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Featured Community

MARIST BROTHERS HONG KONG COMMUNITY

On the 6th of June, thanksgiving Mass was held in the college to celebrate Founder's Day. Fr. Edward Hsueh, a Focolare, presided over the Mass. For the first time in 3 years, we were able to have all the students join in the celebration at our school hall. Various activities were organized to grace the day.



The Marist Hong Kong community attended the first-ever gathering for Brothers of the Association of Major Religious Superiors Men (AMRSM) on the 18th of June, Sunday, at La Salle St. Joseph College, Hong Kong. Five Religious congregations of Brothers attended the event: De La Salle, Marist, OMI, Salesian of Don Bosco, and OFM. The aim of the gathering was to brainstorm what more we could do as Religious Brothers in Hong Kong. The program started with a prayer at the college's chapel, followed by sharing at the dining room and touring the community.



We celebrated birthdays, enjoying ourselves as a family. Our cook Ginalyn successfully renewed her contract. She will be on holiday from 1st July to 3rd August. She will be reunited with her family in Davao, Philippines.



Sharing on the Practice of "Laudato Si"

In recent years, "appreciating God's creation and tendering carefully our mother nature" was often heard from different sources. Our relationship with God, human beings, and the vast nature lead us to go back to the basic human nature revealed by many past and present sages. How could we say love God and, in our deeds and daily living, pay no heed to the people around us and God's creation. It is not easy as we are so engrossed with our own "struggles" to live a better life or, as religious, a true steward of God.

With the scarcity of space in Hong Kong, everything has to be moved upward. That is why we have more high-rise buildings. Finding a place to live is difficult, more so if you want a piece of land to do planting or gardening.

Heeding the call of the Holy Father as indicated in "Laudato Si," the community in Hong Kong tried its best and effort to make us aware and tender to Mother Nature's care.

The following are events/activities which we are engaged in since 2017:

1. A friend of Marist donated 6 small solar panels that helped to provide light in the corridors during night time.
2. Gardening along the corridor. Flowers and different plants along the corridor provided us with fresh air and reduced heat from the direct sunshine during the day.
3. Planting at our rooftop. Recently, we harvested 32 pieces with each 450g dragon fruit from our garden. We also have passion fruits, Okra (lady's fingers), chili, papaya, bitter gourd, and some vegetables.
4. Collecting fruit peel and vegetable waste compost that generates fertilizer for plants and flowers.
5. Using Alkali liquid for sanitizing and cleaning. An alumnus donated a machine that generates an Alkali liquid that is suitable for cleaning fruits and all household utensils. In this way, we buy less detergent for cleaning, saving the environment from contaminated chemicals flowing into the sea.
6. Recycle water bottles. We collected some bottles to store enzymes generated from the fruit and vegetable wastes.

Unfortunately, we were not able to reduce plastic bags, as the wet market and even fruit stores provided for convenience's sake. The recycle bags were not able to contain all materials.



75 YEARS PHILIPPINE SECTOR OF EAST ASIA PROVINCE LAUNCHED THE 75TH YEAR OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE MARIST BROTHERS OF THE SCHOOLS

With the theme, "Never let the fire in our heart go out!" the Philippine Sector of East Asia Province launched the 75th year of the arrival of the Marist Brothers in the country last June 21, 2023. It was held at Notre Dame of Cotabato Incorporated, the first school of the brothers in the Philippines. Marists of Champagnat (Brothers and Lay) from all communities and mission areas of the sector were present to grace the occasion.

It was a day of gratitude remembering the date, 21st June 1948, when the four American Marist Brothers arrived in Cotabato City, Philippines, in order to serve new and distant fields. Br. Maurus James Doherty, Br. Peter Leonard Thommen, Br. Humbert Damian Teston and Br. Herbert Daniel formed the nucleus of brothers who established the first Marist life and mission in the Philippines. Today, 52 Filipino Marist Brothers serve the country, the East Asia Province, and the other Administrative Units of the institute.

During his welcome remarks, Br. Allan J. de Castro, FMS, Provincial, highlighted that the Jubilee is an opportunity to gather and celebrate the humble beginning, the commitment, the dedication, and the love of all the brothers and lay in making Jesus known and loved in the way of Mary, our Good Mother. He stressed the significance of thanking God for the visionaries who dreamt and the pioneers who launched Marist life and mission in the Philippines, particularly those who labored hard during the last 75 years.

