From the Desk of the PPC President

Through FrancisFest, we all get the chance to contribute to our Parish’s outreach activities for the poor through our time, talent and treasure. And through this event, we are able to maintain our scholarship, hospital, health care and prison ministries, and extend help to the poor Franciscan missions scattered all over the country.

We are committed to serve our poor brothers and sisters as long as the Parish exists. So please do not get tired of helping out. The Parish needs continuous funding as our outreach activities do not end in a year. Our ministries will also not tire in reaching out to the less privileged ones.

With this, I urge all of you to take part in this very worthy endeavor. You can be a donor, a facilitator or simply an audience on FrancisFest night. We need all the help we can get. Let us all together help the poor.

May the Lord reward and bless you and your generous hearts.

Jun Rodriguez
PPC President

It is indeed an honor and privilege to serve the Lord in my own little way. 15 years as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and a Lector in the Parish went by so fast. Giving Communion and reading God’s Word has been my service ever since and I have been “content” in my contribution to the Church. But God has different plans for me.

As PPC President, my eyes were opened to a much bigger responsibility. Now I realize how much our Parish is doing both internally and externally. We are not only being nurtured through our prayer life, but we are also being exposed to the practical way of applying these formations in real life.
Santuario de San Antonio Parish

In celebration of its Sapphire Jubilee Presents

FRANCISFEST 2018: Francis, Lover of the Poor

Featuring

MANILA SYMPHONY JUNIOR ORCHESTRA
Conducted by Jeffrey Solares

For the Benefit of Santuario de San Antonio Parish (SSAP) Foundation’s Outreach Programs

Thursday, October 18, 2018 7:00 PM Main Church Santuario de San Antonio Parish, Forbes Park, Makati

Tickets are available at the Parish Office
Thank you to our FrancisFest Donors!
(List as of October 3, 2018)

PLATINUM
Carrie Bautista and Family

GOLD
Eduardo & Mayda Tankiang and Family
Lucio & Pacita Rodriguez
Atty. & Mrs. Manuel Lazaro
Richard & Lucy Torres Gomez

SILVER
Aboitiz Foundation Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. S. Antonio Roxas-Chua
Friend of St. Anthony
Mr. & Mrs. Bernardito Chu

BRONZE
Amb. & Mrs. Antonio Lagdameo
Mr. & Mrs. George U. Young Jr.
Anonymous
Suyen Corporation
Abad Family
Petrona Lim

PATRONS
Asuncion Jalandoni
Mr. & Mrs. Bernardo Lichaytoo
Mila Tanseco
Hyland Realty & Dev’t. Corp /
Paeng & Mely Hechanova
Xavier & Mert Loinaz
Angeles Jalandoni
Liberty Foundation, Inc.
Nenita Florendo /
Anflo Management & Investment
Estela J. Lopez
Mr. & Mrs. Napoleon Nazareno
Belen Hidalgo
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Mari Chan
Consul Helen M. Ong
Anonymous
Anonymous
BMI Realty
Agchem Manufacturing Corporation
Carmen Carlos
Randy and Cecile Limjoco
Pure Value Resources Corp.
Amb. Bienvenido Tantoco Sr.
Former VP Jejomar Binay
& Dra. Elenita Binay
Jun & Jehan Rodriguez and Family
Carlos, Mariza & Miguel del Rosario
Mr. & Mrs. Cesar Zalamea
Pechay & Jolly Gomez
El Tigre Security & Investigation Agency, Inc.

BENEFACTORS
Avesco Marketing Corp /
Mr. Jimmy T. Tang
Mrs. Menchu Bautista
Mrs. Aurora Villanueva
Luz Lorenzo
Alegria Development Corp
JM & Company, Inc.
Kanlaon Development Corporation
Kanlaon Farms, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Jun Lopez
Liwayway Marketing
Eddie Pineda
Leonardo S. Gamboa & Family
Nora Robles
Lourdes Goquingco
Ofelia Abaya
Mrs. Rosita Lesaca
Trina Management Development Corp.
Amb. Carlos & Isabelita Salinas
Manny & Baby Javelosa
Agustin & Elisa Bengzon
Assumption High School Batch 81
Foundation, Inc.
Joey & Malu Macadaeg
Lourdes Montinola
Horizons Realty Inc.
Jacqueline Ejercito
Mr. & Mrs. Ernesto Rufino
Aida Coliangco
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Mckenzie

