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DMII HOLDS 40TH NATIONAL OFFICERS' MEETING

The 40th National Officers' Meeting of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate was held last May 26, 2019 at the Golden Bay Restaurant, Diosdado Macapagal Ave. in Pasay City.

Close to 400 sisters representing the 14 DMI regions in the country attended the meeting. Present were the International Officers and Board and the diocesan, vicarial and circle officers headed by their respective regents.

The day's program started with the enthronement and consecration of the image of the Blessed Mother Mary and the traditional opening ceremonies. A Eucharistic celebration followed with International Chaplain Fr. Jerome Cruz as celebrant.

In his homily, Fr. Jerome drew his topic from the day's Gospel for the 6th Sunday of Easter (Jn 14: 23-29) about the ever-present Love that Jesus reassured His disciples to make up for the lack of His visible presence that would fill their lives with peace and strength. Fr. Jerome said: "Love is caused by feelings. It is not seasonal and imposes no conditions. Love is



The Pope's Plaque of Apostolic Blessing is presented to the body by the DMII International Officers headed by Fr. Jerome Cruz and International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario.

a commitment, a decision." He exhorted the DMIs to love Jesus by keeping His Word as He told His disciples before His ascension into Heaven.

The call to order by International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario signaled the start of the business meeting. Vice-International Regent for Luzon Sis. Milde Tong in her opening remarks welcomed the DMI sisters and guests present including Past IRs Sisters Perla Arguelles, Jean Velarde, Mila Villanueva and Lelies Pimentel.

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Close to 400 DMI sisters from all over the country during the National Officers' Meeting

From the International Chaplain

The Squirettes of Mary Immaculate, The DMII's Gift and Responsibility



In the Holy Father's post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation to the Youth, entitled *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis begins by saying:

"Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!"

For the Daughters of Mary Immaculate International, the Squirettes of Mary Immaculate is a distinct gift and a responsibility – most significant indeed in this Year of the Youth. It is a gift because the Lord has given the DMII the opportunity and the privilege to accompany the young in their journey of life and of faith. It is a responsibility because the DMII has to ensure that in the accompaniment, the young are brought to a friendship with Jesus and are formed to be "courageous missionaries" committed "to be witnesses of the Gospel wherever they find themselves, by the way they live."

Pope Francis emphasized that the Youth are the present, not the future. They are the "now of God." As such, adults should not look down on them or lord it over them. Adults have to listen to them, hear them, know their dreams, and feel their hurts, frustrations, and their hopes.

Jesus, ever young, brings His youthfulness to the Church. Thus, the youth of Jesus is in us. "With him at our side, we can drink from the true wellspring that keeps alive all our dreams, our projects, our great ideals, while impelling us to proclaim what makes life truly worthwhile."

The DMII then must inspire the young SMI so that they may inspire other young people too. Even as the DMII Sisters ponder on how to best serve the DMII Mission Thrusts, they should teach the young SMI how to respond to all the challenges that the present realities bring before them with the eyes of faith.

Pope Francis cited Saint Alberto Hurtado who said that "being an apostle does not mean wearing a lapel pin; it is not about speaking about the truth but living it, embodying it, being transformed in Christ... The Gospel, more than a lesson, is an example."

It is imperative, therefore, to invoke the grace of the Holy Spirit in all that we think, and say, and do – to see correctly, to judge rightly, and to act accordingly. Always and ever, we strive to embrace Jesus as the Center of our life for He is indeed the only meaning of our existence – the God who loves us completely now and always.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Jeronimo Ma. J. Cruz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

FR. JERONIMO MA. J. CRUZ
International Chaplain

From the International Regent



My beloved sisters,

“And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” - revelation 12:1

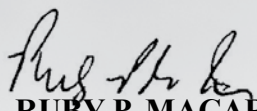
August is a special month for us because we celebrate Mary’s Assumption to heaven in body and soul. After all her earthly journey, she sits in her heavenly throne, our Queen, our Mother.

