetic Mapping Project demonstrates that areas settled by Phoenicians – Lebanon, Syria, Malta, Sicily, Spain and Israel – share a common chromosome.

Through maritime trade, Phoenicians spread the use of their alphabet to North Africa and Europe; the Greeks adopted it, passed it on to the Etruscans and, in turn, to the Romans. The Phoenician alphabet did not use vowels. The Greeks added the vowel sounds. The Romans improved on the alphabet system according to the needs of their culture.

As the Western Roman Empire collapsed in 5th century AD ... and as Christianity experienced explosive growth ... the Christianized Germanic tribes invaded all of Europe, Britain and North Africa. Surprisingly, these invading *barbarians* ... instead of imposing their own language on the subjugated peoples ... decided to ditch their own and use the Roman alphabet ... with some improvements. Why? The answer is: Christianity. **(To be continued February 2013)**



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Giordano Bruno (1548 – 17 February 1600) was born **Filippo Bruno** in Nola (part of the Kingdom of Naples); Italian Dominican friar, philosopher, mathematician and astronomer – taking the name of Giordano Crispo, his mentor in metaphysics; Ordained to the priesthood 1572. Known for skills in the art of memory, demonstrating his mnemonic system before Pope Pius V and Cardinal Rebiba.

Bruno praised Copernicus for the scientific explanation that Earth revolves around the sun, and that the apparent diurnal rotation of the heavens is an illusion caused by the rotation of the Earth around its axis. He proposed that the Sun is a star and saw a sun/star-with-planets system as the fundamental unit of the universe, which did not in any way contradict scripture nor true religion. The Earth was just one more heavenly body, as was the Sun.

Bruno's ideas about the universe played a smaller role in his trial than his pantheist beliefs, which differed from the interpretation and scope of God held by the Catholic Church. Numerous charges were made against Bruno by the Roman Inquisition for holding opinions contrary to the Catholic faith, which included: blasphemy, immoral conduct, and heresy in matters of dogmatic theology.

On 20 January 1600, Pope Clement VIII declared Giordano Bruno a heretic and the Inquisition issued a sentence of death. According to the correspondence of one Gaspar Schopp of Breslau, he is said to have made a threatening gesture towards his judges and to have replied: *Maio riforsan cum timoresententiam in me fertis quam ego accipiam* (Perhaps you pronounce this sentence against me with greater fear than I receive it). He was quickly turned over to the secular authorities and, on 17 February 1600 in the Campo de' Fiori, a central Roman market square, *his tongue imprisoned because of his wicked words* he was burned at the stake. His ashes were dumped into the Tiber river. All of Bruno's works were placed on the *Index Librorum Prohibitum* in 1603.



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Episcopal Ordination – February 2013: Bishop Wilfredo D. Manlapaz of Tagum; Bishop Patricio A. Buzon of Kabankalan; Bishop Isabelo C. Abarquez of Calbayog; and Bishop Emeritus Cesar C. Raval of Bangued.

Sacerdotal Ordination – 27 February 1982: His Eminence Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle, D.D.

Foundation Anniversaries: 24th Year – Diocesan Council of Tagum (11 February 1989).

59th Year – Section 9 Candon, Ilocos Sur (20 February);

30th Year – Section 76 Gumaca; and
 Section 77 Calauag, Quezon (05 February).

90th Year – Turno 27 San Marcelino, Manila (19 February);

60th Year – Turno 231 Labo, Camarines Norte (February);
 Turno 232 Paracale, Camarines, Norte;
 Turno 246 Sta. Cruz, Lubao (06 February);
 Turno 252 Sta. Cruz, Laguna (22 February);
 Turno 254 Bacolod City (15 February); and
 Turno 276 Orani, Bataan (13 February).

50th Year – Turno 831 Mulanay, Quezon (05 February);
 Turno 833 Catanauan, Quezon (07 February);
 Turno 842 Can-avid, Samar (15 February); and
 Turno 861 Lupu, Camarines Sur (04 February).

35th Year – Turno 1171 Camachile Orion (12 February); and
 Turno 1172 Mayapyap, Cabanatuan.

30th Year – Turno 1256 Inaon, Pulilan (19 February);
 Turno 1257 UBB, Marikina (12 February); and
 Turno 1258 P. del Rosario, Cebu City).

