



## Medhaven Signs Contract with ICC

**O**n February 2, 2021, Camillian commemoration of the Conversion of St. Camillus de Lellis, the contract signing for Nursing Home Operations & Management Services Agreement took place between Camillus Medhaven (on behalf of the Camillian Philippine Province) and Isabela Cultural Corporation (representing the Society of Jesus Philippine Province), paving the way for the provision of aged and nursing care services by Camillus Medhaven qualified and competent staff at the Skilled Nursing Unit of the Jesuit Health and Wellness Center (JHWC).

Founded in 1992 by the Camillians, Camillus Medhaven continues to be a nurturing community to the elderly and provides a place that they can call “home.” Under the administration of the Camillian Fathers and Brothers and with the abled support of an efficient staff, it is a center of excellence for the holistic care of the elderly and persons in need of convalescent and palliative care. It is touted as the biggest private nursing home in the country with its 185-bed capacity. It hopes to reach 250 beds by the third quarter of 2021 with the opening of Camillus Medhaven Antipolo.

Through the initiatives of the St. Camillus Health Institutions’ chief executives, Nursing Home Operations & Management Services was born. Camillus Medhaven’s expertise and systems in providing holistic and humanized care to the elderly can now be offered to other institutes, i.e., religious congregations and dioceses who have a good number of elderly populations among their members.

Last February 15, 2021, the first transition team from Camillus Medhaven started their mission at JHWC. Led by Mr. Ishmael Albani, RN, Nursing Home Manager, the team aims to be God’s instruments of love and mercy in carrying out their responsibilities at JHWC.

The Camillians would like to thank the following: all Camillus Medhaven residents, past and present, who teach us how to love and to care unconditionally; all Camillus Medhaven administration and staff (190 workers)



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**P**ope Francis' message for the 29th World Day of the Sick was rich with pointers for reflection. I would just pick up a couple of remarkable statements contained in that message and leave them with you for your own personal reflections.

The Pope wished a path of healing, grounded in a trusting and interpersonal relationship between the sick and those who care for them. The theme for this year's observance was, "You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (Mt 23:8), which calls for "a trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick".

Drawing from this theme, the Pope mentioned that in order to fight hypocrisy and self-idolatry, Jesus asks us to "stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them." He warns us also about the danger of "self-idolatry" when our "faith is reduced to empty words and we are unconcerned with the lives and needs of others." Stating that Jesus criticizes those who "preach but do not practise," the Pope says, "none of us is immune to the grave evil of hypocrisy, which prevents us from flourishing as children of the one Father, called to live universal fraternity."

Pope Francis also noted the importance of fraternal solidarity towards our neighbors, which takes a diversity of forms. "Serving means caring for the vulnerable of our families, our society, our people." This means that we have to "set aside our own wishes and desires, the pursuit of power, and look to the faces of the most vulnerable, touching their flesh, sensing their closeness and helping them."

According to the Pope, in order for a therapy to be effective, "it must be relational, as it enables a holistic approach to the patient."

He stressed that this path of healing, grounded in a trusting interpersonal relationship, can help doctors, nurses, professionals and volunteers in caring for the sick. He said that this relationship between the sick and carers, based on mutual trust and respect, openness and availability, will help to overcome defensive attitudes, respect the dignity of the sick, safeguard the professionalism of healthcare workers and foster a good relationship with the families of patients.

The Pope concluded by saying that Jesus proves this by healing "not by magic but as the result of an encounter, an interpersonal relationship."

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— POPE FRANCIS

# POSTCARDS FROM TAIWAN

Fr. Giuseppe Didonè, MI



**January 1:** As representatives of the Camillians, Fr. Giuseppe Didone and Fr. Matteo Kao attended the installation of the new bishop, Lee John, in Tainan. Makung is under the Diocese of Tainan and the new bishop will be in charge of the aborigines.



**January 13:** The yearly budget meeting for the year 2021. All the religious attended and directors of the various institutions were invited to explain their institutions' budget/finances.



**January 7:** At the Br. Marinello building, the Ilan Lions Club donated seven special wheel chairs.



**February 1:** Every year before the Chinese New Year, we visit some poor families, bringing red envelopes with money or some things they need.