Mary watches over us, her children, as we render her special honors in our every enthronement rite, as we walk the road to our mission work, and as we spread love and service to the communities.

We her daughters are so special in the eyes of the Lord, because He has given us Mary our Mother, who is exalted above all the angels and men to a place second only to her Son. Her care and heavenly protection extends to each and every one of us. We her disciples here on earth are so blest.

We are forever thankful for such blessings to us, Daughters of Mary Immaculate.

Yours sincerely,


SIS. RUBY P. MACARIO
International Regent



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IR Sis. Ruby Macario and Fr. Jerome Cruz place the Blessed Mother's image on the altar. Flanking them are Past IRs Sisters Jean Velarde, Perla Arguelles, Mila Villanueva and Lelies Pimentel.



The Mass processional



Fr. Jerome Cruz, Mass celebrant

Program host, Sis. Cora Afuang, international chairperson for Pro-Life, acknowledged the presence of participants by region after which International Secretary Sis. Marlin Abratique declared that there was a quorum to transact DMII business.

Reports of the past International Officers took the rest of the morning and part of the afternoon program. Lunch entertainment was provided by Mr. Ramon Elorta.

Past International Secretary Sis. Theresa Curia read the minutes of last year's business meeting which was part of the 21st Biennial Convention program in Baguio City. The Treasurer's report was presented by International Auditor – Financial Sis. Lydia Ordonez in place of International Treasurer Sis. Elvie Arambulo who was then out of the country.

Immediate Past International Regent Sis. Lelies Pimentel rendered a report on the work accomplished during her term (2017-18) notably the acquisition of a new Mary's House in Lopez Village in Sucat, Paranaque City and renovations done on the property to suit the present requirements of the DMII office, the accident insurance coverage of all DMI members and issuance of individual identification cards to each,

the issuance of rules and regulations to implement the DMII Calamity Fund, the celebration of the DMII's 40th Anniversary with a year-long program of activities culminated during the Biennial Convention in Baguio City in May, 2018. and the promotion of the 2000 Hail Marys as part of the DMI's Marian devotion.

International Advocate Sis. Merinnisa Ligaya presented to the body for ratification the different Board Resolutions passed by the International Board. The major resolutions ratified are the following:

1. DMII marker – Adoption of a DMII marker with these specifications – the shape is rectangle, 20" by 16" in size, dark blue background with the following inscriptions:
 - DMII logo
 - Daughters of Mary Immaculate International
 - Organized in 1978 by His Eminence Jaime L. Cardinal Sin
 - DMII Motto: Unity, Friendship, Charity, Humility and Sanctity
 - A Journey in Service, Sharing and Spirituality
2. DMII Circles Abroad – consisting of St. Charles Circle in San Diego and St. Joseph Circle in Westmorland, California, St. Albert the Great Circle in Burbank, Illinois, St. Mary's Circle in

Rahway, New Jersey and Our Lady of Fatima Circle in Macau. Other circles which may be organized subsequently will be added to the list.

3. Inclusion of an International Auditor – Financial and International Auditor - Membership as officers of the Association
4. Alternate Representatives to be appointed by Regional Representatives must not be from the same diocese where the incumbent RR belongs.
5. Designation of Mission Area Coordinators for the 5 DMI Missions – Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao – by the International Mission Chairpersons.
6. Creation of Special Committees for Foreign and Local Membership, for Formation and Pilgrimage and for Ceremonials consisting of a chairperson and assistant chairperson each.
7. Calamity Fund from the annual fee of P100 per member to be granted as Calamity Assistance to a member in case of damage to property caused by a natural calamity.
8. Addition of a Type C uniform as part of the DMI dress code as follows:

Type A Uniform consisting of midnight blue blouse and skirt for business meetings, ceremonials and other official events

Type B Uniform – midnight blue blouse and pants to be used for traveling and outreach activities

Type C Uniform – DMI T-shirt and pants for other field activities

International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario provided a video flashback on the DMII 40th Anniversary celebration and presented the 2019-20 over-all plans focusing on membership, both local and foreign, spiritual activities and pilgrimages, DMI missions and thrusts, tag-line slogan for the DMII, and communication.

