

Two Sisters Pronounce First and Final Vows

By: Sr. Stella Martinez, OSB and Ngoc Tan Lam (Postulant Belle)



From left to right: Sr. Marialuz Dungca, OSB, Sr. Mary Paul Baul, OSB, Sr. Maria Caritas Flor, OSB (1st Profession), Sr. Stella Marie Martinez, OSB (Final Profession), M. Mary Thomas Prado, OSB and Sr. Pauline Triviño, OSB

On the 19th of June, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Manila Priory and the Formation House Tagaytay experienced a two-fold joy as Sr. Stella Marie Martinez, OSB made her final profession of vows and Novice Jennifer Flor made her first profession of vows in a joint Rite of Profession of Vows integrated in the Holy Eucharist held in the Chapel of the St. Scholastica's Formation House, Tagaytay City. Weeks before the celebration, the Formation House members and staff cherished the excitement and joy in our preparation. We tasted the light burden and easy yoke of the Lord Jesus as our two dear sisters offered their lives to God's Kingdom.

With God's mercy and compassion, Tagaytay City is on Alert Level 1 of the Covid-19 Pandemic, thus, many sisters from different communities of Manila Priory and guests could travel and attend the rite. The parents, brother, aunts and uncles of Sr. Stella Marie traveled all the way from Bicol to grace the occasion. Her brother shared his singing talent during the Communion. Sr. Josefa Martinez, OSB, her aunt, who inspired her to embrace religious life, flew all the way from Bacolod to attend the Rite.

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Fr. Anselm Manalastas, OSB, the presider, said in his homily that “whoever chose this date is a genius” because the two brides will be always reminded of the true Food which will sustain them on their journey ahead. The joined rite of profession of vows went on beautifully, with the sound of chanting, singing, and the organ accompaniment of Sr. Agnella Capili, OSB, with the fragrance of incense, flowers, with smiles, and with tears. Everyone held their breath as Mother Mary Thomas Prado, OSB, Prioress announced the religious name of Novice Jennifer as Sr. Maria Caritas, OSB, and her feastday is on December 27, feast of St. John the Beloved. She will take up her study in Society of Divine World Seminary in Tagaytay and then participate in the one-year International Juniorate Program in Rome starting March, 2023. As for Sr. Stella Marie her new “home” will be in Angeles Community. The silence was broken into sound of applause as Mother Prioress finished the announcement. The sisters, especially from Angeles who were present during the Rite showed exultant joy as they will welcome a new member in their community.



With teary eyes and quavering voice, Sr. Stella Marie delivered her thanksgiving speech on behalf of the two brides at the end of the Rite. She enumerated specifically those who have contributed to their vocations and those who have partaken in the preparation and execution of the rite of profession of vows, physically, virtually and spiritually. The peaceful aura which Sr. Stella Marie carries every day, for a moment, gave way



to an overwhelming feeling of gratitude from the heart. We thank the Lord for Sr. Stella Marie and Sr. Maria Caritas (Novice Jennifer) for courageously committing themselves to a life of sacrifice and service in the vineyard of the Lord. This significant and grace-filled occasion was made possible through the efforts of our Sisters here in the Formation House, our house staff and employees, and all our Sisters from other communities who generously responded to our requests for help in our celebration.



With deep gratitude, we thank once again Mother Maoro Sye, OSB, and General Councilors, Mother Mary Thomas, OSB, and Priory Councilors, our Superiors and all the Sisters who supported us with their prayers. May the Lord Jesus who has called us to follow Him in religious community sustain us with His faithfulness and love. On our part we will strive to be joyful and faithful in serving Him and His people. That in all things God maybe glorified.

FIVE SISTERS CELEBRATE SILVER JUBILEE OF PROFESSION

By Sr. Maureen Cariaga, OSB

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, my batchmates, Sr. Eugene Amar, Sr. Vida Mones, Sr. Aurora Bravo, Sr. Eunice Pornela, and I renewed our vows in a solemn thanksgiving to God for our 25 years in the school of the Lord's service. The last 25 years have been a testament of God's mercy, love, and faithfulness to us, Silver Jubilarians.