**January 8-9:** At the end of the Chinese year, as is customary in Taiwan, the various Camillian institutions invited the employees to meals to thank them for their contribution the past year as they begin another year of work.



**February 2:** The Lay Camillian Family of Taiwan celebrated together the Chinese New Year with a traditional meal.



**February 12:** Celebrating Chinese New Year and Mass in all the churches with veneration to the ancestors



**January 11:** Fr. Giuseppe Didone with some employees went to Kaoshiung to attend a fundraising activity for the new hospital in Makung.



**February 22:** In Tashi, where we opened a clinic three years ago, the Sisters of Charity have today opened nearby a daycare center for old people. If old people get sick, they can go to the clinic for checkup.



## Conditions that Promote and Maintain Health

**H**ealth Psychology is a disciple of psychology that studies the relationships between psychological factors (e.g. attitudes, beliefs, cognitions, situational influences, and behavior patterns) and the prevention and treatment of physical illnesses (Rathus, 2019). Hence, this new section of the Camillian Update will discuss and discover the *charism* of the Order in relation to the discipline of health psychology. Aiming to shed light on the endeavors and expressions of the *charism* in various Camillian institutions and ministries; this section shall set forth. For the first topic, we shall talk about the conditions that promote and maintain health.

The preamble of the World Health Organization affirms that health is not just the absence of diseases, but the total well-being of a person. Health is a multi-faceted experience of wellness, i.e. physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually well. With this in mind, securing conditions that promote and maintain health makes sense for us who are living out the *charism* of witnessing the ever-present love of Christ to the sick. Securing well-being's key characteristics of cohesion, congruence, harmony, and meaningfulness; and combatting illness' key characteristics of fragmentation, incongruence, disharmony, and meaninglessness would mean worthwhile and significant ventures in our Camillian institutions and ministries (Brusco, 1998; Weiner et al., 2003). Continuing efforts to attain the state of wellness for the sick and their families through ways and means that secure happiness, health, and healing have been incarnate in places that we have served. Every once in a while though it is noteworthy to say, complacency needs the reminder of “putting more hearts in our hands” and “it is not your work, it is mine.”

In securing the state of happiness and contentment, low levels of distress, satisfactory overall physical and mental health, and good quality of life for ourselves and for those whom we serve, it is necessary to strive for the availability of the following resources: biological, sociocultural, psychological, economic, and spiritual assets (Vandenbos, 2015). The availability and appropriate combination of these resources create the conditions for well-being; their absolute or relative unavailability of these resources create the conditions for compromised well-being (Weiner et al., 2003).

Aside from the promotion and maintenance of these health factors, the quest for meaning and purpose in life

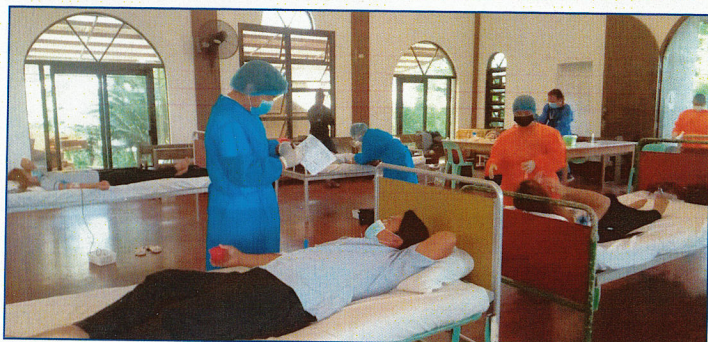
is equally essential. Purpose and meaning in life are essential for initiating and securing well-being (Hefferon & Boniwell, 2011). Meaning and purpose in life can be sought in our engagements with interpersonal and intrapersonal relations, explorations and expressions of personal development, decision-making and determination of lifestyle choices, and participation in social interest works (Vandenbos, 2015). Victor Frankl's concept of “will to meaning” proposes three benefits of living a meaningful life. (1) It exercises and enhances our creative value. (2) It initiates and enriches our experiential value. (3) It prompts and progresses our attitudinal value. These three values lead to the seven major sources of meaning: achievement, acceptance, relationship, intimacy, religion, self-transcendence, and fairness (Hefferon & Boniwell, 2011). Thus, allowing ourselves, our community, and the people whom we serve to experience these major sources of meaning grant the opportunity to secure well-being.

