



Good Shepherd Centennial
1912 – 2012

Weaving Compassion
Embracing Challenges Forging Hope

No. 4 February 8, 2012

**Journeying
with the
Shepherd**

The Centennial Shepherd's Staff is visiting various Regions in the country. Good Shepherd Sisters, staff, mission partners and people we serve celebrate!



4 January 5, 2012 - Baguio

*Regions
soon
to be
visited:*

Cavite
Bicol
Mindanao
Isabela



3 November 20, 2011 - Visayas



2
September 8, 2011
NCR



1
July 31, 2011
Batangas



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2012 Forging Hope

January 6, 2012

Regional Celebrations
Baguio

February 8, 2012

Heart of Mary Villa
Reunion

February 12, 2012

Regional Celebrations
Cavite

February 19, 2012

Golden Jubilee
of Sr. M. Victoria Joson RGS
Maryridge

March 16, 2012

Theology of Hope
By Fr. Hartono Budi, SJ
Quezon City

March 25, 2012

Regional Celebrations
Bicol

March 26, 2012

Meeting of Working Committees for
the 2012 Centennial
Quezon City

April 24, 2012

Regional Celebrations
Mindanao

April 24, 2012

Silver Jubilee
Sr. Ma. Teresa Danganan RGS
Sr. M. Teresita Figueroa RGS
Quezon City

June 8, 2012

Regional Celebration
Isabela

June 24, 2012—Shepherd's Staff to be brought back to QC, and Eucharistic Celebration for Families of Good Shepherd Sisters

September 8, 2012

Diamond Jubilee
Sr. M. Vitalis Gorospe RGS

October 4-11, 2012

Centennial Celebrations
Sr. Brigid Lawlor will attend.
Launching of Centennial Coffee Table Book

October 7, 2012

Reunion of St. Domitilla's Residence and St. Euphrasia's Residence, Quezon City

November 11, 2012

60th Anniversary of Good Shepherd
Baguio

February 2013

Centennial of St. Bridget College–Batangas

October 4, 2013

Closing of Centennial Celebrations
Masses of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in all communities.

Complete List of Jubilarians
in the next Update.

2012 Centennial Coffee Table Book

Cost per copy in the Philippines
is P2,000.



You have a heart
created to love and
to be grateful.
SME

St. Mary Euphrasia Scholarship Fund

During the Bicentennial Celebration of the Birth of St. Mary Euphrasia in 1996, the Philippine Province launched its St. Mary Euphrasia Scholarship Fund.

Baptized Rose Virginie Pelletier, St. Mary Euphrasia (SME) was born on July 31, 1796 in France.

Before 1996, the Philippine Province helped out-of-school youth go to school. Sr. Natividad Banaag RGS was one of the sisters that screened and approved scholars; the project evolved into the SME Scholarship Fund.

The SME Scholarship Fund helped elementary, high school and college students through the recommendations of the different Good Shepherd communities in the country. Communities, friends and benefactors have contributed funds to sustain the project.

In recent years, the Material Resources Team (MARTA) of the Province has taken responsibility in approving requests for the educational fund. Since the launching of the 2012 Centennial MARTA and the Logistics Committee hope to raise funds to be able to grant scholarship to 100 students this year.

In celebrating the 2012 Centennial, communities are requested to gather the St. Mary Euphrasia scholars through the years, and offer prayers of thanksgiving.



PONDO EUPHRASIA

Help children go to school
You may send your donation:

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Metrobank, Katipunan Branch, QC
Account Name:
Philippine Province of the Good Shepherd– SME
Account Number:
0937-0935– 1251-7

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Account Name:
Philippine Province of the Good Shepherd
SWIFT CODE: BOPIPHMM
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Loyola Heights, Quezon City.
US \$ Account Number:
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“Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.”
Mt 28

Filipina missionaries in the world

On October 4, 1912, two Irish Good Shepherd missionaries arrived in the Philippines to open a foundation or Good Shepherd community in Batangas City.

A hundred years later, there are 22 apostolic communities and four contemplative communities in the country. There are 141 apostolic sisters and 25 contemplative sisters in the Philippines while 32 sisters are in foreign mission.

Since the first Filipina missionary served outside the country, more than a 100 have followed to continue serving women and children in difficulties.

Like St. Mary Euphrasia, who said, “I belong to all countries where there are persons to save,” our Filipina missionaries dared to go to foreign lands to witness Jesus, the Good Shepherd’s love for the poor.

Today, there are 32 Filipina Good Shepherd Sisters in Angola, Austria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Ethiopia, France, Hongkong,

Italy, Japan, Kenya, Macau, Malaysia, South Korea, Sudan, Taiwan, Thailand and the USA.

HOME VISITS & CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Several Filipina missionaries have already written that they will schedule their home visits during the Centennial Celebrations.

We encourage others to be with us for the October 4, 2012 celebrations in Quezon City and the succeeding days of visits, October 5–11, to other communities, or historical places in the country. Program details will follow.