DONORS
Anonymous
Continuing Catholic Development (CCD)
Antonio Montinola
Louie & Liza Bate
Mr. & Mrs. Teodoro Tagle
Rufino & Violeta Tiangco
Patty J. Jalbuena
Dr. & Mrs. Beng Fores
Amb. Nida Vera
Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Lourdes Chan
Monark Foundation Inc.
Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Tecman Alonzo
Mr. & Mrs. Jovencio Sinco
Eduardo H. Yap
Amb. & Mrs. Jesus Tambunting
Mabel Abano
Forbes Park Association, Inc.
Bert & Noni Basilio
Lia Marie Te
Raul & Dora Cantada
Richard & Mary Lou Lee,
Pacita & John Tiong
Superior Maintenance Services, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Andres Eduardo
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Limpe
Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Morada
Viola Family
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Tan
Lucy & Jerry Limpe

FRIENDS OF ST. FRANCIS
Dasma Circle of OLMM
Angelo King
Teody Buenaflor
Ofelia Recto
Star Management Corp.
Alvin & Tricia Dee
Erlinda Velasco
Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Roxas-Chua
Delza Villongco
Freddie Atienza
Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Manaloto
Bobby Novenario
Dorothy Isabel Drysdale
Teresita Choa
Asia Insurance (Philippines) Corporation
Gerry & Katty Qua
Julie Jalbuena
Gilda Grande
Rosario Montenegro
Right Eight Security Agency Inc.
It was in the year 2007 when Rev. Fr. Reu Jose Galoy, OFM was sent by his Provincial Superior to a mission at Barangay North Bay Boulevard South (NBBS), Navotas City and Barangay Longos, Malabon City.

He rented a small room in NBBS and, together with some Franciscan Brother-Seminarians, visited, talked with, and befriended people from the two barangays. From this friendship with the people, he discovered some who offered themselves to help and assist them in their endeavour. They assisted in distributing and gathering questionnaires to determine the desires and dreams of the people. Fr. Reu and his fellow missionaries gave their newfound friends, servant leaders, trainings and formations to strengthen their faith, heighten their spirituality and dedicate themselves to the service of God and their fellowmen.

The First Eucharistic Celebration in the mission community was led by Bishop Deogracias Yniguez at the City of Malabon University, Pampano St., Brgy Longos, Malabon City. That first Mass was attended by many people, and which was followed by weekly Masses held at basketball courts, school grounds, street corners and interior open grounds. Simultaneous to these were short small meetings with the people. Fr. Reu and his brother-seminarians selected potential leaders from the people of the mission community. They were given a two-day Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC) Orientation-Seminar held at the Our Lady of the Angels’ Franciscan Seminary at Bagbag, Novaliches, Quezon City.

The formation-seminar was facilitated by Fr. Reu and Bro. Pete Batangan. The formation of BEC groups in each of the twenty blocks, ten in Brgy NBBS and ten in Brgy Longos started. They were assisted by the Franciscan brother-seminarians in their weekly meetings, sharing and living-out of the Gospel and responding to the needs of the community and their fellowmen. The weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist in each of the blocks continued with the assistance of the appointed BEC coordinators per block and their members.

BEC meetings, activities and formation-seminars continued. In one of the seminars held in Batangas, the people selected St. Clare of Assisi to be their Patron Saint. This was followed by the formulation of the vision and mission of the Sta. Clara Mission Community.

In 2010, Rev. Fr. Christopher G. Tibong, OFM took over the position as Priest Administrator of the mission community from Rev. Fr. Reu Jose Galoy, OFM who was sent by their Provincial Superior to another mission. The assigned
Assistant Priest Administrator was Rev. Fr. Robert John Abada, OFM. With the assistance of Rev. Fr. Abada and the newly assigned Franciscan Brother-Seminarians, they continued the formation and strengthening of the BEC groups in the mission community. In a general assembly of BEC members of the Sta. Clara Mission Community, members of the Layforce Executive Committee (LEC) was elected. Officers and members of the three commissions – Commission on Worship and Liturgy (COWL), Commission on Education and Lay Formation (CELF) and Commission on Social Services and Development (CSSD) were also selected. These servant-leaders actively joined activities and services not only in the mission community but also in the Vicariate of San Jose de Navotas and the Diocese of Kalookan.

In May of 2016, the Franciscan Provincial Superior sent Rev. Fr. Cesar C. Malasa, OFM (Priest Administrator), Rev. Fr. Wilfredo T. Benito, OFM (Assistant Priest Administrator) and Bro. Aaron Batistis, OFM to take over the administration of the Sta. Clara Mission Community. Just like their predecessors, they faced several difficult tasks and problems of the community that challenged their resolve to serve God and the people. They have to work hard to guide many of the people in their temporal and spiritual needs like poverty, health and sanitation problems, failure to receive the sacraments, peace and order problem, extra-judicial killings, etc.