The Plaque of Apostolic Blessing for the DMII signed by Pope Francis was unveiled by Sis. Ruby together with Fr. Jerome before the assembly. (Please see related story “IR Attends Tower of Ivory Circle Meeting, Receives Pope’s Plaque of Apostolic Blessing” on page 25.)

The International Mission Chairpersons presented their programs and gave update reports on their respective projects and activities.

For Pro-Life, Chairperson Sis. Cora Afuang reported on the vigilant monitoring of anti-life bills in Congress the passage of which the DMII continues to lobby against, the various fora, seminars and other activities in the defense and promotion of life and conservation and protection of the environment.

For Morality in Media, Chairperson Sis. Cathy Pineda said that the mission’s program is focused on the youth and reported the active participation of the circles all over the country in the Motorcade and Slogan-Writing and Poster- Making Contest to create awareness about the good and bad effects of media which was a suggested nationwide activity during Morality in Media Month in March.

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The speakers during the meeting: Top panel, from left) Sisters Milde Tong, Tess Curia, Lydia Ordonez, Merinnisa Ligaya, Cora Afuang and Cathy Pineda. Lower panel: Sisters Laura Cespon, Sol Eugenio, Lorie Manalansan, Biennah Villanueva, Juliet Cruz and Edna May Landicho.



Past IR Sis. Lelies Pimentel renders her 2017-18 International Regent's report.



International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario announces the DMII plans and programs for 2019-20.

During the National Officers' Meeting, entries in the Poster-Making contest were displayed at the lobby for the meeting participants to select the best entry. The "People's Choice" was the poster done by a Squirette of Rosa Mystica Circle of the Diocese of Paranaque.

For Upliftment of Women Workers, Chairperson Sis. Solema Eugenio and Coordinator for Luzon Sis. Lorie Manalansan reported the livelihood projects of circles to help promote woman empowerment and ability to augment family income.

A major activity in April was the visit of DMI sisters in Region V to the Villar SIPAG Foundation projects in Las Pinas City to give them an idea about how it assists its beneficiaries through livelihood projects making use mostly of indigenous and recycled materials.

Areas of collaboration with the Foundation was also an objective of the visit.

For Assistance to Prisoners' Families & their Victims, Chairperson Sis. Laura Cespon reported various outreach programs that the DMIs can undertake to help prisoners' families cope with losing their breadwinner in the form of livelihood, social, religious and other activities.

For Youth Welfare, Chairperson Sis. Biennah Villanueva reported extensively on the 17th SMI Biennial Convention held in Olongapo City on May 17-19, 2019. The proceedings of the convention are reported in detail in the pull-out SMI supplement that accompanies this Newsette issue.



DMI sisters view the entries in the Poster-Making Contest to vote for the People's Choice Award.

The chairpersons of the special committees just created – Sisters Lydia Ordonez as International Auditor for Financial and Juliet Cruz as International Auditor for Membership – talked about their responsibilities in their new position and asked those present to extend their full support to enable them to effectively carry out their mandate.

Ending the day's program was the recessional which turned emotional as the image of the Blessed Mother was carried out of the hall with the DMI sisters, lining both sides of the aisle, waving blue ribbons to bid her good-bye.



DMII officers with Fr. Jerome blow the candle on the 40th Anniversary cake.



The recessional

REGION VII ASSEMBLY HELD IN OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

By Sis. Edna Camongol, Scribe, Mina de Oro Circle



The Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Arnel Belamide with the Region VII Assembly delegates

With the theme “The DMIs: Growing in Age, Wisdom and Favor with Jesus and Mary . . . in the Year of the Youth”, the regional assembly of Region VII was held last June 1, 2019 hosted by the Mina de Oro Circle at Seasons Hotel & Convention Center in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro.