Observing these ways make it possible for us to promote and maintain health in our institutions and ministries, above all within ourselves and within the religious community. Hence, we are participating in the primary goal of health psychology, that is, to establish and improve the conditions that promote and maintain the quality of life of individuals, communities, and groups (Weiner et al., 2003). Ultimately, making Christ present in our midst, amongst our brethren in the religious community and amongst those whom we serve, could also mean that we are witnessing health, happiness, and healing of Christ unfold in our midst.

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# SCH-CALBAYOG LAUNCHES BLOOD LETTING CAMPAIGN



The Blood Letting Campaign of St. Camillus Hospital Calbayog finally happened last February 2, 2021 from 8am to 2pm. This campaign was supposed to be held last December 4, 2020 but because of the unavailability of the reagents needed for the screening of blood that would be collected, it did not push through.

The staff of SCH Calbayog is grateful to those individuals who responded to the call for blood donations during this time. To become a blood donor, certain qualifications must be met (e.g., 18–65 years old, weight should be at least 115 lbs/52.5 kg, blood pressure: 90-130 systolic, 60-90 diastolic, no major/minor surgical procedure within a year, no tattooing/piercing for the past 12 months, no medicine or alcohol intake for at least 24 hours and no smoking 4 hours prior to blood extraction, to name a few). In addition, donors were assessed during interview of their personal and medical history and physical examination. They were also required to bring their Medical

Certificate stating that they were not included in the list of persons who were *Probable, Suspected, or Confirmed* of COVID-19.

Being a blood donor comes with benefits, too, like having one's personal health checkup, knowing one's blood type, hemoglobin level and blood pressure, the bone marrow is stimulated to produce younger and active cells, and increasing the supply of blood.

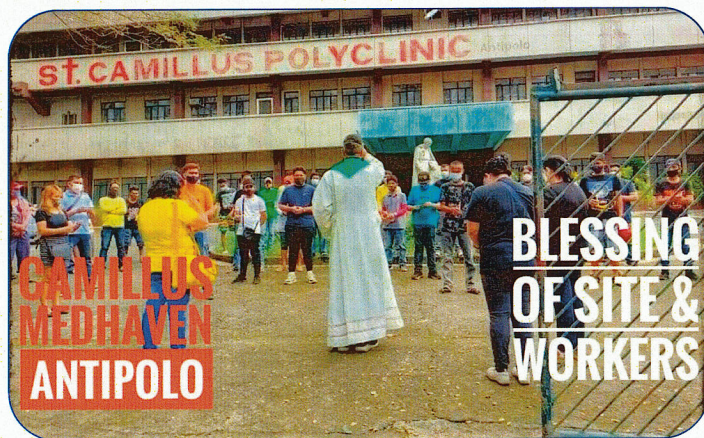
To ensure the safety of both donors and medical staff, the minimum health protocol requirements were observed like the physical distancing, wearing of face mask and face shield at all times, proper hand washing, and disinfection of all the equipment utilized during the activity.

In this time of pandemic, every healthy individual is urged to continually replenish the blood supply and ensure availability for patients in need. "Give blood, save lives!"

*"If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need  
and refuses him compassion,  
how can the love of God remain in him?  
Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."*

– I JOHN 3:17-18

## Camillus Medhaven Antipolo Starts Construction and Renovation



Fr. Rodel Enriquez, Camillus Medhaven (CM) Managing Director, marked the beginning of the construction and renovation works of Camillus Medhaven Antipolo by leading the rite of blessing of site and the construction workers. He was accompanied by Ms. Nilda Hilario, RN, MA, CM Managing Director, Ms. Jacqueline Ocampo, CM HR, and members of 4Vs Construction led by Vic-Vicky Flores.

Camillus Medhaven Nursing Home Antipolo (the former St. Camillus Polyclinic) in Brgy. Inarawan, Antipolo City will cater to lower income clients needing custodial care services to elderly, be it long-term or convalescent. It will have a 75-bed capacity initially with a Long-Term Care, Physio-Rehab Medicine Unit and a Skilled Nursing Unit.

Located in the eastern side and in the mountainous parts of Rizal, residents will enjoy sunshine and cool breeze under the care of qualified and loving staff. This is a testament to the Camillian vision of providing holistic care/humanized care.

