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Becoming a Camillian (MI)

Sch. Agustinus Gunadin, MI

Father Evan Paul A. Villanueva, MI, the Provincial of the Philippines, shared at a meeting held on September 8, 2023, at the Nicola D'Onofrio Scholastic Community that every possible effort is made to ensure that our apostolic activities do not clash with other community commitments.

This marks my first time attending a meeting with my Provincial. When he visited Indonesia, only the delegation council and fellow Camillian priests had the opportunity to meet with him. Meanwhile, those of us still in training are receiving guidance from the house formators. One practical reason for our ability to meet with Father Provincial here is the proximity; our residence is just five meters away from the provincial house.

In our Scholastic Community, we, the Indonesians, reside with Filipino confreres who are studying theology. There are just five theological students, accompanied by a formator. Our days are shared, participating in both community and external activities.

From Monday to Friday, our focus is on English language studies. We have two teachers from a nearby university who employ effective teaching methods, encouraging us to ask questions and fostering an engaging learning environment. It is far from the dull and rigid teaching that treats students as blank slates.

In my view, both our teachers are exceptionally creative. They often introduce games when grammar practice becomes monotonous. This infusion of games sparks our enthusiasm and keeps the classroom atmosphere lively. Our classes typically conclude at 12:30pm due to our teacher's considerable commute, and we aim to avoid the traffic issues prevalent in this developing country.

Weekend Activities

Every Saturday afternoon, we discuss our departure times for our apostolic assignments. These assignments vary based on proximity and accessibility. Brs. Marsel and Lymer usually head to Nuestra Señora de la Annunciata Parish in Bosoboso after lunch.

We are joined by Filipino confreres in our apostolic endeavors, with each area served by a pair—one Filipino confrere and

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SHEPHERD'S CARE PROVINCIAL'S CORNER

Fr. Evan Paul A. Villanueva, MI



HEALING HANDS, SERVING HEARTS

As you leaf through the pages of this edition of *The Camillians*, I invite you to join a contemplative journey where the art of healing and the spirit of service converge. This issue is not just a collection of articles; it is a tapestry braided with stories that reflect our shared mission—to serve Christ in the sick and suffering with competence and devotion.

In Sch. Agustinus Gunadin, MI's encounter with the Provincial Superior, we are presented with a story that deeply resonates with us in our roles as caregivers and religious servants. It offers a poignant reminder of balancing our responsibilities with our spiritual calling, ensuring we are genuinely present for those in our care.

Fr. Mushtaq Anjum, MI's reflections on the Eucharist extend beyond the altar to our daily interactions. As healthcare providers and religious, this perspective challenges us to treat every patient, every individual, with a reverence that transcends mere physical healing.

The stories of progress at St. Camillus Hospital-Mati and Dr. Jacqueline C. Angeles's distinguished achievement illustrate how our medical expertise can channel Christ's compassion. These accomplishments are not just professional milestones but manifestations of our commitment to holistic healing.

At St. Camillus MedHaven Nursing Home, the celebration of life's simple joys and the respect shown to our elders serve as a model for how we can infuse our professional care with genuine compassion and understanding.

Our involvement in parishes and chaplaincies, efforts in environmental stewardship, and advocacy for justice, as illustrated in the reflections on the Season of Creation, demonstrate our holistic approach to service. These actions underscore our belief that caring for our community's physical, spiritual, and environmental needs is a reflection of our love for Christ.

As you read these stories, I hope they inspire you to see your work and faith as intertwined paths leading toward a greater purpose. Each patient, each person in need, is an opportunity for us to live out our calling, combining our medical skills with a heart full of Christ's love.

In our hands and hearts, we can bring light and hope to those in need. May we continue to walk this path with humility, compassion, and a renewed commitment to our shared mission.

Fr. Evan Paul Villanueva, MI
Provincial Superior



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DELEGATION OF INDONESIA

Fr. Mushtaq Anjum, MI



Why Do Priests/ Deacons Veil Their Hands When Carrying The Blessed Sacrament In The Monstrance

In order to understand this, we have to first understand the essence of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First, we must note that a priest is ordained to bless and consecrate the people of God with his hands, which is why one without hands cannot be ordained, he is said to have a canonical impediment. Thus, the hands of the priest are consecrated at Ordination.