Schedule Regional Celebrations

2011

July 31—SBC Batangas
September 8—NCR
November 20—Cebu

2012

January 6—Baguio
February 12—Cavite
March 19—Bicol
April 24—Mindanao
June 8-Isabela
June 24-NCR. Shepherd’s Staff will be in Quezon City to await October 4, 2012 Centennial Celebrations

Regional Celebrations—VISAYAS

Centennial Staff

received in Banawa Hills

By Sr. Fe Mendoza RGS

The regional centennial celebration in the Visayas took place from November 20, 2011 to January 4, 2012 at Banawa Hills, Cebu City. This location is the first foundation in the southward movement of the Good Shepherd mission from Manila on July 15, 1951.

November 20, 2011

The Euphrasian Community arrived at the entrance arch shortly before noon of November 20 bearing the parts of the centennial symbol, the shepherd's staff. Close by, in readiness to assemble these parts, were the residents of Maria Droste Training Center. The formal handover to the Banawa Contemplative and Apostolic Communities was to be done under the arch at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Right on the dot, Sr. Bernadette de Guzman began the ritual of handing over the shepherd's staff



November 21. Mass presided by Bishop John Du of Dumaguete.



to Sr. Luzminda Obnimag whose privilege it was to carry our centennial symbol in procession uphill to the chapel. Following her were the Sisters and lay mission partners, then the groups dancing the Sinulog, traditionally done before the Sto. Niño -- the girl and boy altar servers, then the tiny day care children trying their best to do the Sinulog, and our hillside neighbors. A 10-member drum and bugle ensemble provided the rhythmic invitation to the dance until all arrived at the base of the high stairway to the chapel.

The ritual continued inside the chapel with the laying of stones beneath the staff at its attractive place in the sanctuary. Then followed the historicizing through a power point presentation showing highlights of past events and personalities unfamiliar to the contemporary viewers.

With the singing of the Centennial Song, the ritual inside the chapel was concluded. But the final ritual was conducted outside by way of the heavy *merienda* that both children and adults enjoyed under the trees.

Souvenirs Committee

1. 2012 planners were printed.
2. Tote bags with 2012 Centennial Logo were designed, made and sold.
3. Sr. Marites Mahinay of the Vocation Promotion Office used as material for campaign a calendar that highlighted the 2012 Centennial of the Good Shepherd Sisters.

Awards Committee

1. Recognize persons and families who have been Count de Neuville and Countess d'Andigne to the Good Shepherd Sisters.
2. Recognize Mission Partners.

Communities are encouraged to send names to the Awards Committee.

Alumni/Alumnae/ Benefactors/People We Serve/ Families/Friends

1. The Grand Alumnae Reunion of St. Domitilla's Residence and St. Euphrasia Residence is scheduled on Sunday, October 7, 2012, in Quezon City. Alumnae requested this date to enable them to meet more Sisters who will be in Quezon City for the Centennial Celebration.

FEEL FREE TO GIVE
MORE SUGGESTIONS FOR A
MEANINGFUL 2012 CELEBRATION

FORGING HOPE

The theme of our 2012 Centennial Celebrations of Good Shepherd Sisters' presence in the Philippines is "Weaving Compassion, Embracing Challenges, Forging Hope". This year, we will focus on "Forging Hope."

May we be signs of hope to one another and to our brothers and sisters.

Echo of Journey of Enrichment as part of Regional Celebrations

Here is the schedule of the echo of the Journey of Enrichment: For Isabela-Baguio January 29, 2012 and for Mindanao, April 25-26, 2012. Sr. M. Lourdes Fabia RGS and Sr. Celeste Engutan CGS are the facilitators.

Reunion at Heart of Mary Villa on February 8, 2012

On the occasion of the 55th year of Heart of Mary Villa and as part of the 2012 Centennial Celebrations, a reunion of sisters, girls and adopting parents and their children will be held in Quezon City.

Talk on Forging Hope (A Theology of Hope) March 16, 2012, 3-5 p.m., Rosary Hall, QC

Fr. Hartono Budi, SJ of the Loyola School of Theology will give a talk that focuses on the theme, "Forging Hope."

UPDATE

2012 Centennial Celebrations

Here is an update of the various committees of the 2012 Centennial.

Research and Documentation

1. The members of the Research and Documentation Committee met and materials for the Coffee Table book are organized. The historical screen of the congregation is done. Launching of the Coffee Table Book is October 4, 2012.
2. Directory of the Sisters in the Philippine Province is being prepared by the Secretariat. Sisters may send their photos if they want to change the current images on their data base.
3. The Directory of the various ministries is being prepared by SMEIDFI.

Spirituality Committee

1. Powerpoint/Video presentation of the history of each region are presented during celebrations. All regions who have had the Regional Celebrations are requested to send a CD of photos videos and Word documents used to facilitate collating the data for the October 4, 2012 Celebrations.