Br. James McKnight, FMS, who is now in United States of America and served as missionary in the various schools of the brothers in the Philippines, relayed his message by saying, "What keeps ringing in my head (as a message on our 75th year in the Philippines) is, REMEMBER WHERE WE CAME FROM." He added, "Yes, we have seen so much "progress/development" but it is good to remind ourselves where we came from. Remembering our past with a sense of gratitude can help you maintain a sense of identity and connection to our life and mission as Marists"



Photos during the celebration



MESSAGE OF BR. ERNESTO SANCHEZ, FMS

Greetings from Rome to all the Marist of Champagnat of the East Asia Province. I greet the Provincial Allan de Castro.

This year 2023, marks the 75 years of the Marist presence in the Philippines. We are happy to celebrate together and give thanks. It is a beautiful occasion to thank so many brothers and lay people who have dedicated themselves to the service of education during these 75 years, starting from the foundation with the first four brothers who arrived from the United States and all the years including today.

Along with gratitude, it is a great opportunity to look at how we are carrying out the dream of St. Marcellin Champagnat in this country.

Last June 6, we celebrated the feast of our Founder. I told you that Marcellin was a man with attentive ears and a daring heart. This allows him to listen to the calls of the Spirit, and he also has the ability to look beyond.

I invite you as we celebrate these 75 years to be attentive, have attentive ears to hear the calls in today's context and have a whole heart to respond as Marcellin did. We thank Mary, our Good Mother, for her closeness and accompaniment throughout these 75 years. And we continue to place in Mary's hands the students, parents, educators, brothers, lay people, and all who are committed to this service of education.

Congratulations and we are united with you during this celebration!



A Mini- Marist Pilgrimage and Mission Exposure in Mindanao, Philippines

(10 June - 17 June 2023)

The decision to visit the Marist Brothers in the Philippines was made at the eleventh hour as both Edna, and I were looking for a place to have a short break during the June school holidays. This chance-upon-trip was quickly materialized when Br. Elmer liaised with Br. Allan and the Marist Brothers to accommodate us during our stay in Mindanao.



(Hold tight Edna, zip, zip and away... 😊)

From the beginning till the end of the trip, God never hesitates to surprise us. Part of this holiday package deal includes, upon our first day of arrival, an air turbulence experience due to cyclone Chedeng and a long queue for food at the airport due to the flight delay.

As this was the first time for both of us to experience an unplanned and unscheduled holiday, we found ourselves literally following Br. Allan, Br. Elmer and Br. Jeff. Each day, itineraries were in place for us to follow.

Overall, it was an adventurous journey that took us to visit and pray at the different Churches, University campuses, Divine Mercy Shrine, and local places of interest, e.g., SG Farm, Zip Line, Boating, shopping, and sightseeing in General Santos, Lake Sebu and Davao City.

Needless to say, the most exciting and challenging part of the trip was conquering our fear of heights. Both Edna and I made it across the Zip-Line and had a good overview of the beautiful waterfalls... what an unforgettable adventure 😊



Communities, University Campuses, and Churches visits

Throughout the trip, we were showered with so much love, care, and concern from the Brothers as we visited the various communities, university campuses, and Churches. Indeed, we were captivated by the Marist hospitality and simplicity. It was our first time to join the brothers in praying Lauds and the Rosary, eating and recreating with the Brothers at the Saint Joseph community and the Spirituality and Mission center in Lake Sebu and Marcellin Home in Katanggawan.

Blessing of Our Lady the Good Mother Statue and Tree Planting

The blessing of our Lady, the Good Mother grotto, and tree planting at the Marist Spirituality and Mission Center were also significant during our trip. On Wednesday, June 14, we arrived timely for this auspicious occasion. We began the day with a visit to the Divine Mercy Shrine. About a month before my visit to Mindanao, I was searching for the Divine Mercy Village in El Salvador City. When Br. Elmer mentioned the Divine Mercy Shrine, I was thrilled and grateful that God answered my prayer here in Lake Sebu. As we set out toward the Shrine, I had no idea how beautiful Divine Mercy Hill was. The premises are meticulously maintained, and the view is breathtaking.