Apart from blessing the people of God, there is a special moment reserved for Christ Himself to bless his people. This moment is called "Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament."

During the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (as it is called) "the Blessing of Christ," it is not the priest who blesses or acts, neither does he act or blesses in the person of Christ, no, it is Christ himself (the true Priest) who acts and blesses at that very moment He is exposed on the altar. Therefore, in order to illustrate that the priest is not blessing the people, he covers (hides) his hands (used for blessing) with a humeral veil (humurus means "shoulder" so a humeral veil is a "shoulder veil").

Thus, once the hands of the priests are not seen, it would be understood that he is not the one blessing the people but Christ himself.

Therefore, at benediction, adoration, or during the procession of "Corpus Christi" (an offshoot of benediction), the priest carries the Blessed Sacrament in procession with his hands hidden, while the blessings of Christ continue to radiate in all its rays towards the people (as seen in the shape of the monstrance). It is Christ himself who goes about in procession.

The question is, since a priest is capable (by the power of God) of consecrating the Bread and Wine into the body and blood of Christ with his bare hands, and even at benediction, he touches the most precious body of Christ and places it in the lunette, then fixes it in the Monstrance/Ostensorium. If this is so, why then must he use a veil to lift up the Monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament? Is it a sign of respect? If yes, why does he touch the Sacred Host with his hands in the first place? What exactly is he portraying? Apparently, the hands of the priest are not unworthy to touch the Body of Christ or even the golden monstrance which bears Him.

Indonesian Delegation Welcomes New Confreres

The Delegation of Indonesia had another reason to celebrate on July 15, 2023, a day after the feast of St. Camillus de Lellis. The Indonesian Camillians welcomed their three new confreres, namely, Fr. Dionisius Juang, MI, Fr. Bonefonsius Lolan, MI and Fr. Andreas Yobe, MI. Bishop Edwaldus M. Sedu, Bishop of Maumere, presided the Rite of the Presbyteral Ordination incorporated in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass held at St. Kamilus Seminary Chapel in Maumere.

Along the presbyteral ordination was the Diaconal Ordination of Revs. Robertus Raflianto and Samuel Hampu, who had their -perpetual profession of vows the previous day.

The day's ceremony was witnessed by Fr. Evan Paul Villanueva, provincial superior, Fr. Marven Ruyeras, provincial finance administrator, Fr. Alfons Oles, local superior of the Indonesian Delegation, fellow Camillian priests and brothers from Indonesia, guest priests and the new priests' and deacons' families and friends.



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HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

St. Camillus Hospital – Mati

A Successful DOH Audit!



Last July 12, 2023, the Department of Health Davao Region Regulation and Licensing Enforcement Division, headed by Dr. Cleofe S. Tabada, went to St. Camillus Hospital of Mati to conduct a 1-day monitoring, inspection, and evaluation.

This comprehensive evaluation reaffirms the hospital's dedication to providing safe, high-quality healthcare services to the community. By adhering to strict regulatory requirements, the hospital prioritizes patient safety and ensures that its operations align with all the standards set forth by DOH as the main regulatory body for all health facilities.

The St. Camillus Hospital of Mati management is grateful to the collaborative efforts of the dedicated staff and by the guidance from DOH officials, it has drastically improved its compliance in all areas, demonstrating the hospital's unwavering commitment to excellence.

As it moves forward, the institution will continue to prioritize ongoing compliance and quality improvement initiatives, guaranteeing the highest standard of care for its patients.

Feast Day of St. Camillus de Lellis & Sportsfest Culmination



The feast day celebration was held in the afternoon on July 15, 2023 starting with the Holy Mass in honor of St. Camillus de Lellis. The Pista sa Nayon-themed program and games followed.

The fete was shortly interrupted by the unexpected rain in the evening but nevertheless, everyone enjoyed the sumptuous dinner.

The night was also the culmination and awarding ceremony of the 3-month Sportsfest. Team Dilaab was declared as overall Champion and received P20,000 cash prize and a plaque. Team Banaag, as 1st Runner Up, received P15,000 and a plaque while Team Sinag, as 2nd Runner Up, received P10,000 and a plaque.

Finally, everyone enjoyed the rest of the night with joyful singing and dancing.