In praise and jubilation, we echoed Mary's Magnificat, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..."

On this beautiful day, we were joined in thanksgiving by Fr. Christian Buenafe, O' Carm who celebrated the Mass held at the Priory House Chapel. The Eucharistic celebration that started at 9AM was concelebrated by Fr. Gilbert D. Queñano, CMF, my second cousin. Sisters from nearby communities came to celebrate with us and some of our immediate family members. Though the celebration was simple due to the current pandemic, it was one of the most memorable events in our religious life. This made us truly grateful.



Our special thanks go to Mother Mary Thomas Prado, OSB, Prioress, Sr. Rosalina Fajardo, OSB and all our Sisters in the Priory House community for accommodating us and making our jubilee celebration an event to remember. Likewise, we are also very thankful to our Vicarress General Sr. Lumen Gloria Dungca, OSB for preparing our hearts through a five-day online retreat. It was through these five days of remembering God's love and manifold blessings in our vowed life that our resolve to persevere in our Missionary Benedictine vocation was strengthened with joy... that in all things God may be glorified!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN JUBILARIANS

Sr. Filipina Pineda, OSB and Sr. Edissa Manrique, OSB, renewed their 50th profession of vows in simple rites with the community at St. Benedict's Home, Marikina City on June 17, 2022, while Sr. Rosalie Mugar, OSB, celebrated her golden jubilee of profession of vows at the Divine Word Hospital Chapel, Tacloban City on June 17, 2022.



HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY MARKS 100 YEARS OF BENEDICTINE PRESENCE

By Sr. Mary Frances Dizon, OSB

“When we look at anniversaries, we look into history”, said Rev. Fr. Teodulo Gonzales, SJ as he opened his video message to the Benedictine community.

This year 2022, the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of the Manila Priory celebrated their 100 years of presence at Holy Family Academy (HFA). Throughout the century, they have and continue to render their service to the marginalized members of society and uphold academic excellence to their students.

In line with this, HFA commemorated this milestone on June 21, 2022 with a Eucharistic celebration at the Holy Rosary Parish Church, Pampanga, Philippines. The Mass was followed by the Unveiling and Blessing of the Centennial Marker and a program at the HFA Grade School campus.

As one family, HFA gathered to praise God, express their gratitude, and lift to the Lord their intentions to continue to serve in gladness. The Holy Mass was presided over by Archbishop Florentino G. Lavarias, D.D.

In his homily, Archbishop Lavarias said that gratitude unlocks the fullness of life and the gospel reminds us that it is our duty and our salvation to give thanks to God through Jesus Christ. He also quoted Karl Rahner, “In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable, we come to understand that life here on earth, life in this world, is an unfinished symphony.” He related that a lot of things were attained in the past century, but it is still insufficient; that is why we should continue the journey of serving in gladness towards the fullness of everything which can only happen when Christ comes.

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The Centennial Marker which marks a milestone carries the spirit of Benedictine heritage passed onto generations. It is a bronze-gold plaque engraved with the brief history of their presence; the lyrics of Onward Familians, the official HFA hymn; and greetings from the executive officers and board of directors.

A short program was held after. During this, a video presentation highlighting the Benedictine Sisters' history and legacy at HFA was shown; performances from students, alumni, and teachers were conducted; and questions were asked to the audience which further engaged the community.

Former principals, directresses, and alumni also sent their warm regards, heartfelt messages, and shared their cherished experiences with the Benedictine community and the lessons they have gathered throughout their career and service through video messages that were also presented in the program.

“There are moments that the very things we attain at times will bring about pain and suffering, but we do not lose sight of the goal that is as we journey, we recognize God's ongoing work in our midst knowing that fullness can only come through him not through us.”