From the Divine Mercy, we attended the blessing of the Statue of our Lady, the Good Mother. The Grotto is a symbol of her who continues to draw people of all ages and cultures to enjoy solitude, peace, and joy in this sprawling environment where God's presence can be felt and experienced. May Our Lady continue to guide and lead all to know her Son, Jesus, through the good works of the Marist Brothers.



A trip without meeting family members of the Brothers and the Marist laity would be incomplete as I believe this forms a vital link in connecting the Marist worldwide family spirit and mission, as such, we were blessed to have the joy and privilege to meet Br. Allan's and Br. Elmer's families, Agnes and the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family. They welcomed us with open arms and smiles.



(With CMMF at Ms. Agnes house)



(Br. Allan's sister and family)



(Br. Elmer's sister, nieces and grandnieces)

Conclusion

This learning journey has taught me to let go and trust in God on an unknown journey. I experienced the inner freedom of letting God be in charge rather than the need to be in charge and in control of what I do. Letting go is not easy, but this trip had indeed strengthened my faith in believing in our God whose presence is deeply and tangibly felt in the lives of the Marist Brothers as they seek to live the call of Saint Marcellin Champagnat authentically.... "To make Christ known and loved."

On behalf of Edna, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to God for making this mini-pilgrimage and mission exposure a priceless treasure to behold. Thank you, Br. Allan, Br. Elmer and Br. Jeff, for accompanying us throughout this unforgettable lifetime experience. May God bless all of you with good health and deep faith in carrying out His work of love and mercy in the Philippines and throughout the world.

With gratitude and appreciation
Marie Rose Ng



IDEALS OF MARIST VOLUNTEERS AS CULTURAL PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The ideals of Marist volunteers as cultural pilgrims of hope encompass several key principles and values. Marist volunteers, inspired by the teachings and spirit of the Marist Brothers, dedicate themselves to serving others and spreading hope through cultural immersion and engagement. Here are some ideals that define their work:

1. Service and Solidarity: Marist volunteers are committed to serving others, particularly those who are marginalized, disadvantaged, or in need. They believe in standing in solidarity with communities, recognizing their inherent dignity and working alongside them to address social, economic, and cultural challenges.
2. Cultural Immersion: Marist volunteers embrace cultural immersion as a means to gain a deeper understanding of communities they serve. They seek to learn from local customs, traditions, and ways of life, respecting and valuing diverse perspectives. By immersing themselves in different cultures, they foster cross-cultural exchange and appreciation.
3. Empowerment and Education: Marist volunteers believe in the power of education to transform lives. They work towards empowering individuals and communities by providing access to quality education, skill development, and capacity-building opportunities. They aim to break the cycle of poverty and create pathways for a brighter future.
4. Hope and Resilience: Marist volunteers embody the spirit of hope and resilience, believing that positive change is possible even in the face of adversity. They strive to inspire hope in others, encouraging individuals and communities to believe in their own potential and work towards a better future.
5. Social Justice and Advocacy: Marist volunteers are advocates for social justice, promoting equality, inclusivity, and the respect for human rights. They stand up against injustices and work towards creating a more just and equitable society for all.
- 6.6. Collaboration and Partnership: Marist volunteers understand the importance of collaboration and partnership in creating sustainable change. They actively seek to collaborate with local organizations, community leaders, and stakeholders, respecting their expertise and involving them in decision-making processes.
- 7.7. Spirituality and Reflection: Marist volunteers draw inspiration from their spiritual beliefs and incorporate reflection into their work. They engage in self-reflection, seeking personal growth and deepening their understanding of their purpose and the values that guide their service.

Overall, Marist volunteers as cultural pilgrims of hope embody a commitment to service, solidarity, cultural understanding, education, and advocacy. They strive to make a positive difference in the lives of others, fostering hope, resilience, and a sense of belonging within communities they serve.

Join the Journey: Together, let's be the agents of hope and make a difference in the lives of those who need it the most. Support Marist Volunteers and Be a Catalyst for Change!

Photo News



June 23:
St. Joseph Community welcomes the
Provincial Council Members



June 24:
The Provincial Council members visit the Pre-Novitiate
Formation House



June 23-25:
Provincial Council Meeting No.9 at St. Joseph
Community, Lagao, Gen.Santos City, Philippines



June 24:
Marist School Marikina Faculty visits Marist
Brothers in Seoul, South Korea.



June 25:
Provincial Council outing at Marin Beach Resort Glan,
Sarangani, Philippines.