SCCBHC Cares



Last July 15-16, 2023 the St. Camillus Community Based Healthcare Center (SCCBHC), the corporate social responsibility arm of the hospital, conducted a two-day Herbal Process Training Seminar in relation to this year's PWD Week Celebration with the theme "Persons with Disabilities Accessibility and Rights: Towards a Sustainable Future where no one is left behind" held at Brgy. Central, City of Mati.

The SCCBHC team shared their knowledge about herbal processing and its benefits during the training which was attended by 30 PWD participants who were eager to learn each process in spite of their impairment.

Health awareness and education is one of the activities that St. Camillus Hospital is committed to do in furthering its mission to promote health and wellness and to build healthier communities.

Ecomed's best practices and gain insights that can help fuel the growth of St. Camillus Hospital of Mati.

During the benchmarking session, the St. Camillus team met with Ecomed's leadership team to learn about their best practices in areas such as patient care, quality improvement and financial management. The St. Camillus team also toured Ecomed's facilities and observed their operations firsthand.

The St. Camillus team gained a number of valuable insights from the benchmarking session. For example, they learned about Ecomed's successful approach to patient satisfaction, their innovative quality improvement programs, and their efficient financial management strategies.

The St. Camillus team is committed to using the insights they gained from the benchmarking session to improve their own operations and provide even better care to their patients. They are grateful to Mr. Leonilo Claudio and the entire ECOMED team for their warm hospitality and for sharing their best practices.

The benchmarking session is a testament to St. Camillus Hospital of Mati's commitment to continuous improvement. By benchmarking with other leading health-care providers, St. Camillus is able to identify areas where they can further improve and ensure that they are providing the best possible care to their patients.

SCHMFI Completes Benchmarking



St. Camillus Hospital of Mati's dedicated managers and department heads recently completed their first benchmarking session at Ecoland Medical and Wellness Center, Inc. last September 14, 2023 at Ecoland, Davao City. The benchmarking session was a valuable opportunity for the St. Camillus team to learn from

Pahiyom Dental Clinic Opens

The hospital's *Pahiyom* Dental Clinic opened its doors on September 21, 2023. (*Pahiyom* is a Cebuano word which means smile.) The clinic is committed to providing its patients with the best possible dental care in a state-of-the-art facility.

The clinic blessing was led by Fr. Renato P. Sales, MI, with the presence of Fr. Rolando Fernandez, MI, Fr. John Paul B. Alvarado, MI. The event was also attended by Ms. Ronna Cuizon, hospital administrator and some hospital staff.





After the blessing, Dr. Danilo Disonglo, the hospital dentist and Ms. Cuizon cut the ribbon to officially open the new dental clinic.



SCHMFI Healthcare Professionals Enhance Maternal and Newborn Care



SCHMFI's dedicated healthcare professionals, namely, Jan Robert Legara, RN, Jobert Bandigan, RN, Halima Sawangan, RN, Jane Amorin, RN, and Danelyn Fediles, RM, recently came together to enhance maternal and newborn care aiming to reduce maternal mortality rates by focusing on preventing neonatal birth asphyxia and maternal post-partum hemorrhage.

In order to achieve this goal, the SCHMFI healthcare professionals participated in a 2-day training in Helping Babies Breathe (HBB) and Helping Mothers Survive (HMS) held on September 13-14, 2023, at Davao Oriental State University. The training was a collaborative effort by John Hopkins University (JHU) School of Medicine, the City Health Office of Mati, Davao Oriental State University, and Medical Allied partners.

HBB and HMS are two evidence-based programs that have been shown to reduce maternal and newborn

mortality rates. HBB is a program that teaches healthcare providers how to help babies breathe after birth. HMS is a program that teaches healthcare providers how to prevent and manage post-partum hemorrhage.

The SCHMFI healthcare professionals who participated in the training are now equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to provide high-quality maternal and newborn care. They are committed to using their new skills to reduce maternal and newborn mortality rates in their community.

This is a positive step forward for maternal and newborn care in the region. Maternal and newborn mortality are still major problems in many parts of the world, but programs like HBB and HMS are helping to make a difference. By investing in the training of healthcare professionals, SCHMFI is helping to improve the lives of mothers and babies in their community.

SCH-Mati Launches Feeding Program



St. Camillus Hospital of Mati with the Community-Based Healthcare Team in partnership with Hapag-Asa, Assisi Foundation and the City Health Office of Mati launched a feeding program on September 22, 2023 to nourish the dreams and nurture the future of 47 children, aged 1-7, residing in Brgy. Tagbinonga, a community bearing the 5th highest malnutrition rate in the city.

