



UPDATES:

The Marist of Champagnat generously responded in the appeal of the secretary of the Holy Cross Parish in Calumpang to immediately come to the aid of the victims of fire in Purok Saeg, Calumpang, General Santos City, Philippines. The fire happened in the afternoon of November 3, and it affected more or less 1,111 individuals. The initial number of the affected families is 600 and they are temporarily accommodated in the evacuation centers in Calumpang.



GENSAN LOCAL NEWS MINDANAO



The Philippine Sector Finance Commission (FinCom) met on 5th November at the Marist Province Center in Lagao to update and discuss the sector's financial reports, and the economic sustainability amidst the pandemic.

Our Lady of Fourviere Formation Center Community

By: Br. Danny M. Sevilla, FMS

On August 14, the Our Lady of Fourviere Formation Center welcomed the arrival of six in-coming third year aspirants. Three of them are currently enrolled at Notre Dame of Kidapawan College and the other three from Notre Dame of Marbel University. Their presence made the community livelier. In all, the community has eight members. Below is the community directory:

NAME	B-DAY	ADDRESS	COURSE/Designation
JAMES JUDE L. GALLEGO	Jan 20, 2000	Sagasa, Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat	BSBA 3
TIMOTHY DAVE GALLEGO	Mar 10, 2001	Sagasa, Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat	BSBA- Financial Management 3
KENT IAN MUYCO	Sep 29, 2001	Tacurong City	BS Civil engineering 3
KYR M. OLASIMAN	Jan 21, 2001	Sitio Tawan, Brg. Tagbak, Magpet, NC	BSEd Math 3
JAKE WILSON S. ROLLENAS	Jul 21, 2000	Purok Bayanihan, Magkaalam, Magpet, NC	BSEd Math 3
Bro. Danny M. Sevilla, FMS	September 22	Dukay Esperanza S.K	Community Leader Director of the Aspirants
Bro. Jeffrey C. Guino-o, FMS	July 14	Compostela	Vocation Minister/Bursar
Bro. Albert S. Bolibol	July 23	Bo. 5 Marbel South Cotabato	Bursar- Palawan Community

Starting from the top: Godwyn Brian Acosta (Contact Program), Kyr M. Olasiman, Kent Ian Muyco, Jake Wilson S. Rollenas, Timothy Dave L. Gallego, James Jude L. Gallego, Bro. Jeffrey C. Guino-o, FMS and Bro. Danny M. Sevilla, FMS



House renovation began last July 2 and was finished in September.

Our newly renovated receiving Area.

Formative activities were prepared for the aspirants such as orientations, manual work, prayer life and community living, among others.



Bro. Jeffrey gave input on Prayer. The sharing of the staff Brothers about their experiences as Marist Brother encouraged the aspirants to move on with inspiration and zeal in their vocation.

For the aspirants, prayer life and community living are valuable. These enriched further their own experience in their respective families.



Community life was so well appreciated considering that they are together most of the time. Coming from different backgrounds, the aspirants managed to happily share their talents and giftedness, their views and other aspects of their personal life. They were aware that these experiences bonded them together as it nurtured community life.

The accompaniment sessions were also helpful. It was an opportunity for sharing and listening

to stories of personal faith journey. It gave them an opportunity to express their insights and their response to the signs of the time affecting them mostly these days.

Community Activities

By Timothy Dave Gallego

Presently, the Aspirants are engaged in different kinds of activities, like daily mass and community prayer, classes, enrichment sessions, and inputs (daily classes, human formation class, music class, journal writing and personal study habit); employment,



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manualia, and sports and recreation. These varied activities are meant to develop each one in all aspects of his life.



*Human Formation and
Spiritual Nourishment*

Recollection and Trip to Lake Sebu

On October 22, the Aspirants headed by their formator, Br. Danny M. Sevilla, FMS went to the Marist Asia Spirituality and Mission Center, Lake Sebu for their recollection and tree planting activity. The program theme was "Building a Culture of Care and Becoming a Brother to All". Br. Aljon Yonder, FMS was the Resource Person. After a meaningful sharing time, the recollection of the Aspirants ended with happy hour and a sumptuous meal.

