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Ascension Sunday



UPDATES:

LAKE SEBU COMMUNITY

Br. Manuel de Leon, FMS



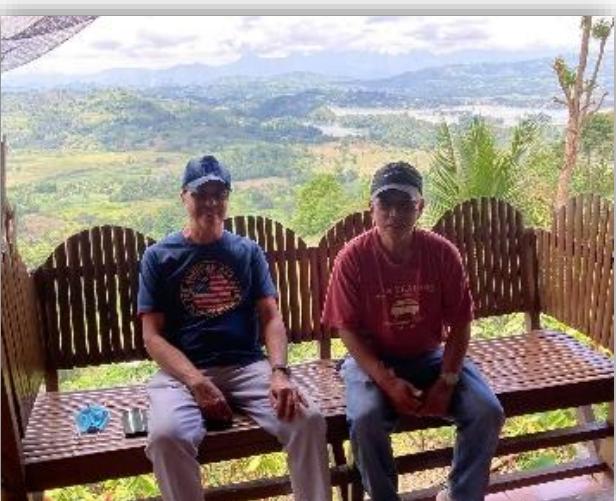
his good health and well-being. He takes care of marketing; supervision of the workers and upkeep of the place; and he tends to the chickens, fish in the tub (catfish) and dogs. He is a handyman. He can do occasional repairs and minor renovations in the house.

Manny's experience of having double vision in January healed naturally after three months. The doctor does not recommend surgery for his cataract at this time because of the threat of COVID-19 in hospital facilities. Anyway, he is able to do his normal activities without difficulty. He just has to be careful with his blood sugar.

Last May 4, Rustico and Manny went to visit Sebul Farm of William and Mayette Sy. They promote organic and diversified farming. We were served lunch with Manny doing the cooking of the steak. It was also a belated celebration of William's birthday. Mayette actually, through a common friend with the Villanueva family, helped us find the piece of bul Farmproperty in 2010 which eventually became the Marist Asia Spirituality and Mission Center (MASMC).

On April 13, we celebrated the 66th birthday of Br. Rustico with the families of our mission partners here at the Marist Asia Spirituality and Mission Center. We were also very happy to be joined by Bros. Ador, Jeff Rhey, Dave, Jay-Jay and Denzel.

Br. Rustico claims that he never asked for a specific assignment in the past. But in 2018, he never hesitated to volunteer himself to come to Lake Sebu. And he never regretted. The cool weather, slow pace of life and being able to commune with nature all contribute to





On May 7, we had our first dose of vaccine courtesy of the Municipal Health Center here in Lake Sebu. As senior citizens and our place serving as “quarantine center” for front liners, we were given priority. As of this writing, there are no adverse effects on both of us. The second dose is scheduled on May 28.



FOURVIERE COMMUNITY

Br. Karl Angelo Labio

The Fourviere Community is now comprised of eight brothers. All of them have particular roles and responsibilities in the community and also in apostolic ministry. Br. Danny Sevilla, our Community Leader, is in charge of the scholastics and he is also tasked to visit and reach out to the families of the Aspirants and Temporary Professed Brothers in Active Ministry. Br. Jeff Rhey Antiquisa is now teaching Japanese Language in NDDU. Br. Albert Bolibol is volunteering in DXCP, a local radio station here in General Santos City.

Br. Jeffrey Guino-o, our local Vocation Director, is also part of the community. He is pursuing a master’s degree in Theology Major in Pastoral Ministry together with Br. Karl Angelo Labio, FMS, who recently volunteered at the Campus Ministry Office in NDDU-IBED Lagao. Three scholastics are graduating this year with the degree in Secondary Education Major in Religious Education; they are Br. Jay Jay, Escudero, Br. Dave Becisla, and Br. Denxel Resi Nartatez.

Gathered around the Big table: Brothers in Fourviere Community share the meal and stories enthusiastically.





Brothers Jeff Rhey, Danny, and Jeff visit the families of our aspiring Marists last April 23-24. The aspirants are from Esperanza, Kidapawan, and Magpet. Br. Karl Angelo is from Midsayap, North Cotabato



SIXTEEN PEOPLE FROM MARIST MINISTRY IN MALUTOK RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Fifteen (15) IP (Indigenous People) students & 1 Para-Teacher receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation @ Santo Nino Parish-Sicud. Presider: Bishop Socrates Mesiona, DD.