Over the next six months from September 2023 to March 2024, the program will provide the children with nutritious meals to help them reach their full potential.

The launch of the feeding program is a testament to St. Camillus Hospital of Mati's commitment to improving the health and well-being of the community it serves.



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Malnutrition is a serious problem in the Philippines, and it can have a devastating impact on children's physical and cognitive development. The feeding program will help address this problem by providing children with the nutrients they need to grow and thrive.

The hospital is grateful to the kind and generous donors who have made the feeding program possible.

Their generosity will help to make a real difference in the lives of the children and families of Brgy. Tagbinonga.

The feeding program is a valuable initiative that will have a lasting impact on the lives of the children it serves. By providing them with nutritious meals, the program is helping them to reach their full potential and build a brighter future for themselves.

St. Camillus Medical Center



We are absolutely thrilled to share the fantastic news that our very own Dr. Jacqueline C. Angeles, the esteemed Medical & Hospital Director of St. Camillus Medical Center, has been awarded the prestigious "Hospital CEO of the Year" at the Hospital Management Asia Awards 2023, held at the Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on September 6, 2023!

This remarkable achievement is a testament to Dr. Angeles's unwavering commitment, outstanding leadership, and visionary approach to healthcare management. Her dedication and passion have propelled St. Camillus Medical Center to new heights, making it a beacon of excellence in the healthcare industry.

Dr. Angeles's award-winning project, "Preserving Health and Environment: St. Camillus Medical Center's Path to an Eco-friendly and Sustainable Hospital," is a testament to her innovative thinking and dedication to making a positive impact on both healthcare and the environment. This groundbreaking project showcases her commitment to creating a sustainable future for healthcare while maintaining the highest standards of patient care.

We must also acknowledge the incredible team behind this achievement, including Aileen G. Morco, Ancillary Director, and Ma. Isabelle B. Cau, Chief Medical Technologist. Their dedication and hard work, guided Dr. Ricky R. Cayetano, Hospital Administrator, have played an integral role in the success of this project.

As part of the recognition at the Hospital Management Asia Awards, all winners had the opportunity to display their project's poster during the HMA conference. This not only highlights the exceptional accomplishments of our team but also provides a platform for sharing knowledge and best practices with healthcare professionals from around the world.

Dr. Angeles's commitment to excellence and sustainability serves as an inspiration to us all. We are immensely proud to have her as our leader, and her achievements continue to elevate St. Camillus Medical Center to new heights.

Once again, congratulations to Dr. Jacqueline C. Angeles and her exceptional team for this well-deserved recognition. Together, we look forward to a future filled with continued success, innovation, and excellence in healthcare!



St. Camillus MedHaven Nursing Home

Maribel Bantilan
Therapeutic Activity Section Coordinator

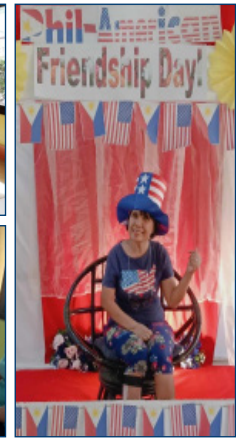
Hawaiian-themed Feast Day Celebration



We commemorated the feast day of St. Camillus De Lellis on July 14, 2023 with a theme "Striving for Excellence in Compassionate Care" because we continue to encourage and support our staff not to stop learning especially in caring for our residents just what St. Camillus did. The celebration started with a Eucharistic celebration

presided by Fr. Placido de Jose, MI concelebrated by Fr. Salvador Cariño, MI, and Fr. Rey, MI, and attended by the staff and residents. After the Mass, all attendees moved to the Activity Hall for the Hawaiian-themed festivity. The Therapeutic Activity Section Coordinator prepared fun and entertaining games both for the residents and staff. They received prizes for joining the games and everyone was invited to try the food from our Tiki Snack booth. The celebration lasted three hours and the attendees left with happy faces and fun memories. Safety protocol was highly observed. A separate celebration was done at the Antipolo branch.