The following day, October 23, the Brothers of the MASMC and the Aspirants had their tree-planting activity.

The community took the opportunity to visit the Divine Mercy Shrine and they all enjoyed the beautiful landscape of the area.

After their tour in the shrine, they visited the Sebul Farm where they had their lunch. During their stay in Sebul Farm, they explored the place where the owner showed his farm and provided lunch.



Manual work



My Experiences of Being a Marist Aspirant

By: Jake Wilson Rollenas

People leaving will always be a constant in life. Everyone has his own path to walk on, some may begin on the same path as yours and then the choices that are taken may cause you to differ.



When Br. Jeff fetched us at our home to bring us to General Santos City for us to have our online classes there, I was so sad because I had to leave my hometown and bid my goodbye to all of my hobbies and to the people I used to be with, especially my mom and my little brother. I can still remember when my mother cried when I was leaving, but I just smiled and pretended that I was not sad because I didn't want to leave and be called a crying baby at that moment. What went along with my sadness was also the feeling of excitement and the thought of going to General Santos City because I will be meeting my co-aspirants and will be with them again. I felt a little bit nervous and eager, because I knew that I would experience new things.



When we arrived in Fourviere Community, we were given a warm welcome by Br. Danny and all the dogs at the house. The place was great, the food was delicious. We were gathered in a long table during the dinner to share our thoughts and be given instructions by the Brothers on what we should do in the house, what the rules are and our responsibilities while we are in the formation house. During the first month of staying in Fourviere Community, I was having a hard time because I immediately missed my family. I felt homesick and cried a few times.

As time went on, I got used to it, I was slowly able to cope with my homesickness. I realized that I was not a little kid anymore. I surrendered my worries and sadness to God. Little by little, I felt that God was calling me. In the community, we always pray the morning prayer in the chapel. At noon, before lunch, we had our Marial prayer, and after dinner we had our evening prayer. Every day we wake up early to attend the Holy Eucharist, which is the highest form of prayer. To nourish our physical dimension, to get rid of the toxic in our body and to enjoy and escape from the stress brought about by the online classes, we organized sports every Saturday. Joining us are some Brothers.



After 2 months of staying at the Formation Center, I can see the improvement in myself. My reading skills improved, my faith in God deepened and moreover, I learned a lot about new things and being mature in some ways especially in decision-making and I noticed too that my outlook in life has become broader.

After our Midterm exam, we had our rest, recollection and recreation in Lake Sebu, to recover from the stress brought by the pressure of examinations.

After the recollection and recreation in Lake Sebu, our director allowed us to visit our families. I'm so happy and excited because I was going to see my mother, little brother and the rest of the family; I could bond with them again.

When I arrived in our Barangay, many people welcomed me. Many asked how I was, and asked when I can become a full-fledged priest. I just laughed and said that we are not priests; we are brothers. Our bonding continued as we proceeded to grandma whom I knew missed me so much.

Summarizing all my experiences, I can say that the blessing of the Lord is outpouring. I was so thankful that in spite of my short visit to my family, I can see a lot of changes. We became closer to and more understating of each other. Soon, I will go back to the formation house and continue where the Lord leads me. May the good Lord guide me as I continue my studies and mission in this world.



Friends of Marcellin 4th Formation Session

Last November 5, thirty-three (33) participants joined the continuing formation of Friends of Marcellin. The theme was Champagnat's Way of Partaking in God's Mission Today. The resource person, Br. Petero Navuku, FMS, presented a foundational understanding of mission as coming from God and that Church's mission is partaking in Jesus' work of proclaiming the Good News. We, Marists, are called to participate in this mission with a distinctive style, that is, in the way of Mary.

The formation session of the Friends of Marcellin is being conducted once a month and it is participated by those who are beginning their Marist life and who desire to know more the life and charism of St. Marcellin.

