



UPDATES

Marist Brothers Kidapawan

(Second Issue)

A. *Live-Out Aspirants' Follow-up Session:*

As part of the Community Life Plan project for vocation for this year, the community opted to follow-up the live-out aspirants by letting them join us once a month in the happy hour on a Wednesday, Community Mass at the cathedral, morning prayer and breakfast the day after. Br. Ted was charged to accompany these candidates. Kyr M. Olasiman and Jake S. Rollenas are both from Magpet. They are in their second year at NDKC taking up BSED major in Mathematics.



(L to R: Br. Ted, Br. Joseph, Kyr, Godwyn & Jake)

The third is Godwyn G. Acosta of Kidapawan City. He finished his high school and senior high at NDKC and is now in his second year in AB Philosophy at NDKC. These three are among the early batch of live-out aspirants who are yet to finish college before their entry as postulants in Lagao.

The three agreed to the community's suggestion of staying in with us once a month, starting November 18 and 19. Br. Pepito who is accompanying these three for two years came for a visit on October 28 when he introduced Br. Ted to the parents of Kyr and Jake in Magpet and of Godwyn in Kidapawan. The community is also in the process of following up a candidate in the college.

B. *First Recollection in Sitio Maupot, Magpet.*



The community decided to have its first recollection in the mountain resort of Sitio Maupot in Magpet on October 23 and 24. The topic and theme of the recollection was "Homes of Light" (Caring for Life, Generating New Life) – a circular of Br. Ernesto Sanchez. It was quite

appropriate due to the challenges we are all facing in the so-called "new normal". Br. Ted facilitated the recollection.

By: *Br. Teodulo Fernandez, FMS*

Stranded Amid Pandemic



It has been months of waiting for us to go to MAPAC; we are still here in General Santos City because of pandemic. We were told that we can go to MAPAC next year on the first or second week of January. My companion name please and I have been transferred from Fourviere community to Lagao community.

Meanwhile, I am currently assigned in Marcellin Children's Home and working with children in conflict with the law and the abandoned.

I am tasked to teach children who have difficulty in reading. I am not only teaching them how to read; I am also teaching them Catechism, Good Morals and



Right Conduct, and Values Education. Teaching them made me realize that I need to teach them innovatively and add some twist while teaching so that they can really learn importance of life. The founder said, "in order to educate children you must love them and love them all equally".



By: Br. Gary Danlag, FMS

Typhoon Ulysses Leaves Damage to Marist Schools

Two of our schools were affected by typhoon Ulysses.

1. **Marist Stella High School, Singapore.** Parts of the chapel and the ceiling of some classrooms were destroyed. The water entered the corridors of the building and even of the offices.

Photos shown the affected buildings of the schools



Ceiling of the chapel block collapsed



Block F level 5 and 6 ceiling boards were blown away.



2. **Marist School, Marikina, Philippines.** The roof of the Senior High School building was destroyed. One of the Teak trees inside the campus fell. Nobody was injured.

Photos shown the aftermath of the Typhoon Ulysses. It was raining the whole day of November 11 until noon of November 12.



MARIST CARE HOME PROJECT

Lagao, General Santos City, Philippines



A team of Marist Brothers was created and has met twice during the months of September and October to discuss the proposed Marist Care Home Project. The team is composed of Bro. Allan de Castro as Chairperson, Bro. Dominador Santiago as de facto member, and Brothers Teodulo Fernandez, Wilfredo Lubrico, Romulo Porras and Cristino Sta. Ana. The team has also created a facebook (albeit, private) group page, where they can discuss matters relative to the project.

The Sacred Heart Formation Center (formerly Marist Aspirancy House) was selected as the location for the project. The decision to select this place was the result of the: (a) Survey made by the

Province Center, (b) Deliberation of the Marist Care Home Team and (c) Approval of the Provincial and his Council.