The different DMI circles in Region VII sent their delegates to the assembly: Our Lady of Penarancia, St. Isidore and St. Ferdinand Circles of the Diocese of Lucena; Marian, Aquinas, Our Lady of Peace, Mediatrix of All Grace, Mater Purissima, and St. Martin of Tours Circles of the Archdiocese of Lipa; Vessel of Honor Circle of the Apostolic Vicariate of Calapan; and the Nuestra Senora del Pilar (Mamburao), St. Augustine (Pinamalayan), San Sebastian (Sablayan), Holy Family (Central), and Mina de Oro Circles of the Apostolic Vicariate of San Jose.

International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario, Past International Regent Sis. Lelies Pimentel, and International Vice-Regent – Luzon Sis. Milde Tong headed the guests from the DMII International Board. The officers of Mina de Oro Circle, the assembly host, included Past IR Sis. Myrna Zapanta, Region VII Representative Sis. Eufelia Dollentas, Diocesan Regent Sis. Julie Lanuza, Vicarial Regent Sis. Tintin Sarmiento, Circle Regent Sis. Diana Tayag and other circle officers.

The assembly officially started with the traditional opening ceremonies – the enthronement and consecration of the image of the Blessed Mother Mary with the International and Regional Officers and guests in

the processional march. Sis. Myrna Zapanta led the Recommitment Prayer while RR Sis. Fely Dollentas acknowledged and welcomed the guests and participants followed by the presentation of assembly delegates.

IR Sis. Ruby Macario delivered an inspirational message.

The assembly’s keynote address by Congresswoman Josephine R. Sato ended the first part of the day’s program. San Jose, Occidental Mindoro Mayor Romulo Festin also graced the event to welcome the delegates to his city.

A Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr. Arnel Belamide, pastor of San Jose Parish, ended the morning session.



Keynote address by Congresswoman Josephine Sato

The afternoon program consisted of presentations of the five DMI Mission programs by the International Mission Chairpersons – Sis. Cora Afuang for Pro-Life, Sis. Cathy Pineda for Morality in Media, Sis. Solema Eugenio for Upliftment of Women Workers, Sis. Lydia Ordonez for

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CEBU HOSTS REGION X ASSEMBLY

By Sis. Asuncion Naraga, Region X Representative



The enthronement and consecration of the Blessed Mother's image.

June 8, 2019 was a memorable day for the DMI sisters of Region X because it was our Regional Assembly Day. The Archdiocese of Cebu hosted the assembly at the Mabolo Royal Hotel in Cebu City.

Region X is composed of three member islands – Bohol, Dumaguete and Cebu. It was well-attended by close to 200 delegates – 41 sisters from the Dioceses of Tagbilaran and Talibon headed by Diocesan Regents Sisters Isidrita Lim and Mary Annie Jabines, respectively, 22 from the Diocese of Dumaguete headed by Diocesan Regent Sis. Rosalia Sienes and 100 plus

from the Archdiocese of Cebu headed by Diocesan Regent Sis. Conchita Niere.

Gracing the occasion were some guests from the DMII International Board – our thought-provoking and energetic International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario who spoke about Servant Leadership, Past IR Sis. Rosalinda Pimentel who encouraged us to be more committed to our being DMI members, our jolly International Advocate Sis. Merinnisa Ligaya who informed us of the recently approved amendments to the DMII Articles of Incorporation and By-laws ratified during the National Officers' Meeting in Manila on May 26, 2019 and Office Secretary Sis. Josie Halog. Sis. Gloria Caminero, Visayas Coordinator for Assistance to Prisoners' Families & their Victims was a prime mover of the Conference.