Target completion date is May 15, 2021 and CM Antipolo will open in June 2021.

The Camillians acknowledge the following for their support: people of Taiwan and CADIS Taiwan of the Camillian Taiwanese Delegation for the funding headed by Fr. Giuseppe Didone, Delegate Superior and Fr. Jacob Wong, Financial Administrator; Camilian Philippine Province headed by Fr. Jose Eloja and Fr. Gabriel Garcia, CEO, St. Camillus Socio-health Institutions.

# CELEBRATING WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2021

– Fr. Dan Cancino, MI

It has been more than 11 months that the Camillians are serving in a COVID-19 isolation facility in Quezon City where God has always been sustaining them and other frontliners in caring for those who are sick.

This time of crisis makes a deeper opportunity in treasuring the true meaning of life—as a Camillian, as a brother and sister in Christ.

Pope Francis says in his message for the World Day of the Sick 2021, “The experience of sickness makes us realize our own vulnerability and our innate need of others. It makes us feel all the more clearly that we are creatures dependent on God. When we are ill, fear and even bewilderment can grip our minds and hearts; we find ourselves powerless, since our health does not depend on our abilities or life’s incessant worries (cf. Mt 6:27).”

Here in this facility, the Camillians continue their fraternal solidarity with the sick by serving them with love and care.



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headed by Fr. Rodel Enriquez, Executive Director, Ms. Nilda Hilario, Nursing Home Director, Ms. Lai Turallo, Administrative Officer, for their tireless and selfless service for the welfare all Camillus Medhaven residents; all Camillians of the Philippine Province (including Taiwan, Australia, Indonesia) headed by Fr. Jojo Eloja, MI Provincial and his Council and Chief Executives Fr. Gabriel Garcia, CEO, Emelie Escasinas, COO, Jeff Ordoñez, CHRO, Joyce Magsino, CFO, and Fr. John Paul Alvarado, CMO, for their support.

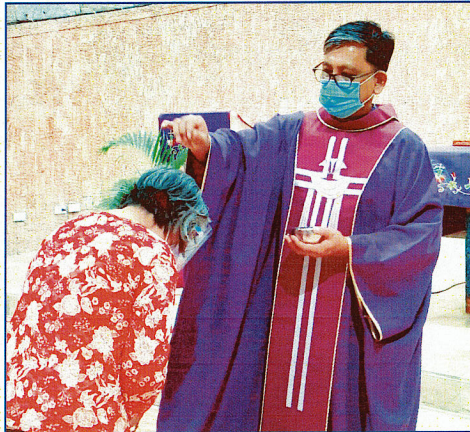
They thank also all members of the Society of Jesus and Isabela Cultural Corporation for their trust in Camillus Medhaven headed by Fr. Jun Viray, SJ and his Council, Fr. Cesar Marin, SJ, Treasurer, Fr. Tex Paurom, SJ, Director of JHWC, Mr. Jun Naranjilla, Chief Finance Officer and Ms. Amy Parlade, Asst. Treasurer.

And most especially, they thank God for the gift of mercy and the charism to manifest the merciful love of Christ to the sick. “St. Camillus de Lellis and St. Ignatius of Loyola, pray for us.”

# ASH WEDNESDAY



Fr. Evan Paul Villanueva performs the rite of burning the palms for Ash Wednesday



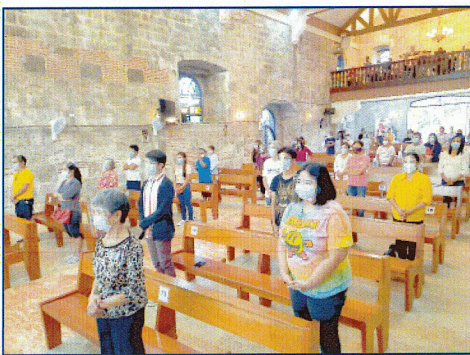
Ash Wednesday at Nuestra Señora dela Annunciata Parish in Bosoboso, Antipolo



Fr. Rey Sentillas put ashes on the head of a parishioner at Our Lady of La Paz Parish in Makati City



Burning of Palms



Ash Wednesday at Nuestra Señora dela Annunciata Parish in Bosoboso, Antipolo



Ash Wednesday at Our Lady of La Paz Parish in La Paz, Makati

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