2.. The echo of Journey of Enrichment is presented by Srs. Lourdes Fabia and Sr. Celeste Engutan. Regions will coordinate with Srs. Lulu and Celeste about the dates for the echo.

Logistics Committee

1. Ways and Means (sub-committee) created to welcome and help plan trips of missionaries). Filipina missionaries are encouraged to attend the October 4, 2012 Centennial and succeeding events. Missionaries and guests need to coordinate with Logistics Committee.
2. Logistics Committee welcome donations to Pondo Euphrasia.

Word & Music Committee

1. The *Magnificat & Benedictus* CD Album is in the final stage of production. The CD Album is a collection of 15 *Magnificat* and 7 *Benedictus* composed by Sr. M. Aimee Olaguer. The 19 songs were recorded at the St. Francis Xavier Studio, Ateneo de Manila and 3 at the Christine Hall. One version has vocals, the other is instrumental. Sr. Pia del Rosario and Sr. Aimee were the instrumentalists. A song book of *Magnificat & Benedictus* will also accompany the CD.
2. There was a suggestion that all songs composed by RGS/CGS in the Philippines be compiled and recorded.

Regional Celebrations – BAGUIO

A girl from the Cordillera, places the map of the different indigenous groups during the liturgy for the Regional Celebration in Baguio. The Good Shepherd Sisters began the mission in Baguio on November 11, 1952. Also in photo is Sr. Rosemary Bacaltos.



Centennial Shepherd's Staff visits Baguio

By Sr. Rosemary Bacaltos RGS

The Eucharistic Celebration was held on January 06, 2012 at 7:45 AM. It was held in front of the store facing the open view deck shielded from the sun by colorful round parachutes. Archbishop Sergio Utleg graciously accepted to preside at this celebration and traveled 10 hours the day before, all the way from Tuguegarao, for this occasion.

Some 300 people attended this occasion. Besides the Good Shepherd Sisters and the MMTC community of staff, student workers, mothers and out-of-school youth (OSY), several MMTC "alumni" and 'alumnae', and a few other guests, came. Sr. Mary Suzanne read the Introduction before the start of the Mass which narrated a brief history of the itinerary of the Good Shepherd foundations, from the Mother House to Burma, to Batangas, Manila, Cebu, and Baguio. After the Mass, a simple merienda was served to all.



Reunion of Good Shepherd Family– Australia

Last January 08, 2012, seventy former MMTC female workers and their families, from Australia, held their reunion here in MMTC Center 1 with a Mass and luncheon. When Sr. Mary Divine Child Flood was assigned to Baguio in the 70s and early 80s, she raised funds to send 99 of these female student workers to be able to pursue Nursing in Australia. All 99 of them successfully finished nursing, found work in hospitals, married and settled in Australia.

Please read complete article in www.goodshepherdsisters.org.ph



"Journeying with the Shepherd" Regional Celebrations in designated foundations in the Philippines

Regional Representatives

Batangas

1. Sr. Rose Ababao RGS
2. Sr. Lydia Eborá RGS

NCR

3. Sr. Ailyn Binco RGS
4. Sr. Juliet Abrigo RGS
5. Sr. Anallyn Esguerra RGS
6. Sr. Loreen Granada RGS
7. Sr. Aida Violago RGS
8. Sr. Pilar Verzosa RGS
9. Sr. Teresa Mahinay RGS

Cebu

10. Sr. Milagros Santos RGS
11. Sr. Antonieta Go RGS
12. Sr. Ronafel de Leon CGS

13. Sr. Zita Alcazar CGS

Baguio

14. Sr. Malou Castro RGS
15. Sr. Jeva Sumbillo RGS

Cavite

16. Sr. Gemma Dinglasan RGS
17. Sr. Christina Sevilla RGS
18. Sr. Betty Therese Ramos CGS
19. Sr. Joseph Olaguer RGS

Bicol

20. Sr. Añanita Borbon RGS
21. Sr. Concepta Bellosillo RGS
22. Sr. Lea Comia RGS
23. Sr. Imelda Fuentes CGS

Mindanao

24. Sr. Diane Cabasagan RGS
25. Sr. Regina Pil RGS
26. Sr. Virgo Espineda RGS
27. Sr. Pilar Quemada RGS
28. Sr. Dinah Egpalina RGS
29. Sr. Edna Fuentes RGS

Isabela

30. Sr. Teresita Cordova RGS
31. Sr. Minela Alvarez RGS



NCR Regional Celebration



Various activities were initiated as part of the 2012 Centennial : Blessing of Museum Idyll, Tree Planting - 100 Trees in Marikina Watershed, Journeying with Scripture led by Sr. Helen Graham MM, Centennial Summit of Bridget Schools- Batangas City, Buhi, Quezon City, Alitagtag.

Baguio Regional Celebration



Batangas Regional Celebration



Visayas Regional Celebration