The keynote speaker and Mass presider was Rev. Fr. Marcelino Jorge L. Agravante, pastor of San Narciso Parish of Consolacion, Cebu who talked about the assembly's theme: "DMII at 40 – Growing in Age, Wisdom and Favor Before God and Man . . . in the Year of the Youth". The Squirreltes of Cebu provided liturgical music during the Mass.



Sis. Sionee Naraga hands plaques of appreciation to guests from the International Board, from top, clockwise: IR Sis. Ruby Macario, Past IR Sis. Lelies Pimentel, Sisters Josie Halog, Gloria Caminero and Merinnisa Ligaya . . .

...and to Diocesan Regents Sisters Rosalie Sienes, Isidrita Lim, Mary Annie Jabines and Conchita Niere.



The Region X Assembly delegates with Fr. Marcelino Jorge Agravante.



Sis. Sionee gives out the 2000 Hail Marys Prayer Guide and Rosary beads to vicarial regents of the Archdiocese of Cebu and the Diocese of Dumaguete.

Regional Representative Sis. Asuncion Naraga gave out the 2000 Hail Mary prayer guides and 2000 Hail Mary Rosary beads to the 15 Vicariates of the Archdiocese of Cebu and the Diocese of Dumaguete. The Diocese of Tagbilaran has successfully promoted the 2000 Hail Mary devotion to its DMI circles since 2015.

The open forum was followed by a fellowship. The presentations from Bohol and Cebu and music provided by a 2-man band capped the day's program. The ballroom dancing and zumba led by dance instructors proved that the DMI sisters, whatever the



Dance presentations during the afternoon fellowship.

age, never lose their energy and grace while swaying and sashaying to the rhythm and beat of the music that the band played.

What a day of thanks for our DMI sisters in Region X becoming ONE! 'Twas really a grace-filled Regional Assembly.

REGION VI ASSEMBLY HELD JUNE 22, 2019

By Sis. Fortunata Aquino, Region VI Correspondent

On June 22, 2019, the DMI sisters of Region VI (Diocese of San Pablo – Laguna) held their Regional Assembly at Ricardo’s Forest Hill in Alaminos, Laguna with the theme “DMII at 40: Growing in Age, Wisdom and Favor Before God and Man . . . in the Year of the Youth”. Two hundred twenty-one sisters from 17 circles of the four vicariates of the Diocese attended the assembly.

Gracing the occasion were guests from the International Board composed of International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario, Past IR Sis. Lelies Pimentel, Vice-International Regent for Luzon Sis. Milde Tong, International Chairpersons Sisters Cora Afuang for Pro-Life, Cathy Pineda for Morality in Media, Solema Eugenio for Upliftment of Women Workers, Sis. Lydia Ordonez for Assistance to Prisoners’ Families & their Victims and Biannah Villanueva for Youth Welfare.

The program started with the enthronement and consecration of the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The song *Aba Ginoong Maria* accompanied the procession of officers holding flowers and candles followed by Sis. Ruby

Macario and Sis. Lelies Pimentel carrying the Blessed Mother’s image. The DMI Prayer was led by Sis. Ruth Dungo. A minute of silent prayer for departed DMI sisters and the rest of the traditional opening ceremonies followed.

After the presentation of circles, Diocesan Regent Sis. Loreta Santos warmly welcomed the guests. The opening message was delivered by Sis. Isabel Ticzon, Region VI Representative and International Treasurer.

The Mass celebrant, Rev. Msgr. James Contreras, in his homily advised the DMIs to recruit at least one member each to sustain the organization. Jokingly, he said that as he looked at the audience, he would suggest younger women to be recruited to the DMII membership.