78th Year – Tarcisian Turno One Manila (14 February);

44th Year – Tarcisian Turno 961 Manuguit, Tondo;
 40th Year – Tarcisian Turno 50 Magalang (25 February);
 35th Year – Tarcisian Turno 95 Dila-Dila, Sta. Rita;
 30th Year – Tarcisian Turno 129 Magsingal, Ilocos Sur;
 Tarcisian Turno 130 Mandaluyong; and
 20th Year – Tarcisian Turno 229 Sts. Peter & Paul, Makati.

Birthdays: Archbishop Onesimo C. Gordoncillo of Capiz; Bishop Dinualdo D. Gutierrez of Marbel; Auxiliary Bishop George B. Rimando of Davao; Archbishop Emeritus Pedro R. Dean Jr. of Palo; Bishop Emeritus Miguel C. Cinches of Surigao; His Eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal, D.D..

Constantinople — Legacy

From *First Crusader* by Geoffrey Regan.

Law. Roman Law, collected in *Corpus Juris Civilis* by order of Byzantine Emperor Justinian I (who ruled from AD 527 to AD 565), is the basis on which modern *Civil Law* stands; *Common Law* is based on the Germanic *Anglo-Saxon law*. In Chapter 22-28 of the Acts of the Apostles, Paul’s trial before the Jews in Jerusalem, we gain an insight into the Roman Empire’s justice system grounded on Law that is well organized.



The supreme tribunal was in Rome, the *Tribunal of Caesar*, and Roman citizens who fear a mistrial in their provinces may appeal to this *Tribunal*. Governors – also known as procurators – administered justice in each province. The early governors of Judaea were of prefect rank such as was Pontius Pilate; in AD 44, they were given the rank of procurator.

In the Jewish territory, the Romans who occupied the country kept the important cases for themselves, giving the rest to the Jewish tribunals, particularly religious affairs. Paul was to go through various tribunals beginning with the Sanhedrin – the religious court of the Jews – all the way to the *Tribunal of Caesar* in Rome.

Legacy – Language. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commissions His apostles to make disciples of all nations. Evangelization implies inter-person sharing ... of a common ground ... with the Holy Spirit. It is in that manner of sharing that the Mystical Body and Blood of Christ – the Church – is a communion ... with the Holy Trinity.

Isaiah 42:1-7 announces the new community to be born ... the God of all peoples will fulfill His plan of reconciliation of all nations ... into Him ... with a common faith ... a common language ... the language of His Spirit ... which is communicated in spoken form, in written form, in signs or in projections. Sharing experiences brings to the fore the importance of language to explain the experience ... your experience of God ... to others.

If prayer be an encounter with God, we have to form words ... in our minds ... to explain away our needs, our hopes, our dreams ... and everything else ... to God.

Consider the difficulty of *Helen Adams Keller* (born 27 June 1880; died 01 June 1968) ... deaf and blind ... unable to express ... unable to share ... her feelings, sentiments, disappointments, frustrations ... unable to form a single word in her mind. God allows her to rise from her condition and write 12 books, speak in public of her anti-war convictions, campaign for women’s suffrage and labor rights, and be inducted into the Alabama Women’s Hall of Fame in 1971. Her life is depicted in the movie *The Miracle Worker*.

The history of language then gives us a glimpse ... a hint ... of man’s progress towards the fulfillment of the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. While nobody knows which came first, spoken language, its written form or the pictographs, we do know that language among early peoples existed. And, the great hieroglyphic writing system of the ancient Egyptians is the forerunner of many of the world’s alphabets and, certainly, of all the alphabets now used in Europe.

This system invented by the elite of ancient ... **See Page 9, Column 1**



Establishment of TURNO 166 Our Lady of Ascension, Marogondon, Cavite. Turno Chaplain Rev. Fr. Linus Caster was also imposed as Director of Section 164 on 15 December 2012. National Council Officers were present.



National Council on mission in Bicol.
 Welcomed by Section Director Rev. Fr. Nolito F. Montana at the San Pascual Baylon Parish Hall during the Diocesan Council Quarterly meeting presided over by its Director, Rev. Fr. Lucien D. Banaag.



Adorno Fathers Seminary.
 Center: Rev. Fr. Noly Berjuego CRM, Diocesan Council Director appointed by Most Rev. Gilbert A. Garcera, Bishop of Daet.
 Left: Bro. Tom Mata, Section President of Paracale.
 Bro. National Organizer is at right.



Christmas Party at Pius XII Catholic Center on 15 December 2012.