Fil-American Friendship Day



On the 4th of July this year, we observed the friendship between Filipinos and Americans. We prepared a simple sweet and biscuit buffet for our residents. The program started at 2pm in the afternoon after they took pictures at the photo booth. We allowed them choose what they wanted to eat. By doing this, we gave them the opportunity to make their own decisions. It may seem insignificant, but it had a big impact on them because it gave them a sense of autonomy. They listened to old instrumental music as they had their snacks.

Nutrition Month



The topic of our Nutrition Month, which was observed on July 31, 2023 at 3pm at St. Camillus Medhaven Event Hall, was "Healthy Diet Gawning Affordable for All." Kitchen employees from the main branch and annex with the assistance of our personnel including care assistants made pizza and mini turon for our residents. While waiting for the pizza and turon



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to be cooked, our residents played Nutri-Bingo. Ms. Anna Sy, our nutritionist, also gave a brief discussion on good nutrition and healthy diet. We also had our celebration in the Antipolo branch where cupcakes were decorated with fresh fruit. Both celebrations concluded with residents enjoying the pizza, *turon* and cupcake treats. These activities boost people’s physical, social,

St. Camillus Hospital – Calbayog



In celebration of the 409th feast day celebration of St. Camillus de Lellis, with the theme **Journeying Together Towards Compassionate Service**, St. Camillus Hospital of Calbayog offered free clinic to the first 50 walk-in senior



citizens and adults (free selected laboratories, ECG and free medicines). It also held an Operation Tuli for a minimal fee of P150 with free medicines. The free clinic and Operation Tuli were held on July 13, 2023 from 7am-12noon.

PARISH

Our Lady of La Paz Parish


The celebration of the Holy Eucharist on July 14, 2023, feast of St. Camillus de Lellis, was memorable for Our Lady of La Paz Parish because of the gracious presence of His Excellency Most Rev. Charles John Brown, D.D., Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines, who was the main presider.

Concelebrating with the him were Fr. Ivo Anselmi, MI, Fr. Benjie Ang, MI, Fr. Dan Cancino, MI, Fr. Eliseo Navarro, MI, Fr. Almar Roman, MI, Fr. Bon Arimbuyutan, MI, Fr. Rolando Garcia Jr., and Rev. Andrew Yeongmin Kang, MI.

After the Mass was the blessing of the multi-purpose hall.

FEAST OF ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS
JULY 14

St. Camillus is a wonderful saint, who is patron of love for the sick. We think about the beautiful example of St. Camillus. We think of the importance of the healing ministries in the church, especially true in today's world where there are different kinds of sickness. The church, as Pope Francis repeatedly tells us, is like a hospital where we are being healed. The church heals us from our spiritual infirmities and makes us stronger, happier, bolder, and more filled with God's grace.



HIS EXCELLENCY
MOST REV. CHARLES JOHN BROWN, D.D.
Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippine
Homily in honor of St. Camillus de Lellis



CHAPLAINCY

Balanga, Bataan

REFLECTION on SEASON OF CREATION 2023 (During the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Rev. Fr. Bon Arimbuyutan, MI
Hospital Chaplain, Balanga Bataan Hospitals

Today's theme of our celebration is about reconciliation and for a Christian, it is not just an option but an obligation. When Peter asked, "How many times must I forgive? seven times?" Jesus said, seventy-seven times [Mt 18:21-35]. Seven represents completion and perfection, how much more with seventy-seven? He emphasized the need to reconcile that is why it is included in the prayer that he taught us, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who trespass against us.

As we reflect on the Season of Creation, we also remember our trespasses against the environment, our common home. As what Pope Francis said in *Laudato Si*, "We have only one heart, and the same wretchedness which leads us to mistreat an animal will not be long in showing itself in our relationships with other people." How we treat nature can also reflect on how we treat our brothers and sisters.

There are three reasons why we need to reconcile which can be seen in our readings for today.

First, life is so short. In the first reading [Sir 27:30-28:7], Sirach said "Remember your last days, remember death and decay." We want to make our days more meaningful when we are reminded of the shortness of life. For us Camillians who are exposed to people who are in their deathbed, we see that death is all-encompassing: infants, children, young and old, healthy or not. Sometimes it comes surprisingly or sometimes, death comes to us gradually eating up the life that we have.

