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• Our members perform the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, shelter to the homeless, tend the sick, visit those in prison, and bury the dead; as well as the Spiritual Works of Mercy: to convert sinners, instruct the ignorant, counsel the wayward, comfort the sorrowing, bear adversity patiently, forgive offenses, and pray for the living and the dead on a parochial, diocesan and national level.

CATECHISM - TOOL OF PROCLAIMERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Mt 28:19-20). This is the command of our Lord Jesus Christ before He went back to the Father. In our last National Convention we were urged to do the same: to teach and to live what Jesus has commanded us. By obeying this command we proclaim the Holy Name of Jesus. But the task is not an easy one and we must prepare ourselves.

As Archbishop Hector Aguer of La Plata in Argentina said “do not be contented with the teachings you receive in the Sunday homily but to look to the Catechism as well for your formation in the faith and to discover the reasons for your Christian hope”. The archbishop said Sunday homilies, when adequately prepared by the priest, convey to the faithful the fundamental contents of Christianity. Nevertheless, even in the best of cases, there is still something that must be completed later and in a personal way by each Chris-

tian. “We cannot be content simply with what we receive in the Sunday homily,” he added.

In a sense the Archbishop pointed out that the Catechism of the Catholic Church is in his words “a splendid instrument for our instruction in the truths of the faith,” since in this document “we find a synthesis of what the Church transmits in the name of Christ”. It not only educates us in the sacraments, prayer, the liturgy and the commandments but also “in particular issues of ut-

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NEW HNS MEMBERS AND ARCHDIOCESAN UNION OFFICERS INSTALLED IN TUGUEGARAO CITY

by Bro. Jon Calubaquib

Bishop Ricardo L. Baccay, DD, Auxiliary Bishop of Tuguegarao officiated at the Holy Mass and induction of new members of the HNS and the installation of the officers of the Archdiocesan Union last August 9, 2009 at the St. Peter's Cathedral in Tuguegarao. Bishop Baccay is the Spiritual Director of the HNS Archdiocesan Union of the Archdiocese.

The 18 new members of the HNS are from the St. Peter's Parish Unit

and St. Dominic Parish Unit in Cataggaman.

Msgr. Benjamin T. Lasam, Parish Priest and Spiritual Director of St. Peter's Parish Unit opened the program proper with an invocation, followed by a welcome message by the newly installed Union President, Bro. Rodolfo Amistad. Then the honored guests, Bro. Manny Aguilar, HNS National President and Bro. Hector Libunao, Regional Vice-President for Northern Luzon,

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Spiritual Director's Message Fr. Rey Adalid, OP

The floods, the, the avalanches, the onslaught of water and mud from the mountains and dams, the destruction and subsequent loss of homes, furniture, appliances, cars, documents, computers, photo albums, memorabilia, wardrobe-all these happened suddenly...



President's Message Bro. Manny Aguilar

No one was prepared for such a tragic event. The suddenness reminds us of the words of Christ: you do not know the time or the hour. No, it was not the end of the world, though some understandably thought it was. Finger pointing followed as expected... the culprit was always the other person or the government. Yes, if the dams did not release water at the same time that the typhoon was ravaging Metro Manila, the waters would not have risen so fast and so high... Yes, the mountains have become so bald that it can no longer hold the water nor the earth that flowed with it with such abandon causing the burial of homes and crops. Yes, our sewers have never been dredged ... on and on we can add to these roster of causes and then forget that we too are partly to be blamed.

But, let us not be blind to the wonders that these disasters have somehow brought about: the heroic efforts of some who went out of their way to help others. Someone I know (he was one of my altar boys) who, after bringing his three children and wife on the roof of their house beside the river swam

down to close and secure the lock of their house. But someone shouted to him that the children of their neighbor were still inside their house and their parents were not around... he swam swiftly to that house and plucked the children and brought them to the roof where his children were which was more secure. While doing this he saw his house's furniture and appliances being drawn out of their house by the current ... he tried to swim and get hold of at least one of them but he could not match the strength of the current. He watched them disappear from his sight - all that they had... but happy that his family was safe and so were the children of his neighbor. You hear victims recount such experiences with such vivid gratitude to God for their safety and so strong a faith that such tragic event cannot put down much less extinguish. They will start all over again... God has been good to them, so they would say. No room for depression in people with such tremendous faith in God! So inspiring indeed. Would that we too have such faith and trust in His Name.