Archbishop Florentino G. Lavarias, D.D.



Ms. Kriska Tayag-Mercado, a HFA alumna, was awarded recognition for composing the “Celebrating Gratitude Through 100 Years of Benedictine Presence” theme song which centers on the Benedictine Sisters’ fruitful service to its community for the past century. It was then performed by Mr. Jastin Pangilinan, the High School English Coordinator, towards the end of the program.

CONGRATULATIONS to our new SUPERIORS

Three superiors were installed during the month of June for the first term of office, effective May 15, 2022.



Sr. Edna Quiambao, OSB was installed as Superior of Marikina by Sr. Rosalina Fajardo, OSB on June 21, 2022 in Marikina Heights, Marikina City.



Mother Mary Thomas Prado, OSB installed Sr. Mary Vincent Feliciano, OSB, Superior of the Formation House on June 17, 2002 in Tagaytay City.



On June 27, 2022, Sr. Vicenta Anuran, OSB, Superior of Tabunok was installed by M. Mary Thomas in Tabunok, Cebu City.

UNIQUE PEOPLE'S RALLY IN MANILA, April 23, 2022

By Sister M. Lydia Villegas, OSB

As groups from all over Manila and the surrounding areas trooped to Manila for a Leni-Kiko Rally on April 23, to beat other previous rallies, the Kulasa group likewise planned its own program.

At 10:30 a.m. Kulasas and friends of all ages assembled at St. Scholastica's College Gate 1 in Plaza Moriones for a pre-rally program. Sr. Mary John Mananzan, OSB, Vice-President for external affairs, welcomed the group and gave the significance of the gathering. Sr. Rosalina Fajardo, OSB, the Sub-Prioress read out the Priory's Statement of Support for Leni and Kiko. This was followed by a song number from a Scholastican Trio of the Music Department and a dance number "Kay Leni Tayo".

Before the march to the rally site, the group was blessed with holy water after the prayer led by Sr. Lydia Villegas, OSB. The group helped themselves to goodies ("baon") spread out before them, making sure they had enough provision till the evening. And at 11:30 the group led by Ms. Becky Marquez, marched out of St. Scholastica's College with banners, heading towards the Mall of Asia. It was a unique sight--truly festive and a happy march that included the ice-cream man with his cart ("karo"). Earlier in the day, the group had started to enjoy free ice-cream in cones and paper cups, courtesy of Scholasticans that had invited the ice-cream man. Others brought ice-candy, sandwiches, candies for sharing. The sharing had more impact as the day was also VP Leni's birthday.

As the Kulasa group joined other groups, one could no longer distinguish groups from a distance. It was a sea of humanity **in pink** who greeted all others as friends. By 2 p.m. the vast space was filled with people who had either sat down, remained standing, or continued walking looking for better places to view the three stages strategically situated so that people could watch from where they were. There were also monitors in place for the crowds.

Many could see neither the stages nor the monitors, but they remained chatting with others or watching the people pass by with their unique placards. Each placard had a story to tell giving the viewers the reasons for this giant display of support for Leni and Kiko. Sounds of music could be heard. Some could enjoy and follow, but to the rest, the sounds and sights served as background to their presence at this rally. It was indeed a people's rally. The program by stage celebrities interspersed with the introduction of the Tropa running with Leni and Kiko was planned by local councils. Kiko and Leni appeared after 9 p.m. and the former spoke before 10 p.m. We Sisters who were at the rally started to walk back to get our ride and heard VP Leni's address after 10 p.m. while in our van. It was a long day, but we knew our presence in the rally was worth it. We felt the pulse of our people and were buoyed up by them in a common journey to get back into our Filipino soul for a real renewal and healing of our nation.