If life is short, why would we spend most of our lives in resentment? That is why the Book of Sirach said, "Set enmity aside, hate not your neighbour." A life full of resentment and anger is not life at all. We see the wisdom of reconciliation which frees

us from these chains as we grow older. A forgiving person is free, totally living in the present, not chained by the painful past, and the burden of anger in one's heart.

I was visiting a sickly old woman in her house and she had a problem with her sister. All she was asking is for her sister to be humble enough to ask forgiveness and she will be at peace. And I was telling her that they should have a dialogue. At first, the younger sister was reluctant saying that she had done nothing wrong, but when she humbled herself and asked forgiveness, it mended their relationship. The older sister got to live the last days of her life in joy and peace. And the younger sister said, I wish I did it sooner.

Our mother nature is like the sickly old woman, she is dying because of our mistreatment. And we continue to exploit our environment justifying that we are not doing anything wrong. Quarrying, illegal logging, deforestation, etc. persist because of the callousness of the human person. What is asked of us is to humble ourselves, admit that we are wrong so we can start mending our relationship with nature once again. It is difficult to love what we exploit. Concern and care can only exist if there is respect and humility. Remember that even our earth is ephemeral, not just our life, but even our common home. So, we are challenged to humbly accept our misgivings and treat her right while we still have time. We only have one home that the future of humanity will inherit. Life is short, so we do everything in our lifetime to preserve our greatest legacy that God had given us, our common home.

The second reason why we need to reconcile is that it brings re-connection. When we hate our neighbour or we get angry with them, we try to cut off our connection with them. Just like in a house,



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when a child is angry with his parents. He would lock the door in his room and would not go out. He is literally disconnecting with his parents. The doors are locked, there is no opportunity to talk. Temporarily, when we are angry we cut off our connection. So, a person who is angry with a lot of people and angry with the world would isolate himself or herself.

But remember that we are not made for isolation, but for connection. Until now, the adage “No man is an island” is very much true. St. Paul said in the second reading [Rom 14:7-9]: “No one lives for oneself and no one dies for oneself.” We are social beings, and what is more natural for us is connection, not isolation.

This is also something that we forget in our relationship with nature, we are connected with them. When we lose our connection, the tendency that more abuse comes in. But the reality of this connection with nature becomes more real when we experience calamities—what we do to nature, we get back in return. We are connected, we cannot separate ourselves with our common home.

Through reconciliation, we recapture our very identity. We reconnect with those people who hurt us because that is more natural for us—to live together. Reconciliation is not about erasing painful memories. They would be there just like scars. And those scars are sometimes needed to remind us of the pain it caused so that we will not repeat those transgressions. What happens in reconciliation and forgiveness is that despite that pain and hurt, you are still reaching out your hand, you are not cutting off that person in your life. And a relationship built on reconciliation becomes ever stronger.

With our environment, we need to recapture our very identity that we need one another to survive. We establish once again a connection that care for one another. What we give nature, we receive in return. When we give love and concern, we receive the same thing from our mother earth. Those scars that the human beings had done to nature are still visible today: deforested mountains, polluted air, dwindling catches of fish, etc. are reminders of our transgressions. May we not repeat the same mistake of abusing what is given to us. We are stewards, not owners of this land and earth. Through reconciliation, we establish our re-connection.

And lastly, we need to reconcile because God

has reconciled with us first and his forgiveness is immeasurable. In the parable, the Master, out of compassion forgave the servant who pleaded to pay back what he owed in full. God is so loving and understanding. He is the one who reaches to us first. He is the one who first loved us, he is the one who first forgave us. He is always the first when it comes to goodness. This is not simply an idea. This is real.

Our journey in the life of the Church is a journey with a forgiving God. Remember when we were baptized, God forgave us. The Sacrament of Penance itself is a celebration of God’s forgiveness. There are moments in our lives that we could feel the loving forgiveness of God. Remember the times when we are sincere in our prayer and have asked God to forgive us. Some would go to confession, some would rather stay in a quiet place. But there will be the same feeling of light-heartedness, a moment of grace, a moment when you feel you are free. It is a moment of being forgiven. For those who have not experienced this. It is not too late. God is just waiting and his forgiveness is immeasurable.

One of the faces of the mercy of God is His immeasurable goodness seen in nature. We do not deserve it but God has given it to us abundantly. We are sinners and yet God continues to provide for us through our environment, there is a place we call home in this God’s vast creation because of his immeasurable love and mercy for us. May we be grateful for that kind of mercy of God as we renew our call to take care of our environment. When this only home is gone, we and our future generations will be homeless forever.