More formation-seminars were given to the people – street Masses, school Masses, vigils, pabasa during Lenten season, praying of the Angelus, regular praying of the Holy Rosary before each Sunday Mass, etc.

Last August 15, 2017, Bishop Pablo Virgilio David, D.D. elevated the mission community into the St. Clare of Assisi Quasi Parish. This elevation inspired the members of the community to work harder and pursue their tasks with greater vigor and resolve. The community continued participating in most of the activities of the Vicariate of San Jose de Navotas and the Diocese of Kalookan. In fact, two of the church servant-leaders joined the Diocese of Kalookan in their Exposure-Immersion to BEC communities or Gagmay na Kristiyahanong Katilingban (GKK) last April 26 – May 6, 2018 (one week in Matti City and one week in Tagum City).

Another activity that was found to be effective was the Pilgrimage last May 26, 2018 to Franciscan Churches in Tanay, Rizal – San Ildefonso de Toledo, Padre Pio, and Regina Rica. About 40 people joined the pilgrimage.

Another pilgrimage was held last September 4 - 9, 2018 to visit Catholic Churches in Bicol. This activity was participated in by 29 servant-leaders of St. Clare of Assisi Quasi Parish.

Last Sunday, September 22, 2018, St. Clare of Assisi Quasi Parish sent 40 delegates to the BEC Big Day and General Assembly and participated in the whole day activities. Also present were delegates from other parishes, quasi parishes and mission communities in the Vicariate of San Jose de Navotas. The activity was also attended by the commissioners and head of the Diocese of Kalookan Basic Ecclesial Communities.

Another activity worth mentioning is the training by TESDA given to sixty (60) unemployed mothers in the Quasi Parish to learn livelihood projects that will help them gain additional income and raise their status not only in their family but also in the whole community. They all received their certificate of graduation on Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

The task of building community and serving the people is difficult and daunting, but because God is with us, the task becomes easy, so we will succeed and prevail.
September 17 is day dear to the Franciscans. It is a Feast Day to honor St. Francis of Assisi. It is the day that marks the fulfillment of Francis’ prayer at La Verna, one of the hermitage sites he founded. There he prayed that his heart might experience the tremendous love of Jesus for humanity and for his body to suffer the excruciating pain our Lord endured for our salvation. The day commemorates the event when at La Verna, while Francis was rapt in prayer, the crucified Jesus -- carried by a six-winged angel -- imprinted in Francis’ body the sacred wounds or the stigmata. Francis suffered for two years until he died.

September 17 is the day designated by the Province of San Pedro Bautista (Philippines) to celebrate the annual Jubilarians’ Day. Donations received that day go to the health fund of the Province. Last Monday, the yearly venue was held at SSAP, thanks to the Franciscan community there, to honor the following:

- **50 YEARS AS RELIGIOUS (June 12, 1968):** Generoso Pastidio, OFM, Andres Rañoa, OFM, Rodrigo San Jose, OFM and Eliakim Suela, OFM

- **50 YEARS AS PRIEST (December 1, 1968):** Franco Mendiola, OFM

- **40 YEARS AS PRIEST (October 28, 1978):** Cielito Almazan, OFM, Somerset Icalina, OFM, Marcelo Ponpon, OFM and Elias Manlangit, OFM

- **25 YEARS AS RELIGIOUS (May 22, 1993):** Anton Espiña, OFM

- **25 YEARS AS PRIEST (1993):** Wilfredo Benito, OFM and Amado Baranguel, OFM

In the afternoon, a recollection on healthy lifestyle and natural means of healing illnesses was facilitated by Dr. Raymond Escalona, MD. After the sharing, the open fórum produced a lot of interesting questions and further clarifications.

Then, guests and friars gathered in the church for the concelebrated Mass presided by Fr. Reu Galoy, OFM, who is also the Vice Provincial. Fr. Cielito Almazan, OFM, the Minister Provincial, was one of the jubilarians. In the Mass Fr. Jesus Galindo, OFM explained the fundamental differences between a priest and a religious. This was followed by the renewal of priestly and religious vows.