PICTURES:



MARIST LAITY COMMITTEE MEETING

On May 7, Elma Rafil, Chair of the Laity Committee of the Philippine Sector from the East Asia Province, , convened the leaders to review the key result areas of the laity strategic plan. They discussed and made proposals on how the objectives will be carried out



2nd SAFER CYBERSPACE ADVOCACY WORKSHOP



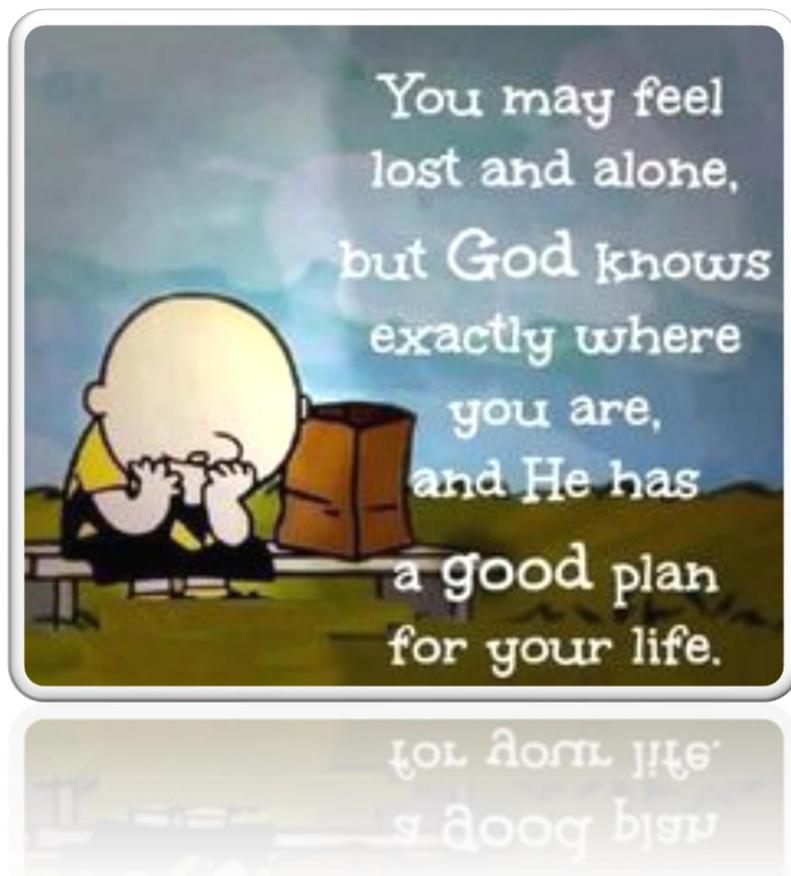
The second session on Safer Cyberspace Advocacy for Marist Communities was conducted last May 14, 2021. Around 210 participants, 165 in Zoom meeting room and an estimate of 35 participants in group viewing attended.

Dr. Teresa Paula S. De Luna, Head of the University of the Philippines (Diliman) Anti-Sexual Harassment Office and a member of the Advisory Council of the PNP-Women and Children Protection Center was the resource person on the topic *Cyberspaces and Social Media: Impact to Society and the Individual and the Need for a Cyber Youth Empowerment Program*. Ms. Genalyn Macalinao from the Department of Information and Technology, Cybersecurity Bureau shared her expertise on *Parenting in the Digital Age and Avoiding Social Media Threats*.

Prior to the workshop date, a survey across the Marist communities was conducted to gather data on the cyberthreats experienced by students and teachers. The result was presented by Ms. Shiela delos Santos, core organization member of the CyberguardiansPH. The data will serve as reference in the development of programs to strengthen cyber-guardianship.

Br. Crispin Betita, at the conclusion of the workshop, presented the plans of the Child Protection and Safeguarding Desk to ensure the safety of children and youth in cyberspace.

Br. Ador Santiago, Provincial, and Br. Allan de Castro, Chair of the East Asia Mission Commission, expressed their gratitude to all participants and the CyberguardiansPH, especially to Mrs. Maria Conception Sangil for accompanying the development of this relevant and timely advocacy for the Marist communities in East Asia Province.