Fr. Adalid, OP attended the National Convention of the US Holy Name in Boston— Sept. 28-Oct.3, 2009. Here he is speaking before the delegates of the convention coming from the US, and Canada.

ERRATUM

The cost of National ID is P50.00 and no amount is remitted to the Union. We apologize for the error.
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Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick members of our confraternity especially Bro. Brigido Cordero. We also pray for all the souls of all Holy Namers departed. We particularly remember our recently deceased: Bro. Servando Relente of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Meycauayan, Bulacan and Bro. Cristino Reyes of Most Holy Trinity Parish, Balic-Balic, Sampaloc,



Blessing or a Curse: A look into the Reproductive Health Bill 5043

By Marilyn Panuncialman

(Editor's Note: Sis. Marilyn Panuncialman is the 1st Vice-President of the Archdiocesan Union of Ozamiz, Misamis Occidental)

One of our respected solon says the present population of the country of 88.7 million has galloped from 60.7 million 17 years ago. This makes the Philippines the 12th most populous nation in the world today. The Filipino women's fertility rate of 3.05% is at the upper bracket of 206 countries. With four babies born every minute, the population is expected to balloon to an alarming 160 million in 2038."

What is stated above is presumably a problem according to the people pushing for the bill. They make us think that we are already over populated and that something must be done to address it.

They then throw this question, how does one address it?

Let's take a look into the Reproductive Health Bill which is *presumably* the solution to the problem (which they think exists!).

The bill's objective is to promote information on available Family Planning and birth control procedures internationally recognized by human rights standards among women and among Grade 5 to 4th year high school students (dependent on age-appropriateness) and to ensure that these procedures are readily accessible in family based-hospitals. It also specifies that the bill is all about giving women a choice whether they want to apply the suggested procedures specified by the bill in being responsible and well-informed parents as far as birth control is concern.

Examples of the procedures the bill has included are as follows: tubal ligation, vasectomy and the use intrauterine devices.

At the end of the day, the bill sees parents being responsible in birth spacing and Family Planning and thereby reducing population growth for our country. We can say the END result seems relatively good. But do means justify the end?

The church (CBCP specifically) does not think so. There's a common ground: solution to the problem but CBCP stands with their *hard-line* position in opposing the bill.

Fr. Mervin Castro, CBCP Episcopal Commission on Family and Life executive secretary stressed that the Church has been constant in pushing for the respect for human life and the dignity of the family. "This means that any *artificial means*, to control human body especially in its

fertility is contrary to the Gospel. The church has always continued its information drive on the natural way of Family Planning through Family and Life Advocacy.

Is the BILL then a blessing or a curse?

Personally, it is a curse to our Christian nation. If there's a way to reach the same END RESULT with Godly, humanitarian and natural means then why go the *wrong way*. What need to be done instead are **reinforcement**, additional **information drive**, and **proper** education on the natural means so that these procedures become more acceptable, effective and efficient.

Let's continue to move onwards and bring this country to success and prosperity without forsaking our Christian values.

God bless the Philippines!

The Holy Rosary (Crown of Roses)

Since the Rosary is composed, principally and in substance, of the prayer of Christ and the Angelic Salutation, that is, the Our Father and the Hail Mary, it was without doubt the first prayer and the principal devotion of the faithful and has been in use all through the centuries, from the time of the apostles and disciples down to the present.

It was only in the year 1214, however, that the Church started to gradually to formulate the

rosary we pray today. The idea was given to the Church by St. Dominic, who was inspired by the Blessed Virgin as a means of converting the Albigensians and other heretics.