NEWS FROM STATIONS

DIVINE WORD HOSPITAL–TACLOBAN HOSPITAL COMMUNITY

Sisters Providing Health Care

Sr. Sarah Gocela, OSB

By fulfilling the mission which God entrusted to this institution, the Divine Word Hospital (DWH) has been continuously giving service to humanity especially to the people of Region VIII for the past 3 months.

Divine Word Hospital not only embraced the challenge of providing accessible and quality health care for our people, but also finds fulfillment in applying the hospital's mission through reaching out to people who are in most need and continuously improving the facilities which will be of benefit to the people it is serving.

On March 01, 2022, the hospital has installed Industrial Water Filtration System and Water Refilling Station. The said water system will help in the cost cutting measures of the hospital and will help to eradicate the impurities from water sources and ensure that there is sufficient supply of water that will meet the needs of DWH community.



April 2022 had been a challenging month as Typhoon Agaton hit some areas in Eastern Visayas specifically Baybay City, Leyte which caused casualties and damages to properties of our kababayans in Baybay, Leyte. One of the values that inspires the DWH community is to help our fellow men and women in times of need and in line with the hospital's mission

"To proclaim God's healing love to all", DWH has reached out to people of Baybay, Leyte who are in most need. The simple act of help will somehow make both ends meet for the victims of flash floods and landslides caused by typhoon Agaton.



On May 19, 2022, the Divine Word Hospital became the first ever Level II Pediatric Training Hospital in Region VIII.

SSC-T gives tribute to Dr. Antonio Lim

By: Sr. Fides Ablen, OSB

On April 1, 2022, Dr. Antonio Lim received a plaque of appreciation in recognition of his invaluable service for 21 years and his contribution to making St. Scholastica's College – Tacloban what it is today.” M. Mary Thomas Prado, OSB read the citation and handed it to him flanked by Sr. Rosario Obiniana, OSB, College President and Sister Administrators.



The plaque reads: “From the very beginnings of the school, Dr. Antonio Lim has given his all to this end: his drive for academic excellence inspiring students to achieve their best, his unwavering support and loyalty to the Administration, and his exemplary dedication as a mission partner of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing throughout the years of service. In 2013, when the typhoon Yolanda devastated Tacloban, including our school, Dr. Lim unwaveringly gave his support and strength to the rebuilding of the school. For this we are most grateful. He will forever be remembered for his love and loyalty and generous commitment to St. Scholastica's College – Tacloban and for the genuineness and honesty of his person.”

Dr. Antonio E. Lim delivered his thank-you speech after he received the plaque of appreciation and cash gift from M. Mary Thomas. He spoke from the heart: *“I never expected that after serving this institution for 21 years, I will get this very significant and memorable award and recognition from the Missionary Benedictine Sisters in the Philippines and SSCT. I want to use the cash award that I received to help fund my research although earlier, M. Mary Thomas Prado, OSB said that this cash gift is for me and my family and she can provide another amount for such purpose. I really feel that God has blessed my undertakings in this school while working with the Benedictine Sisters and all the lay people that have come also to serve the institution. Indeed, my joy is overwhelming. May this occasion be an inspiration especially to the other lay partners to continue serving SSC-T with pride and fulfilment. I hope and pray to see SSCT become the only private university in Region VIII.” Thank you very much. That in all things God may be glorified!”*



At the end of his speech, he promised to cook pancit (noodles with veggie) to the delight of all, for he cooks the best pancit in town!

As a Teaching Training Institution, the Hospital Accreditation Board and Philippine Pediatric Society has mandated to develop and regularly update the basic and quality standards of the pediatric training programs nationwide. In line with this, the hospital has applied for a Level 2 Accreditation for the Department of Pediatrics and has been granted a 3-year Accreditation.

Tacloban City is still on alert level 1 for COVID -19 status but the fight against COVID- 19 is not over yet. Relative to this, the Department of Health has allotted vaccines to all hospital personnel for booster shots. As of this writing, the booster vaccination status of DWH is 56. 30 % for first booster and 26. 71 % for the 2nd booster.