The testimonial dinner followed at the Parish Center. The student friars ushered the guests and friars to their tables. During the banquet, the college aspirants of OLAS and the postulants of San Francisco del Monte took turns in singing the compositions of some jubilarians. Our student friars took charge of being emcees and of the smooth flow from one number to another. In between the numbers, the video presentation on the jubilarians was flashed on the screen. The highlight of the program was Fr. Generoso, OFM, a jubilarían's rendition of his composition “Thank You, Lord”. The audience willingly joined in singing the refrain. Each batch was called for the awarding of the prayer of appreciation, made up of a citation and the sculptured logo of the washing of the feet, this year being the Year of the Clergy and Consecrated Persons. The jubilarians Rodrigo, Eliakim, Franco, Anton and Amado could not attend the celebrations.

The affair ended with a hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary. What a way to celebrate 50 years, 40 years, 25 years of the priesthood and religious life! Actually, what was celebrated was the Jubilee of God’s loving fidelity to His people.
THE ABCs OF CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

Mary’s Love Language: The Rosary

By Lianne Tiu

We, Catholics, claim to love Mama Mary; but let’s admit it; some of us do not like to pray the Rosary. We find it long, boring and repetitive. For those who love our Lady, the is an expression of love for her. She values our act of love in praying the Rosary which covers the five languages of love:

1) Words of affirmation - If lovers love to hear the same “I love you,” our Lady loves to hear the same “Hail Marys” from us. She revealed to Saint Matilda that no one could greet her in a more pleasing way than by reciting the Hail Mary.

2) Quality time - We give our undivided attention to Mary and set time aside to pray a full Rosary.

3) Receiving gifts - The word “rosary” means a crown of roses. To pray the Rosary is to give Mary a gift of love - a garland of roses.

4) Acts of service - Whether we enjoy it or not, we pray the Rosary knowing that it will make our Lady very happy. We fight distractions and sleepiness to stay focused on our prayer.

5) Physical touch - We hold Mary’s hands through the Rosary. She walks with us hand in hand when we pray.

Why is the Rosary so important to our Lady? At Fatima, she repeatedly gave the same message in each of her six appearances: “Pray the Rosary!” She even identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. Is she thinking of herself? Not at all. Mary loves us so much that she is only thinking of our good. Battles are won, souls are converted, intentions are answered, temptations are overcome, indulgences are given when we pray the Rosary. Moreover, the Rosary, although addressed to Mary, is ultimately directed to Jesus as we contemplate on the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries. It is a meditation on the entire life of Jesus, seen through the eyes and heart of Mary.

Let us make our Lady “feel” our love for her by praying the Rosary. For its goal is none other than to bring us closer to her Son, Jesus.

**Parish Bulletin**

**Nativity Scene**
Handmade Buri
Exclusively available at:
1016 A. Arnaiz Ave.

**Tesoros**
Filipino Treasures Since 1945
[tesoros.ph](http://tesoros.ph)
[tesoroshandicrafts](https://www.tesoroshandicrafts.com)

**For your LPG use PETRON GASUL**
**Just**
843-2207
886-0931
**Call**
843-8440
843-8691

**First Choice Gas**
GASUL
487 J.P. Rizal St., Makati City
Authorized Petron Gasol Dealer in Makati
One of the safest LPG cylinders

**Makati Realtors, Inc.**
Lease/Sale
Forbes, Dasma, Urda, San Lo, Bel Air, Maga
Connie Periquet Gatmaitan
Cynthia Gatmaitan Menchaca
Tels.: 8130875 - 8672227
Cell: (0917) 8109379
3/F Sedcco Bldg., Rada St., Legaspi Vill., Makati City

**Try Gina Vi’s Award-winning Desserts!**
**Frozen Brazos** (Karamelo, Dalandan, Dos Tsokolates, Kalamansi, Kape, Mangga, Milon, Mercedes, Pakwan, Presa, Tsokolate, Ube, Wasabi);
**Flavored Leche Flans** (Keso, Tsokolate, Koko, Kape, Mangga)
0917-8651130; ginavi2015@gmail.com; FB: Gina Vi

“When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer.”
- St. Louis de Montfort

**BaliKBayan Handicrafts**
The Total Handicrafts Store
MaKATI Branch
Pasay Branch
(+632) 893-0775 (+632) 893-0777 (+632) 831-0044 (+632) 832-7873
**Landmark**
(+632) 579-6899
www.balikbayanhandicrafts.com.ph
[balikbayanhandicrafts](https://www.balikbayanhandicrafts.com.ph)
[balikbayan_handicrafts](https://www.balikbayan_handicrafts)

**Melos**
Home of Certified Angus Beef & Authentic Wagyu
Celebrate family moments over Wagyu Tenderloin Grade 12, only at Melo’s!
Alabang 7713945
Quezon City 9249194
The Fort 4636668
Makati 6255986