By and large, the project began smoothly in the preliminary stages, with Bro. Cristino inviting prospective Architects and Engineers to do site investigation of the proposed location. The following professionals are:

1. Engr. Enrico Mariano – the assigned engineer to supervise the Marist Spirituality and Missionary Center, Lake Sebu.
2. Arch. Marissa Ober – former NDMU faculty and now, a designer-builder-contractor.
3. Arch. Albert Joseph Non – son of retired Engr. Alberto Non, builder-contractor of some Marist buildings in the cities of General Santos and Koronadal. Arch. Non has since established his own construction firm.
4. Arch. Bren Buenavista & Engr. Alfred Abao – designer and main contractor, respectively, of the SPC Sisters who owns the General Santos Doctors Hospital.
5. Arch. Michael Ang – builder of the Marist Aspirancy House and the Provincial Center. (Arch. Ang is yet to be contacted, as of this writing)



Arch. Bren Buenavista & Engr. Alfred Abao
Background: Entrance to the Sacred Heart Formation Center, SHFC (formerly Marist Aspirancy House), November 14, 2020)

Within the next three weeks, they will prepare a proposed plan for the Marist Care Home Project, following the design parameters and guidelines which were set by the brothers. A pre-bidding conference will be in the offing once the proposals have been received.



Front: Br. Wilfredo Lubrico & Br. Cristino Sta. Ana
Back: Arch. Marissa Ober and Arch. Edrolen Fermo a former NDMU architectural student – now associate
Background: Partial View of the SHFC Receiving Room (November 6, 2020)

Panoramic view of the entire frontage of the Sacred Heart Formation Center in Lagao.



By: Br. Cristino Sta. Ana, FMS

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.



THE ARCHIVIST'S CORNER

Br. Romulo Porras, FMS (#5)

FIRST MARIST BROTHERS IN CHINA

It was around July of 1890 when Fr. Battembourg, C.M., Procurator General of the Congregation of the Missions in Paris and Br. Theophane, Superior General of the Marist Brothers, began negotiations on the sending of the Marist Brothers in China. In November of 1890, the six Brothers were chosen. These were:

1. Br. Marie-Candide, 35 years old, Director;
2. Br. Aristonique, 29 years old, Sub-Director;
3. Br. Antonin, 20 years old;
4. Br. Loui-Michel, 20 years old;
5. Br. Joseph-Felicite, 19 years old.

Coming from Europe and finding themselves in a land that was all new and strange to them, the Brothers had undoubtedly braced themselves for surprises. Yet, the biggest surprise of all was probably the discovery that Msgr. Jean-Baptiste-Hippolyte Sarthou, C.M., the Vicar Apostolic at that time, was expecting them to take over two schools, and not just one. Aside from the French College at Peking, they were supposed to take over St. Louis College at Teintsin (now Tianjin) as well. It was a school for foreign children, in which the language of instruction was entirely in English. The Children in this school were sons of consuls and even of Protestant ministers. Regardless of how this confusion came about, the result was that two French Brothers who had been in Australia, were sent to China in the summer of 1891. These were Br. Cleophas and Br. Marie-Julien.

This was how the story of the Marist Brothers in China began.

Source: Lifted from the book Dawn of the Word in Silence, The Adventures of the Marist Brothers in China, pp. 14-15, whose principal writer was Ms. Nathalie A. Pasa and published in 2017 by the New City Press, Philippines.

Birthday Greetings to:



November 19

Br. Armando B. Mana-ay



November 19

Br. Romar Dave S. Rano



November 21

Br. Dufresse Chang She Dien

Death Anniversaries:

November 16, 1956 – Br. Pascal Louis (China)
 November 16, 2002 – Br. Ambrose Wang (Singapore)
 November 17, 1922 – Br. Elie Lu (Beijing)
 November 17, 1968 – Br. Marie Florent (St. Genis-Laval)
 November 18, 1915 – Br. Pierre Stanislas I (Beijing)
 November 18, 1969 – Br. Augustin (Beijing)
 November 19, 1926 – Pierre Hou, a junior (Beijing)
 November 20, 1972 – Br. Istvan (Honolulu)
 November 21, 1928 – Br. Paul Ambrose (Beijing)
 November 21, 1935 – Br. Joseph Seraphin (Beijing)

Prayers please...

- ✚ For families who are affected by the Storms and other calamities.
- ✚ For our Marist School teachers, personnel, administrators, students, alumni, and friends.
- ✚ For government leaders and their families.
- ✚ For all the Marist Brothers, Marist Fathers, Marist Sisters and Marist Missionary Sisters around the world.
- ✚ For all the missionaries.
- ✚ For all the birthday celebrants for the week.
- ✚ For the good health and protection of all the members of the Marist Family.
- ✚ For Medical Doctors, Nurses, Medical Technicians, Caregivers and those working in the Medical Laboratories.
- ✚ For the end of the pandemic
- ✚ For the prayer intentions of the Brothers, Lay Marists, Benefactors, Families, and friends.