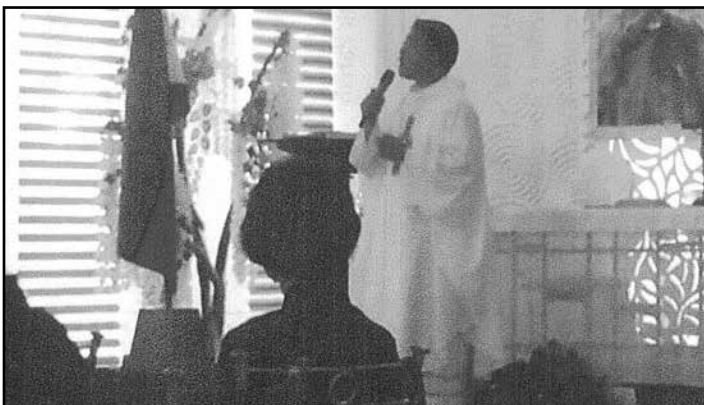
Rev. Fr. Richard Buenaventura, diocesan spiritual director and pastor of the St. John the Baptist Parish in Sta. Cruz, Laguna reiterated the advice of Msgr. Contreras in his inspirational message. He also assured the group that he will be available when needed and will accompany the DMIs in their journey. He enjoined his audience to be vibrant, with positivity and passion as they go about their lives and service to the community.

IVR-Luzon Sis. Milde Tong drew the picture of a real DMI, being Mary-like, guided by the virtues of the Blessed Mother, in all aspects of her life. She also spoke about the beautiful ways of growing old – learning to live alone and enjoying the solitude it offers, learning to view possible guests (sickness) as friend, maintaining positivity all the time and being brave. “Remain humble and be joyful and loving” was her final message.

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Sisters Isabel Ticzon, Milde Tong and Elvie Arambulo during the enthronement and consecration of the Blessed Mother.



Fr. Richard Buenaventura delivers his inspirational message.



International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario during her message to the assembly delegates.

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Assistance to Prisoners' Families & their Victims and Sis. Biennah Villanueva for Youth Welfare – SMI.

The message by IVR-Luzon Sis. Milde Tong who invited the participants to the forthcoming Luzon Area Conference in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan on October 26-27, 2019 ended the afternoon session.

The much-awaited Fellowship Night began with

a welcome song by the Mina de Oro sisters. A message from Diocesan Regent Sis. Julie Lanuza followed. Then the other circles showcased their talents. The Mangraw Dancers, courtesy of the San Jose LGU, also added color to the event. The production number by the Mina de Oro sisters proved irresistible as the other participants took to the dance floor for ballroom dancing. Program host, Past Vicarial Regent Sis. Victoria Ungria, helped keep the vibrant mood of the Fellowship Night alive with her infectious energy.



Guests from the International Board and Region VII Assembly hosts, from left: Past IR Sis. Myrna Zapanta, Region VII RR Sis. Fely Dollentas, Regent Sis. Diana Tayag of Mina de Oro Circle, IVR-Luzon Sis. Milde Tong, IR Sis. Ruby Macario and Past IR Sis. Lelies Pimentel.



Mina de Oro Circle, the Assembly host



Regents representing their respective circles receive plaques of appreciation for their attendance in the assembly.



Fellowship Night

NUESTRA SENORA DE LA ERMITA CIRCLE JOINS CELEBRATION OF WORLD WETLANDS DAY

*By Sis. Mila Diasanta, Diocesan Regent,
Prelature of Infanta-Aurora*

World Wetlands Day is celebrated to promote awareness and highlight the importance of sustainable land management to preserve and restore the ecosystem. The ocean through its mangroves are wetland habitats providing food and home for fish and wildlife. Wetlands, too, are great spots for bird-watching.

The DENR in its Community Environment and National Resources Office (CENRO) in Casiguran, Aurora celebrated World Wetlands Day last February 2, 2019. Highlighting the celebration were three major activities that included bird-watching, clean-up drive and tree-planting.