FRIENDS OF MARCELLIN
4th Formation Session – Batch 2

**CHAMPAGNAT'S WAY OF PARTAKING
IN GOD'S MISSION TODAY.**

Resource Person: BR. PETERO NAVUKU, FMS

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Br. Romulo L. Porras, FMS



MARIST BROTHERS' WINERY SAVED THEM FROM JAIL

The last three foreign Marist Brothers to be expelled from Red China reported on their arrival at Hong Kong that they were not put in jail because the Communists considered their winery "a work of production."

The Reds wanted the products from the Brothers' famous Chala vineyards that had once supplied Mass wine for missions in all parts of China. At one time, the Brothers reported, the Reds took 80 cases of wines, liqueurs and champagne to ship by airplane to their embassy in Moscow. The Communities often took the Brothers' winery products for exhibits in different parts of the world to show what good wines were made in China.

But even their winery didn't save the three French Brothers from expulsion. Arriving at Hong Kong were Bro. Nizier Morel, 75, who had been in China since 1898, and was in Peking during the Boxer Rebellion; Bro. Joseph Felicite Planche, 66, who when his older brother was killed in 1900, entered the Marist Order, taking the same religious name, and came to China to replace his brother in the religious work; and Bro. Nicola Kopp. They report that 72 Chinese Marist Brothers are still in China.

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TROVE, June 21, 1954, page 21.

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THE BROTHER PROVINCIALS OF THE PROVINCE OF CHINA

French Provincials:

1891-1895 H. Marie-Candide
1895-1896 H. Elie-François
1896-1900 H. Jules-André
1900-1903 H. Antonin
1903-1906 H. Antonin
1906-1911 H. Louis-Michel
1911-1917 H. Antonin
1917-1926 H. Marie-Nizier
1926-1928 H. Antonin
1928-1938 H. Joseph-Vincent
1938-1947 H. André-Gabriel
1947-1950 H. Marie-Nizier
1950-1953 H. André-Gabriel
1954-1959 H. André-Gabriel

Chinese Provincials:

1959-1969 H. Joche-Philippe
1969-1974 H. Paul Clet
1974-1980 H. Laurence Tung
1980-1989 H. Joachim Heng
1989... H. John Lek

List of the names of Brothers Provincial from 1891 to the time of Br. John Lek. (FMS Message, November 1991, #10, page.14.)



Photo of the Brothers of China Province during their Centenary celebration in 1991. At that time Taiwan was still part of the Province. (FMS Message, November 1991, #10, page 15.)

Birthday Greetings to:



All November Birthday Celebrants

May they find God's loving comfort and abundance of grace in their lives.

Death Anniversaries:

- November 8, 1968 – Br. Berchmans died in Hubei, China.
- November 10, 1960 – Br. Josph Norbert died in France.
- November 10, 1996 – Br. Jowang Cleophas died in Malacca.
- November 11, 1926 – Br. Joseph Nizier died in Sri Lanka.
- November 11, 1957 – Br. Joseph Stanislas died in Hong Kong.
- November 12, 1925 – Br. Alboin died in Shanghai.
- November 12, 1942 – Br. Jean Philomene died in Le Russey.
- November 13, 1914 – Xavier Suen, a junior died in Beijing.
- November 13, 1978 – Br. Marie Alexis died in St. Genis-Laval.
- November 15, 2015 – Br. Peter Bosco Wei died in Hong Kong.



Let us pray for...

- our sick brothers, sisters, affiliates, family members, benefactors and friends.
- eternal repose of the soul of Mrs. Trinidad Bogacia Sotela, 81 years old, sister of Br. Gilbert Bogacia, who died on August 28 due to old age.
- families affected by fire in Purok Saeg, Calumpang, General Santos City.
- the gift of insight for those who applied for their candidacy that they may recognize the limits of power, prestige and wealth and find stronger ways to serve the needs of the poor, the afflicted, and the troubled.
- all essential workers, that God will protect their health as they continually put themselves at risk in service of others.
- those most susceptible to the Coronavirus, that God will protect them from illness and surround them with the peace of knowing that they are loved and cared for beyond measure.
- the health of Br. Ador.