While in coma Our Lady appeared to him and said, "I want you to know that, in this kind of warfare, the principal weapon has always been the Angelic Psalter, which is the foundation-stone of the New Testament. Therefore, if you want to

reach these hardened souls and win them over to God, preach my Psalter." Inspired by the Holy Spirit, and instructed by the Blessed Virgin as well as by his own experience, Saint Dominic preached the Rosary for the rest of his life. He preached it by his example as well as by his sermons, in cities and in country places, to people of high station and low, before scholars and the uneducated, to Catholics and to heretics.

The Rosary, which he said every day, was his preparation for every sermon and his little tryst with our Lady immediately after

preaching.

From the time Saint Dominic established the devotion to the holy Rosary up to 1460, it has always been called the Psalter of Jesus and Mary. This is because it has the same number of Hail Marys as there are psalms in the Book of the Psalms of David. Since simple and uneducated people are not able to say the Psalms of David, the Rosary is held to be just as fruitful for them as David's Psalter is for others. Later people called it the Rosary, which means "crown of roses." That is to say that every time



Saint Dominic, also known as Santo Domingo de Guzmán, was the founder of the Order of Friars Preachers. He travelled extensively himself, preaching, both before and after the Dominican Order was founded. Following Dominic's ideals, the Dominicans placed an emphasis on scholarship as well as evangelism.

Born in Castile, Domingo de Guzmán studied at Palencia before joining the

canons regular of Osma in about 1196. He became subprior only a few years later, and in 1203 he accompanied Bishop Diego, on a royal mission through France. The trip exposed Dominic to the problems the Church faced with the Albigensian heretics, whose caste of the "perfect" led lives of extreme austerity, to the point of starvation and suicide, and who regarded ordinary people as reprobates.

Several years later, on another trip with the bishop, Dominic once again travelled to France. There, preachers who had been failing in their mission to reform the Albigensians discussed their dilemma with Dominic and Diego. Dominic reasoned that Albigensians would only turn back to Ca-

tholicism if Catholic preachers led lives of austerity that rivaled their enemies who travelled the roads barefoot in obvious poverty. This was the seed of Dominic's "evangelical preaching."

In 1208, the murder of papal legate Peter de Castelnau triggered a "crusade" called by Pope Innocent III against the Albigensians. Dominic's work continued throughout the time of this crusade and grew slowly. After the Catholic forces had entered Toulouse, Dominic and his friends were welcomed by Bishop Foulques and established as "diocesan preachers." From this point on, Saint Dominic's design for an order devoted to preaching grew quickly.

The Augustinian rule was adopted for Dominic's order, which received formal sanction in December of 1216. He established two principal houses near the universities of Paris and Bo-

logna, determining that each house should form a school of theology. In 1218 Saint Dominic began a great tour of, well, over 3,000 miles, entirely on foot, which included Rome, Toulouse, Spain, Paris and Milan.

General chapters of the Dominican Order were held at Bologna. At the first, in 1220, a system of representative government for the order was devised; at the second, in 1221, the Order was divided into provinces.

Tradition in both the Franciscan and the Dominican Orders has it that St. Dominic met and became good friends with St. Francis of Assisi. The men may have met in Rome, possibly as early as 1215.

In 1221, after a visit to Venice, Saint Dominic died at Bologna. August 8 is his feastday.

St. Dominic, pray for us.

Vatican News

Church Must Adapt to the Way Media is Impacting Culture - Pope Benedict XVI

VATICAN, Oct. 29, 2009-- News media are not just instruments for communicating, but they are having a huge impact on culture -- on the way people interact and think, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"This constitutes a challenge for the church, called to proclaim the Gospel to people of the third millennium," the pope said Oct. 29 during a meeting with members of the Pontifical Council for Social

Communications.

The content of the Gospel message remains unchanged, he said, but the church must learn how to transmit that message to new generations and must do so by taking advantage of the new technology and new attitudes toward communications.

Pope Benedict said one of the marks of the new media culture is its multimedia and interactive structure.