The Nuestra Senora de la Ermita Circle of San Antonio de Padua Parish joined the occasion through the circle's clean-up project along the shoreline of Bgy. Calanguasan. The site is in the heart of the town of Casiguran in Aurora Province which is vulnerable to the different harmful activities of the community. It is part of the circle's Pro-Life Committee thrust of caring for the environment. The circle maintains the cleanliness of the shoreline



The shoreline of Bgy. Calanguasan that the Nuestra Senora de la Ermita Circle DMIs maintain through their Coastal Clean-up Drive.

and protects the mangroves from trash to sustain the growth of the trees and propagules.

Vicarial Regent Sis. Yolanda T. Laguna spearheaded the activity.



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International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario said that there is not much change in the DMII program for the current year and introduced the new International Mission Chairpersons whom she described as precious gems. She also presented the Board Resolutions ratified by members during the National Officers' Meeting on May 26. *(The salient provisions are listed in our front page story.)*

A presentation of the plans and programs for the DMII Missions for the 2019-20 term was made by the International Mission Chairpersons.

An open forum ended the day's program during which certain issues were clarified such as the tenure of those appointed to the DMI Missions and thrusts which is co-terminus with that of the appointing officer as well as the provisions of the DMI insurance coverage for members.

Intermission numbers presented by the Vicariates of St. John the Baptist, St. Polycarp and San Antonio de Padua and the video presentation of the Region VI Squirettes of Mary which won second place during the SMI Biennial Convention in Olongapo City on May 17-19, 2019 provided entertainment during certain parts of the day's program.



Msgr. James Contreras and Fr. Richard Buenaventura with the DMII International Officers, the Regional Officers and members.

85 NEW SQUIRETTES JOIN 5 SMI CIRCLETTES IN BATAAN

Eighty-five young girls have been added to the membership roster of the Squirettes of Mary Immaculate in the Diocese of Balanga during the SMI Investiture Ceremony held on May 1, 2019 at the St. Joseph Formation Center, Cathedral Compound in Balanga City.

It was an extra special occasion for the DMIs in the Diocese in that, while Squirettes of Mary circlettes already exist, it was the very first SMI Investiture Ceremony held diocese-wide jointly by five SMI circlettes. They were the St. Catherine of Siena Circlette of Samal which had the most number of recruits (23), Sto. Cristo Circlette of Cupang, Balanga City (17 candidates) Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Circlette of Orani, St. Joseph Circlette of Balanga and St. Catherine of Alexandria Circlette of Bagac with 15 candidates each.

Special guests during the occasion were International Chairperson for Youth Welfare - SMI Sis. Biannah Villanueva and SMI Coordinator for Luzon Sis. Evelyn Alcantara.

The recruits donned for the first time the aqua blue and white SMI uniform as their parents and other relatives, beaming with joy, watched the ceremony.

Sis. Biannah presented the Charter Rolls to the Regents and SMI Lady Counselors of the participating circles and later installed the officers of the circlettes, assisted by Sis. Evelyn.

Composing the Investiture Team were Sis. Digna Banzon who spearheaded the activity and Sisters Rosario Redulla, Emilia de la Rosa, Ruth Cabreta, Ana Arit and Corazon Villanueva.



The Investiture Team composed of Sisters Ruth Cabreta, Digna Banzon and Rosario Redulla.



Youth Welfare International Chairperson Sis. Biannah Villanueva speaks before the new SMIs.



The Squirettes of the St. Catherine of Siena Circlette having the biggest number of new recruits.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE DIOCESE OF MALOLOS

By Sis. Mely de la Pena, Region IV Correspondent

Mother's Day Celebration

The DMIs of Region IV celebrated Mother's Day last May 12, 2019 with the families of prisoners in their respective parishes.

The Ina ng Grasya ng Diyos Circle led by Circle Regent Sis. Ellie Causon and Sis. Tesy Villarino, past Region IV RR and International Secretary, who is the circle's chairperson for Assistance to Prisoners' Families & their Victims (APFV), visited two families – the Clemente Family (with five children) of Heritage Park Subd. and the Olubia Family (seven children) of Northville in Marilao, Bulacan – bringing with them food and groceries and Mother's Day greetings. These families were selected as outreach beneficiaries as a result of an earlier visit they made at the Marilao Municipal Jail.