ST. SCHOLASTICA'S PRIORY– PRIORY HOUSE COMMUNITY

APOSTOLIC NUNCIO VISITS ST. SCHOLASTICA'S PRIORY, MANILA

His Excellency Archbishop Charles John Brown, D.D. graced our *Visita Iglesia* on Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022. Then on Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022, he presided the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00 P.M. held at St. Scholastica's chapel, Manila. Monsignor Allesio Deriu and Fr. Anselm Manalastas OSB were concelebrants. Moreover, we had the blessing of having the Sr. Baptista Battig Orchestra accompanying the liturgy that enlivened our Easter celebration. A simple evening snack followed in the refectory and concluded with a group photo shot.



Students Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

By Sr. Therese C. Bulatao, OSB

On Easter Tuesday, April 19, 2022, after two years of postponement due to the pandemic, ninety seven (97) confirmands each being accompanied by a godfather and a godmother, lined up before the altar, to be sealed, anointed and confirmed in the faith. They were our students from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Dressed in white, they all looked radiant in simple elegance, as with dignified posture they took their assigned places in the church. The entire event was marked by a vibrant yet refined expression of worship and praise which the parents appreciated. The teachers displayed a commendable teamwork in all the preparations that the overall resultant celebration was one the school could be proud of to remember.



To prepare these students and their parents and godparents, two clusters of Webinar on the Sacrament of Confirmation were given by Reverend Father Ramoncito Segubiense on March 26 and April 2, 2022. Then on April 9, 2022, three priests presided on the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a very fitting preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Fr. Danilo Paraiso, the Parish Priest of St. Benedict Parish, Westgrove Heights, presided over the Mass with the rite of the Sacrament of Confirmation. He was given authorization by Bishop Reynaldo Evangelista, Bishop of the Diocese of Imus, Cavite to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The documents required by the Parish were: birth certificate, baptismal certificate and the names of the godparents. All the cash offerings given by the godparents were donated to the Diocese of Imus and those that were offered by the parents and the other guests were turned over to the Parish. Each confirmand received a certificate of Confirmation and three copies of souvenir photos.



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE – ORMOC COMMUNITY

74 Graders receive First Communion

By Sr. Leticia Saraza, OSB

On April 29, 2022, seventy-four (74) pupils received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at St. Peter and Paul Parish Church, after a hiatus of three (3) years due to the pandemic. The Christian Living teachers and class advisers taught the first communicants the importance of the Eucharist. With grateful hearts, the graders sang with one voice and action praising and thanking God for this gift of faith.



In his homily, Fr. Romel Taboso encouraged the parents to nurture the spiritual life of their children by showing good example of Christian values. He also thanked them for their support and love for the children. The Sisters and the school administrators expressed their gratitude to the faculty and staff for providing Christian formation to the youth of Ormoc.

ST. AGNES ACADEMY – LEGAZPI COMMUNITY

St. Agnes Academy (SAA) community joined the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of the Priory in the relief distribution last June 19, 2022 to barangays Puting Sapa and Mapili in Juban, Sorsogon which were most affected by the ash fall from Mt. Bulusan. 277 residents from Puting Sapa and 138 families from barangay Mapili received packages containing 5 kilos of rice, assorted canned goods, mineral water, soap and usable clothing. The children were treated with a delicious bread and milk in tetra packs. The residents were very happy and grateful to receive these blessings especially on this solemn feast of the Body and Blood of Christ--Corpus Christi Sunday, and Father's Day. May the Lord reward our generous donors with blessings overflowing!