Seminar-Workshop on Keeping Cybersafe Schools: NDEA Tacurong Area

On June 23-24, a Seminar Workshop on the Protection of Children and Youth Against Online Sexual abuse and Exploitation (OSAEC) was conducted at Villa Lalaine Resort in Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat. Forty six (46) school administrators participated. Mrs. Ma. Fe Lucia Palma, Junior High School Academic Coordinator of Notre Dame of Marbel University, one of the resource persons, talked and shared her experiences on Cybersafe Schools; Br. Crispin P. Betita, FMS, gave them inputs on Protocols and Procedures in



Handling cases of abuse and Atty. Sylvie Blanche F. Tandog expounded her sharing on the OSAEC Law and its implication to schools. For the participants, the sessions was enlightening them to further look into the protection of children and youth at risks in cyberspace and the integration of the OSAEC concerns in their schools' child protection policies.



The Commission of the Marist Spiritual Patrimony Meets in Rome

The annual gathering of the International Marist Commission on Spiritual Patrimony was held in Rome at the General House on June 19-23. The Commission had the full support of the Secretariat of Brothers' Today, headed by Br. Angel Medina. Br. Arsacio Soladana, of the Province of Compostela, did the translations during the meeting. The General Council was also present at two special moments, through the General Councilors, Óscar Vicario and João Carlos do Prado. On the 22nd, Thursday, Br. Ernesto Sanchez, Superior General, had an hour of conversation with the Commission and renewed his confidence and gratitude for the work done. On the evening of the same day, the Commission joined the General Council community for the Eucharist and a time of fraternal gathering before dinner.



The Members of the Commission with the Superior General

Standing (L-R): Hr. Arsacio SOLADANA (Translator); Ir. Antonio RAMALHO (Coordinator); Br. Colin CHALMERS (West Central Europe); Hr. Angel MEDINA (Brothers of Today Secretariat); Br. Michael GREEN (Star of the Sea); Fr. André LANFREY (Hermitage); Fr. Vincent de Paul KOUASSI (West Africa); Hr. Patricio PINO (Santa Maria de los Andes)

Squatting: (L-R): Hr. Ernesto SANCHEZ (Superior General); Hr. Guillermo VILLAREAL (Postulator General); Br. Demosthenes CALABRIA (East Asia); Hr. Omar Alfredo PEÑA (America Central); Mr. Dyogenes Philippssen ARAUJO (Brasil Centro-Sul); & Ir. Rafael FERREIRA (Brasil Centro-Norte)

(Note: Ms. Dorotea CINANNI (General Archivist) was absent during the meeting.)

The main topic of the meeting was the organization of the Marist Symposium (Fountains and Springs) to be held in Rome, from December 4-8, 2023. This five-day, in person, academic conference, will cover topics in Marist History, Marist Spirituality, and Marist education and mission. The plan is that it will be held biennially, and it will become a significant event in the Marist calendar. On the other hand, after the publication of Marist Notebooks 41, the Commission also foresees the publication of Issue 42 for 2024, with the proceedings of the Symposium, and Issue 43, with special topic on the Hermitage, in preparation for the Bicentenary of its inauguration in 2025. In addition, all the members of the Commission had also the opportunity to comment on the initiatives of their region in the field of Spiritual Patrimony.

Marist Educators' Congress 2023

Marist Identity in Education

Agent of Goodness for the World

June 29 - July 1, 2023
Greenleaf Hotel
General Santos City



The Marist Educators' Congress was held on June 29 – July 1 at Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City. Notre Dame of Dadiangas University, under the leadership of Br. Manuel de Leon FMS was the host. The congress is a gathering of Marist educational institutions in the Philippines. It aims to explore how Marist identity in the arena of education can be a driving force of goodness for the world.

The first objective of the congress was to contemplate on the representations of Marist identity in education as agent of goodness for the world. Br. Arnel Alfanta FMS, the keynote speaker, emphasized how the schools went into the process of transition and showed resilience during pandemic. This is possible with St. Marcellin Champagnat's vision and mission of making Jesus known and loved. He presented the framework of religious education as core of the curriculum as an outcome of his study on the values and practices of Marist Schools. The challenge confronted by the Marist educators is how to actualize Marist Pedagogy and cascade it to all stakeholders. Br. Niño Pizarro, FMS talked on "Marist Identity" based on the book he wrote on this topic. Primary quotation for reflection is "Have we really listened to the concerns of our young learners? This challenge was highlighted by the presentation of Dr. Wilter C. Friaes on "Awareness of Marist Activities".

