

# PHILIPPINE PROVINCE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

# BALITAAN

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Mass of the Resurrection for Sr. Gloria was on Aug. 27, at 9 AM. Fr. Chito Bernardo was supposedly the sole presider but what a surprise: we had more than one priest celebrating. Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan of Tuguegarao arrived. He introduced himself as a relative of Sr. Gloria by affinity. Also concelebrating were Fr. Jose Carillo, CJM, Fr. Vergel Velasco from the Diocese of Ilagan, Father Lorenzo Marzo and Father Bernard Pascual, EHM, Eucharistic Healers of Mary. All of the celebrants have a part in Sr. Gloria's mission life.

included Saipan as part of Asia Pacific peace and Justice ministry place. I was of course delighted. Our Karidat (Catholic Charities) and Guma Esperansa (House of Hope) program are for victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault victims. I am continuing to do group counseling with parents every Tuesday and Thursday evening. Last Aug. 19, feast of St. John Eudes, I celebrated with the MMB sisters at the special mass in his honor. That day, as victim advocate in Federal Court, I was a support to the three minor victims of human trafficking, testifying against a distant uncle who enticed them to do prostitution. We need your prayers for them.

Saipan is also a residence for survivors of human trafficking. We had a small gathering for a focus group sharing their difficulties and successes in trying to move on after trauma. Trauma recovery which we do helps them get empowered to move on.

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SR. M. STELLA MANGONA, our missionary sister in Saipan:



It has been a couple of years since I attended the Peace and Justice conference in Malaysia with our Asian group, Australia and UN. They



Sr. M. James writes: This will be our 10<sup>th</sup> year in Payatas and we will celebrate on Oct. 13, Fatima Day. She is our patroness in Bukluran. There are 150 children enrolled this year in Headstart.

On Oct. 11, a group of Ateneo Education students will help us celebrate an early United Nations Day with many creative ideas they will implement. Our volunteer teachers are already excited. We even have a prayer room for the kids built by a Chinese benefactor.



The CACS (Congregational Assembly for Contemplative Sisters) assembly in Quito, Ecuador, Aug. 8-21, 2014, before it concluded elected 9 delegates to the Congregational Chapter. Our Sister Elena Jalop, CGS was elected with Bridget Kanjirakattu as delegates for Asia Pacific. Let us accompany them to Angers with our prayers.

APICA (Asia Pacific Intercontinental Assembly) is held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on October 5-18, 2014. Philippine Delegates are Srs. Regina Kuizon, Ludila Panaligan, Corazon Demetillo, Alicia Andres, Clara Lina Loilo, and Maricel Sevilla (Lay Mission Partner). Srs. Regina and Ludila are already now in Malaysia attending the Leadership Training for the New Province Leadership Team (PLT). Srs. Corazon, Alicia, Clara, and Maricel will be leaving on October 4.

Sr. M. Tess Figueroa arrived in Kenya Sept.11, 2014. She was warmly welcomed in Ngong (pronounced as Gong) with the traditional cutting of the cake and a blessing song. Her coming was truly

blessed by God – the next day, the cow gave more milk, four chicks hatched and a rabbit gave birth!!! For this year, she will stay in Ngong and accompany the prenovices. There will be seven prenovices: one from Congo and six from Kenya. A 3-year work permit was stamped on her passport by the immigration.

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From Sister Olga Cristobal, Albania:



I was able to see Pope Francis closer when he joined us for the Evening Prayer at the Cathedral. I am sure you read about his visit here. It is true that different religions here get along well because they were persecuted during the Communist regime.