By Sr. Celine Saplala, OSB



OBLATES NEWS

Lenten Retreat: “A REVELATION OF OUR DEEP NEED FOR GOD”

By Sr. Pia Lansang, OSB

Thirty three (33) Lay Affiliates of the Manila Priory, the *Oblates of St. Benedict* and their friends participated in a *face-to-face Retreat* on April 5-3, 2022 facilitated by Fr. Pachomius San Juan, OSB of the Transfiguration Abbey in Malaybalay, Bukidnon. It was a welcome change, at long last, for the Oblates after years of being confined to online Masses and Zoom meetings – sharing the common lot of many others in pandemic time. A special joy was the venue -- St. Scholastica’s Center of Spirituality (SSCS), a well-loved spiritual oasis with familiar monastic-Benedictine surroundings located in the scenic city of Tagaytay.



Fr. Pachomius flanked by Sr. Pia Lansang and Sr. Edna Quiambao, OSB

Yet, a more profound experience was the encounter with God and, as the Retreat message goes a deeper revelation of our “Need for God” every day of our lives. Below is a glimpse of how Fr. Pachomius gifted the retreatants with precious nuggets of Lenten-spiritual-monastic wisdom. Some “samplings” of his insights:

* (*On Lent, the church and “dust-ness”*). “We are dust and to dust we shall return”. To be dust is the daily reality of who we are. Many times in our life we are displaced. We place our worth, our value on other peoples’ expectations; we look for validation based on opinions, reviews, analyses * (*On Silence, Love and Humility*). Silence is the language of love; it allows Love to grow in us; it is the foundation of monastic hospitality; it refreshes our spirit ... But love is not enough; humility, the foundational virtue of spiritual life, is needed. Humility is an important component of love, a humble love. A life just focused on ourselves will leave us out from GOD and from others.

* (*Our Lenten Discipline, Fasting and Its Benefits*). Fasting lifts the curtain on our hidden sins; it makes us aware of our weaknesses,-- where we are most vulnerable; revealing our true self... Fasting leads us to recognize ourselves, and reveals our deep need for GOD who is our real priority; our sole purpose is to follow Christ in our journey. * (*Our Real Identity, the Inner World*). Look for validation from within, not from the outside. Learn to live from the INSIDE OUT. Move from the OUTER to the INNER world. Learn to do things secretly - to break our dependence on others... When we move to God's secret place, we don't depend on others for our secret identity. “*What is important is who we are to God and not (who we are) to others.*”

Special thanks goes to Sr. Carmel Simpauco who, with heart and soul, attended to the retreatants and seeing to it that all things were in place; to Sr. Marialuz Dungca who came over from the Formation House to give support to Sr. Pia Lansang and Sr. Edna Quiambao, as well as to the Oblates’ Organizing Team of the retreat.

Typhoon Agaton Relief Operations in Iloilo

By Sr. Theodora Bilocura, OSB

On Sunday, April 10, 2022, typhoon Agaton struck Eastern Visayas Region, Philippines which resulted in massive floods and landslides and left 214 people dead and 132 missing. As of April 12, 2022, 74,707 individuals from 20,714 families were rendered homeless based on the report from the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.



The Priory Disaster Response Committee (PDRC) commissioned Sr. Theodora Bilocura, OSB and the Socio-Pastoral Action center lay staff Bernaliza Lablabong to conduct relief operations for the typhoon-affected families in Iloilo City from April 21 to 22, 2022. A courtesy call was made to Msgr. Meliton Oso of Jaro Archdiocesan Social Action Center (JASAC) before our ocular visit in Barotac, Nuevo and Ajuy, Iloilo.



On April 21, 2022 we reached Barangay Tabucan, Barotac, and Nuevo with the help of Fr. Tino of St. Anthony de Padua Parish. Housing materials worth Php 50,000 were given for the repairs of five houses in coordination with the parish.

The next day, April 22, 2022, Fr. Ric Iniego of San Nicolas de Tolentino Catholic Parish brought us to two communities in Barangay Ajuy, Iloilo where we witnessed more devastation.