The second objective was to open a dialogue space for deeper understanding of the issues concerning Marist Identity in education, Marist educational landscape, and Marist International activities, all packaged in high quality lectures, speeches, and presentations with the fundamental friendliness of social interaction. This was attained through the different talks. Ms. Lorelie Geronimo Pacquiao, the City Mayor of General Santos City, challenged the Marist Educators to collaborate to make a difference in the lives of the students. Furthermore, the Notre Dame Education Association programs and activities update was articulated by Dr. Evelyn Dollete, the Executive Director. The topic "Journeying as One Marist Community" brought the participants to reflect on the symbols of the four legs of the table of La Valla. Sr. Sela Fakahura, SMSM's sharing was culminated by group reflection. Issues confronting the educational landscape were shared by four experts. Dr. Jerome T. Buenaviaje on the "UNESCO's Sustainable Development Goals; Dr. Jasmin Nario-Galace on Challenges of Quality Education; Ms. Ruthie Maye Padillo on Challenges of Climate Action, and Dr. Joan Christi Trocio-Baguipo on "Issues Affecting Young People."

The third objective to revisit previous commitments as well as devise suitable and collective responses to the calls of the Marist educational system in order to journey as one Marist community whose identity in education serves as catalyst of goodness for the world was done when each school presented their response to the 12th Marist Mission Congress Statements which was formulated in 2018 at Kidapawan City through video presentations. To continue the journey as one Marist Educators, the Balangay which was the symbol of the congress was handed by Dr. Jovir Ignacio of NDDU to Br. Paterno Corpus, FMS of NDMU, the next Educators' Congress host. To end the congress, the proposed statements of Marist Educators' Congress 2023 was presented by Dr. Jose Dagoc and was accepted by the assembly.

The Congress was a wholistic gathering of Marist educators celebrating the gift of life and blessings. The three-day Educators' Congress provided opportunities for everyone to revisit their Marist identity as educators and how to further become an agent of goodness starting with the school community where they belong.

Our expression of gratitude goes to the host school, Notre Dame of Dadiangas University, who have exerted so much preparation and effort to make the Marist Educators' Congress 2023 a success.

Congratulations to all of us Marist of Champagnat!

Photos



Glimpses of the Past

THE SHORT STORY OF THE MARIST BROTHERS IN CHINA

By Spes Stanley Ku¹

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This is the first of the Five Series

In 1890, there was a large move among the Brothers to spread the gospel to far-away missions. From February 1888 to October 1891, there were 29 departures of 120 missionary Brothers going to different continents.

The Vincentian Fathers had found a school called College de Nantang, in Peking (Beijing) when Bishop Delaplace was in charge. It began modestly but it became well-established with time and needed professional educators to operate it. At the same time, as the number of believers in the Vicariate was increasing each day, they needed more priests to cater to their spiritual needs. So, the bishop in Peking requested more hands to help with the new situation. The superiors of the Vincentian Fathers in Paris started to negotiate with De La Salle Christian Brothers, proposing to them to take charge of College de Nantang in Peking, so as to free the priests for missionary work. However, the De La Salle Brothers declined the invitation giving the reason that the school was too far away. Failing to obtain the help of these Brothers, they approached the Little Brothers of Mary with whom they had already been collaborating satisfactorily in the administering of St. Benedict College in Constantinople. The Marist Brothers immediately accepted the offer.

In those years, it was Br. Tehophane who was Superior General of the Institute. He appealed for volunteers for the "Missions", and the response to his call was encouraging. A good number of Brothers put their names forward. These were shortlisted to six: Br. Marie Candide, Director, who for the past six years had been in charge of the Juniorate at Saint-Genis-Laval, Br. Aristonique, Sub-Director; Br. Antonin, Louis Michel, Joseph Felicite and Marie Basilius. The last four were 20 years old or younger. They had heard the call of the Lord, and with a generous heart, and most enthusiastically they followed his invitation. By the end of February, they gathered at the General House at Saint-Genis, for the last briefing. A farewell ceremony for the missionaries was held on 1 March. The Brother Superior General and his Assistants were all present, and they were surrounded by some five hundred Brothers of different communities. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated, during which the missionaries renewed their vows and consecrated themselves to the Blessed Virgin.