New technology is not leading to developments only in television or radio or the Internet, but is "gradually generating a kind of global communications system" in which media are used together and the audience participates in generating content, he said.

"I want to take this occasion to ask those in the church who work in the sphere of communications and have responsibility for pastoral guidance to take up

the challenges these new technologies pose for evangelization," the pope said.

Pope Benedict encouraged all producers and users of media "to promote a culture of respect for the dignity and value of the human person, a dialogue rooted in the sincere search for truth (and) for friendship that is not an end in itself, but is capable of developing the talents of each person to put them at the service

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Grand Holy Rosary Crusade Highlights Rosary Month

By Bro. Teofilo J. Baloria

A Grand Holy Rosary Crusade initiated by the Holy Name Society Archdiocesan Union of Ozamis, Misamis Occidental Highlighted the Rosary Month as it left early Sunday morning of October 18, 2009 from the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Ozamis City, heading for a 40-kilometer destination - the Capital City of Oroquieta.

The long caravan of service vehicles and truckloads of participants continuously recited the Holy Rosary led by the Union 1st Vice-President Sis. Marilyn Panuncialman. The crusaders prayed for love, peace, understanding and cooperation among government officials, the private

sector and the general public for the good of our country, invoking the Divine Providence in the Most Holy Name of Jesus, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary especially the recent typhoon catastrophe suffered by our country.

The long caravan which was also joined in by other HNS Parish Units and other mandated Church organizations, waiting in their respective churches arrived at Oroquieta City at 8:30 in the morning.

At 10:00 AM, a Holy Mass was offered by Rev. Fr. Peter Hequilan CM, Parish Priest of St. Joseph Parish, Sinacaban, Misamis Occ., for the Crusaders from the Northern and Southern Parishes of the

province at the Holy Rosary Church of Oroquieta.

After the Mass at the church plaza, the Holy Rosary was again recited to culminate the Crusade.

This Crusade, initiated by the HNS Archdiocesan Union was greatly inspired by St. Dominic, a Theologian born in Spain in 1171, who converted heretics to go back to the Catholic Church. St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order, is portrayed by artist receiving rosary beads from the Blessed Virgin Mary.

(Editor's note: Bro Teofilo Baloria is the Union President of the Archdiocesan Union of Ozamis, Misamis Occidental)

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people say the Rosary devoutly they place on the heads of Jesus and Mary 150 white roses and 15 red roses. Being heavenly flowers, these roses will never fade or lose their beauty.

Our Lady has approved and confirmed this prayer of the Rosary; she has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose, and that each complete Rosary makes for her a crown of roses.

So the complete Rosary is a large crown of roses and each chaplet of five decades is a little wreath of flowers or a little crown of heavenly roses which we place on the heads of Jesus and Mary. The rose is the queen of flowers, and the Rosary is the rose of devotions and the most important one.

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most relevance for today."

As proclaimers of the Holy Name of Jesus, the Catechism, in particular the Catechism for Filipino Catholics and the Holy Bible should be present in our homes, to help us in dealing with the day-to-day issues of our lives and the lives of others and also in responding to doubts we have heard and those posed to us by our children and friends.

The age of modern communication and technology has a tremendous impact on our faith life, and most especially on our youth. We must be prepared.

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delivered their very inspiring messages. Certificate of Appreciations were later awarded to them by Msgr. Ricardo L. Baccay assisted by Msgr. Benjamin Lasam and Bro. Rodolfo Amistad.

Archdiocesan Union Officers of Tuguegarao, Cagayan (elected)

President - Bro. Rodolfo Amistad
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2nd Vice-Pres. Bro. Reynald Raquel
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Treasurer - Bro. Virgilio Bagasol
Auditor - Bro. Sergio Alonzo
Delegates - Bro. Conrado Ruiz
Bro. Luisito Tumaliuan

'Pres. Manny Visits'

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In Cataggaman, under a scorching sun, Bro. Buddy the host was very accommodating and later treated us lavishly in his home to a buffet to our stomach's delight. Everybody was virtually satiated with Bro. Manny evidently a connoisseur of fine food, enjoying a taste of the Cagayano brand of hospitality. Later, after the last plate was ditched on the sink, with the usual "goodbyes" among Holy Namers, and with the noon temperature still blazing hot, we called it a day so we could get ready for the reception and installation activity on the next day.