143 families from Barangay Panantan Elizalde received relief packs which contained *5 kilos of rice, canned goods, bihon, soy sauce, vinegar, coffee, toothpaste, detergent bar, and a rosary.*



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On the other hand, 9 families whose houses were totally damaged received 10 pieces of galvanized iron (*yero*) each. In the afternoon, **151 families** from Barangay Puente, Bunglas where houses were also submerged in flood waters, received packs of goods and blankets.

At the end of the distribution, the families expressed their gratitude and joy for the blessings they received from the Sisters and benefactors. Despite the hardships, traumas, and the losses they experienced, they continue to trust in God for having survived the ordeal and given new life.

Lastly, we are grateful to Sr. Elfleda Ferriol, DC, who acted as our guide and companion in our visits and the community of the Asilo de Molo (Daughters of Charity Community) for their warm welcome and hospitality during our relief operations in Iloilo. Thanks also to Fr. Ric Iniego and his team, Bro. Dominic Tecleon and Fr. Tino, for the smooth coordination of the relief operations. That in all things God may be glorified.



Sr. Theodora Bilocura, OSB, Sr. Elfleda Ferriol, DC & Berna Lablabong with the families of Brgy. Puente , Bunglas , Ajuy, Iloilo

MT. BULUSAN ERUPTION SURVIVORS GET RELIEF ASSISTANCE

By Sr. Theodora Bilocura, OSB

Mt. Bulusan Volcano in Sorsogon erupted last June 5 and June 11, 2022. Four hundred forty eight (448) people were evacuated and 16,400 were affected due to the first phreatic eruption that occurred.

In times of disaster and calamities, we cannot help but respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters. Our Prioress, Mother Mary Thomas Prado, OSB responded quickly to do all means to enable us to extend help to the victims of Mt. Bulusan eruption.

On June 19, 2022, Our Priory Disaster Response Committee in collaboration with the SIPAG-KO Outreach Center of our school, St. Agnes Academy in Legaspi, distributed relief goods to 2 areas: Barangay Puting Sapa, Juban Sorsogon (277 families) and at Sitio Mapili, Juban, Sorsogon (138 families).



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One hundred (100) bags were handed over to St. Anthony de Padua Parish for distribution to other affected areas. The people expressed their gratitude for the help they received.

We thank our collaborators, mission partners, benefactors, our different communities and all those who contributed in cash or in kind. Gratitude goes to those who helped pack and distribute the goods; most of all to our drivers who made this relief distribution possible.



That in all things God may be glorified!



VOCATION NEWS

LIFE DIRECTION SESSION: “The Missionary Benedictine Charism”

By Sr. Marialuz Dungca, OSB

On June 12, 2022, while our Mother Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and at the same time our country commemorated the “Araw ng Kalayaan,” (Independence day), the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing (MBST) Manila Priory Vocation Team and Animators conducted their first Life Direction Session for 2022-2023 with the theme, “The Missionary Benedictine Charism.” The facilitators (our sisters from Tacloban Hospital, Tacloban School, Pambujan Communities) invited Sr. Lumen Gloria Dungca, OSB, our Vicaress General, to be their inspirational speaker.

Sr. Lumen Gloria, OSB, inspired the nine (9) young lady participants about the beauty of our Missionary Benedictine Charism; affirming and confirming that it is okay to be “*Baliw*” (foolish) for Christ; to courageously choose the path towards participating in the mission of Jesus Christ which he started out of His LOVE for humanity. She concretized these through her brief but edifying discussion on the “3 Treasures of the MBST”: The Monastic Life of Prayer and Community, Our Mission to bring Christ to the World, and the

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Call to Diversity. The young ladies expressed their gratitude for the “gems” of life they gained that day through Sr. Lumen Gloria’s sharing.

This half-day affair was concluded by Midday Prayer with the participants.

After the session, Sr. Antonia Santiago, OSB, the out-going Vocation Directress, met the hosting communities for a brief evaluation of the activity. All were happy and satisfied with the outcome of the session and the shared feedback. That in all things God may be glorified!



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