Then on 8 March 1891 the six young Brothers boarded the ship SS Yangtse and sailed off towards the Orient. The trip lasted about six weeks and they reached Shanghai on 18 April. They then boarded the SS Chung King and sailed northwards. The ship anchored at Takoo and from there they took a train to Tientsin. Finally on 23 April Br. M. Candide and Br. Aristonique set off for Peking by a cart and reached their destination three days later, on 26 April.

Bishop Sarthou who succeeded Mgr. Tagliabue welcomed them and put them in charge of the *College Francais de Nantang*. As mentioned earlier, this college had been founded some 30 years

before, and was supervised by a Vincentian Father who was helped by two Vincentian Brothers and a few lay teachers. It was meant for one hundred students.

After the Brothers arrived, they found that the Bishop had wanted the Brothers to take over not only the Nantang school, but also to take charge of an English school in Tientsin, but the Brothers who had come to China were all from France and they were not able to conduct classes in English. The leader of the pioneers, Br. Marie Candide then informed Br. Theophane, Superior General, who telegraphed to Sydney and two Brothers from Australia were recruited – Brs. Cleophas and Marie Julian. Not long after, they sailed from Sydney and arrived at Tientsin, and the school was then entrusted to them. However, as the school catered mainly for foreign students, i.e., children of foreign traders, at first, only a few students were enrolled.

In 1913, a new school was built on another site. Then, as there were more European population in the city, the number of students slowly increased. Still later, Chinese families also started to send their children to the school, so that they could learn a foreign language that would facilitate their securing a better job. Also, once they have a fair command of the English language, they would possibly have a greater chance to go overseas for further studies.

Between the years 1893 and 1931, a number of schools was founded in various cities, because of “Railway Fever”. The Government had plans to build railways linking important cities, and Missionaries wished to cash in on this by opening schools that taught foreign languages. However, often the railways were not built; the schools were too costly to maintain so they were closed. Another reason why the foundations were short lived was because several of the brothers were obliged to flee France on account of the anti-clerical laws there. They had to live precariously and set up schools hastily. It is hardly surprising then, that some of these foundations did not last. However, at about the same time, three schools were founded and lasted: the Municipal Schools in Shanghai, Hankow and Tientsin.

St. Francis Xavier’s College in Shanghai was originally founded in 1874, under Mgr. Languila, then bishop of Shanghai, and Fr. Foucault, Superior of the mission. A decision was made to open a regular school. Fr. Twrddy S.J. was appointed the first headmaster. On 8 June 1884, at the breakup before the summer holidays the Father Superior announced to the boys that they were to bid farewell to their cradle in the French Concession and migrate to the rather distant district of Hongkew. A site was chosen in Nanzing Road, opposite the Church of the Sacred Heart.

- *To be Continued.*

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Provincial's Schedule

July 01 to 31, 2023

July 1-7:
To accompany Br. Manuel V. de Leon at The Medical City, Manila, Philippines

July 8-10:
Sessions with Temporary Professed in Active Ministry

July 14-16:
Week-end Gathering with 2017 La Valla Pilgrims-Mindanao Based

July 19-23:
To Singapore to attend Maris Stella Founder's Celebration

July 23-31:
Marist Province Center



July 01:
Br. Franklin D. Salcedo
Br. Lindley H. Sionosa

July 03
Br. John Clement Chong KA

July 05:
Mrs. Lucrecia Tabayoyong
(Affiliate Member)

July 6:
Br. Demosthenes A. Calabria

July 07:
Br. Wenceslao P. Calimpon

July 13:
Br. Alfredo Herrera Meza

July 14:
Br. Jeffrey R. Guino-o
Br. Raymund C. Gallardo

Prayer Intentions:

- For the Pope and all leaders of the Church, may they find consolation and strength in leading the people of God in our time today.
- For our government leaders, may they continue to govern, protecting the people's best interest.
- For the speedy recovery of Br. Manny de Leon, may he feel God's healing touch and protection.
- For our Marist Family, may the fire of our love in living our respective Marist vocations continue to give inspiration to many.
- For the least fortunate children and the young, may they find generous hearts that will address their needs.
- For all birthday celebrants, may they be blessed abundantly.