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of the human community."

The pontifical council, he said, is called to study the new media culture and offer Catholics ethical guidance so that they recognize the importance of the communications media and use it effectively to spread the Gospel. (CNS-CBCP News)



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HNS in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

By Bro. Pert Carpio

The HNS Unit of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish in New Manila, Quezon City, actively participated in the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel last July.

The Unit was assigned as offeror in one of the Novena Masses wherein members also served as Lectors and Lay Ministers.

The HNS Youth Band provided the background music in the main Mass on the Feastday (July 16) and joined in the solemn procession that followed. In the procession some Holy Namers acted as marshalls.

The Youth Band organized 5 years back, is maintained and funded by the Unit as an on-going Community Development Project. Its members were recruited from elementary and high school students of the depressed areas of the Parish. It is tutored by Bro. Mark Dandoy. Bro. Steve Hon-tiveros is the Unit President.

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BL. JOHN OF VERCELLI, OP

Lord Jesus, You made Blessed John an apostle of Your Holy Name and a great peacemaker. Grant the favor we now ask through his intercession and if it be Your will, honor Blessed John by numbering him among the saints of your Church. Amen

Pres. Manny Aguilar Visits Cagayan

By Bro. Lito Banan

The hosting of the first Archdiocesan Union Installation of newly-elected officers and its reception of freshly recruited members of the Holy Name Society, scheduled on August 9, 2009, entailed lots of preparation and planning as no less than the National President of the Holy Name Society of the Philippines and other corporate officials were invited to grace the occasion.

Last August 8, 2009, a day before the actual event, (*installation of the of the Archdiocesan Union Officers*) HNS members led by Pres. Rudy Amistad met the National President Bro. Manny Aguilar and his charming wife at the bus terminal. First impression of him was his amiable and smiling approach, mild mannered and exuding a mien of good breeding, very robust for his stature and not at all affected from the long journey coming from Manila. Unfortunately, The dearth of dining shops within the vicinity abetted the of our desire to sit down for a cup of coffee to know more of him, but they were later fetched by a bro. Holy Namer bound to Dumpao a barangay of the Municipality of Iguig for their temporary stay.

At around 9:30 am, after a brief respite, Bro. many Aguilar was met at the entrance gate of the cathedral by Holy Namers and escorted to the Parish Center for a brief meeting with local counterparts who were eager to see the No. 1 National figure of the HNS of the Philippines. In his opening informal address, he was profusely thankful for the warm welcome and cordiality they received and narrated their ordeal in coming due to aftermath of the flashfloods and landslides stalling and paralyzing transportations along the route via Cagayan Valley Region. Yet he was elated for the efforts of the local group and giving due recognition to the leadership of Bro. Rudy Amistad and said everyone is as important as the other irrespective of the status, as the chosen vocation is pledged to the honor and glory of the most Holy Name.

After getting to know each other, the group motored to Brgy. Cataggaman, part of Tuguegarao City upon the invitation of Bro. Buddy Guzman, HNS Unit President of St. Dominic Parish, Cataggaman, now in the midst of their Pastoral Fiesta Festivity for lunch.

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Catechism and Feeding Program in Virac, Catanduanes

By Sis. Minh Apil

The HNS Unit in Virac, launched a Feeding Program in Brgy. Sto. Cristo, Virac lztst Oct 4. It was co-sponsored by Mrs. Ester Alcantara, wife of former Gov. Severo Alcantara. More than 100 children



dren benefitted from the program.

This will be a continuing activity in all parts of Virac. Before the Feeding a catechesis was conducted among the children including topics for the protection and conservation of the natural environment.