We pray that as we work for reconciliation with our brothers and sisters, we reconcile with nature, life is short and this world is ephemeral. We establish our connection and reconnection. We take good care of one of the obvious graces of God’s forgiving mercy to us—our mother earth. Amen.



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

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one Indonesian confrere. Our assignments are divided into four areas: the parish, nursing home, hospital, and individuals' homes. In these settings, we learn valuable lessons, particularly in tailoring our service to meet individual needs. For example, at St. Camillus Medhaven-Marikina, Br. Sintus demonstrates patience by listening to the stories of parents or single individuals undergoing hospital treatment. Br. Sintus noted, "Parents and the elderly there truly appreciate having someone to listen to them," during a shared moment at the D'Onofrio Scholastic. Br. Fabi Nanto, on the other hand, experienced firsthand the dispar-

ities between lower and upper-class city residents. Lower-class residents, amidst towering buildings, find it challenging to navigate their narrow streets. Fabi remarked, "The pathways to their homes are quite confined."

Through these experiences, we gain profound insights into the lives of those we serve. Each place presents unique economic, socio-cultural, and pastoral care challenges. Therefore, in our discussions, all four of us agree that our future role as Camillians is to draw closer to ordinary people, especially those who are ill or suffering.

ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

July

01 Fr. Matteo Kuoching Kao
01 Nov. Theobaldus Wildon
05 Fr. Bon Arimbuyutan
07 Fr. Gian Carlo Michelini
11 Fr. Andrea Jungju Seo
20 Fr. Mensianus Aman
23 Fr. Marven Ruyeras
24 Fr. Luigi Galvani
25 Fr. Jaime Roa
25 Fr. Domingo Barawid
29 Sch. Ronaldus Firman

August

01 Fr. Mushtaq Anjum
04 Fr. Remegio Jamorabon
04 Fr. John Paul Alvarado
04 Sch. Ruel Fernandez
14 Fr. Ivo Z. Anselmi
16 Fr. Davide Maria Taichuen Lee
16 Sch. Fabianus Son
20 Fr. Joseph Pham Van Dong
26 Sch. Paul Austin Echavez
30 Fr. Robert Chua Jr.

September

01 Fr. Silvester Naikofi
03 Fr. Aristelo Miranda
03 Sch. Wishal Ambrose
05 Fr. Amelio Troietto
06 Sch. Ardianus Taur
11 Fr. Avensius Harung
12 Fr. Gregorius Pada
13 Sch. Severinus Kiik
15 Fr. Rodolfo Cancino Jr.
16 Fr. Marcelo Pamintuan Jr.
16 Sch. Leoneil Jonh Seriosa
22 Sch. Yohanes Panjur
28 Fr. Diosdado Haber

PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS

July

03, 2004 Fr. Rodel Enriquez
04, 2015 Fr. Henry Angupa II
11, 1998 Fr. Tex Rico Buntol
11, 1998 Fr. Robert Chua Jr.
14, 1984 Fr. Rolando Fernandez
14, 2012 Fr. Joseph Gaochao Yang
14, 2019 Fr. Mensianus Aman
14, 2021 Fr. Gregorius Pada
14, 2023 Rev. Robertus Arsan
14, 2023 Rev. Samuel Hampu
17, 2022 Fr. Silvester Naikofi
17, 2022 Fr. Arnoldus Silvanus
18, 1967 Fr. Thomas Welu
29, 2017 Fr. Anthony Ongcal

August

14, 1999 Fr. Ruben Mandin
20, 2000 Br. Paul Kuo-Chien Han

September

03, 2016 Fr. Joseph Pham Van Dong
03, 2016 Fr. Joseph Luu Ngoc Khanh
05, 1992 Fr. Salvador Cariño

PRESBYTERATE ORDINATIONS

July

14, 1990 Fr. Renato Sales
15, 2023 Fr. Dionisius Juang
15, 2023 Fr. Bonefonsius Lolan
15, 2023 Fr. Andreas Yobe
17, 2022 Fr. Gregorius Pada
22, 1967 Fr. Thomas Welu
22, 2017 Fr. Joseph Pham Van Dong

August

17, 1980 Fr. Raimondo Yang Chia-men
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