THE ARCHIVIST'S CORNER

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Br. Romulo L. Porras, FMS

NOTRE DAME OF COTABATO'S SPORTS AND CULTURAL FACILITY, A COTABATO LANDMARK

(A reprint from *Alumni News and Updates*, September 1996)

After 48 years Notre Dame of Cotabato will finally have a gym... and more than a gym, considering the size of the planned facility.

Since 1989, and even earlier, successive student bodies and their parents have labored to raise fund for a school gym. With 40% financial assistance from the school administration the PTA with help from the alumni was able to construct a concrete slab large enough for three basketball courts. That was in May 1992.



For the next four years successive PTA Boards worked to raise funds for a roof to cover these three courts. Finally, the school administration obtained the "go-signal" to get a secured loan from a local commercial bank. By May 1996 the dream was on the verge of becoming a reality. At a cost of just above under Ph6,500,000.00 a roof is being constructed. This is merely Phase 1 and will be completed in October 1996. The

other half of the project Phase II and Phase III will probably cost as much as Phase 1 and take at least one or two more years to complete. It is hoped that the entire project will be finished by June 1998 in time for the celebration of the school's Golden Jubilee.

The proposed sports and cultural facility will cover almost one-half hectare and house a full-sized theatrical stage with complete light and sound facilities. In addition to basketball, areas will be available for other sports. In fact, there will be space for 16 offices accommodating the clinic, band room, athletics room, weight room, office of the students' council, the coordinator of student activities and the guidance counselors among others. Modern shower facilities/locker rooms will be available and there is a plan, if funds allow, for wooden basketball courts.

To realize this dream as soon as possible, the school's PTA supported by the student body, friends and alumni have organized the "One Million Signature Campaign from Friends of Notre Dame." A P10 per signature this campaign hopes to raise no less than Ph10,000,000.00 in about two years.

The completion of the NDCBD Sports and Cultural Facility will be a grand contribution to the City of Cotabato and a fitting event to mark 50 years of service to the youth of the city by Notre Dame of Cotabato and the Marist Brothers. # # #

Follow-up news as published in the January 1997 of Notre Dame of Cotabato Alumni News & Updates

ARCHBISHOP TO INAUGURATE NEWLY COMPLETED PHASE 1 OF SPORTS AND CULTURAL COMPLEX

On February 15, 1997 during the Parents' Day Celebration, the recently completed first phase of our new gym will be blessed. Phase 1 consists of a roof and foundations for a complex which will seat 3,000 spectators and house 16 offices. This latest construction costs approximately 6.5 million pesos and was completed by Compact Construction and Development Corporation in time for the recent grand alumni homecoming on 29 December 1996. # # #



Birthday Greetings to:



May 17
Br. Jo-An C. Legaste



May 24
Br. Damaso Chun (Young-keun)

Death Anniversaries:

May 18, 1960 – Br. Otto Pierre Regul died in Hong Kong.
May 19, 1953 – Br. Faust Dignam died in Athlone, Ireland.
May 19, 2001 – Br. Adolphe Leo died in United States.
May 20, 2006 – Br. Thomas Doheny (Kenny) died in Ireland.

Prayers please...

- For all the departed and dearly missed Brothers, Affiliated Members, Family Members, Benefactors, and friends.
- For the safety and good health of the students, teachers, personnel and community workers.
- For those who are sick, suffering, or struggling with any hardship, that they would find healing and comfort.
- For the Brothers in mission.
- For the vocation of young Brothers in the Formation.
- For the continues blessings and protection of those affected by the pandemic and calamities that may God continue to provide their needs.
- Prayers for our leaders, that they be guided by loving wisdom, kindness and caring.
- For the religious communities that they will live their call to prayer and holiness.
- For the parishes and schools that they may be places of welcome, places of love and service, and places of joy and hope.
- For God's continues blessings and guidance.
- For all the birthday celebrants for the month of May.
- For our own needs and personal intentions.

NOTA BENE:

To accommodate the schedule of our editor and writers, we will publish the Newsbits every Monday instead of every Sunday. Thanks for the kind understanding of our dear readers.