The Holy Mary Circle of Sta. Maria, Bulacan led by Circle Regent Sis. May Martinez and Pro-Life Chair Sis. Tita Capili visited a prisoner's family in Villarica Subd. giving the mother some cash and other items as a Mother's Day gift.

An elderly couple, 79-year-old Gregoria and Fortunato, 84, who are parents of a detainee at the Paombong Municipal Jail were visited by members of the Our Lady of Consolation & Cinture Circle led by Regent Sis. Melita Bundoc, Vice-Regent Sis. Che Estinopo and APFV Chair Sis. Editha Carma. The couple depended on Tony, their detained son, who was a tricycle driver, as their other children have their own families to support. The couple received the circle's donation.



Visit with prisoners' families by the Ina ng Grasya ng Diyos and Our Lady of Consolation & Cinture Circles



Upliftment of Women Workers Mission Projects

The Our Lady of Consolation & Cinture Circle conducted a Meat Processing Seminar on June 12, 2019 for circle members and wives of construction workers at the residence of Vice-Regent Sis. Cecilia Estinopo in San Jose, Paombong, Bulacan. Circle Regent Sis. Melita Bundoc taught the participants how to make pork tocino, chicken longanisa and siomai. Her husband,

SK Grand Knight Bro. Mar Bundoc also taught the participants mango-pickling.

In Obando, Bulacan, the Sta. Clara Circle sponsored a Herbal Plant Gardening project on June 15, 2019. Circle Regent Sis. Sony Sarmiento and Upliftment of Women Workers Chair Sis. Leny San Diego initiated the project. Diocesan Regent Sis. Marilyn San Diego



Herbal Plant Gardening Project of Sta. Clara Circle



Liquid Dishwashing & Fabric Conditioner Workshop

lent her full support to the activity.

It was a Seminar on Liquid Dishwashing and Fabric Conditioner that the Ina ng Grasya ng Diyos Circle conducted on May 31, 2019 at the Multi-Purpose Hall

of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Meralco Village, Marilao, Bulacan. The resource speaker was Ms. Julieta Dionisio. The circle provided the equipments and materials used during the seminar.



Pro-Life Outreach Activities

The Ina ng Grasya ng Diyos Circle headed by Regent Sis. Ellie Causon and Pro-Lie Chair Sis. Luz Yuan visited the 23 children at the Lingap Bata Center, La Purisima Concepcion Parish and Bahay Kalinga, a home for the elderly who are abandoned by their families. The 53 residents are aged 65 years and above. Both homes are located in Bgy. San Jose

Patag in Sta. Maria, Bulacan.

A seminar-workshop on Prevention and Management of Lifestyle-Related Diseases was conducted by the Holy Mary Circle of Sta. Maria, Bulacan for 25 Barangay Health Workers. Circle Regent Sis. May Martinez and Pro-Life Chair Sis. Catalina Halili spearheaded the activity.



Visit to Bahay Kalinga



Seminar-workshop for Barangay Health Workers

REGION V DMIs VISIT VILLAR SIPAG FARMS

*By Sis. Lorie Manalansan, Upliftment of Women Workers
Coordinator for Luzon & Region V Correspondent*

Through the initiative of Sis. Solema V. Eugenio, international chairperson of the Upliftment of Women Workers Committee, DMIs from various circles in Region V headed by International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario trooped to the Villar SIPAG (Social Institute for Poverty Alleviation and Governance) Centers in Las Pinas City last April 13, 2019. The objective was to generate ideas for livelihood to promote the economic welfare of women in the communities and parishes where DMI circles are located.

The group initially met at the Villar SIPAG Events Place where a briefing on the tour of SIPAG Centers and what to expect took place. First stop was where school desks were created from plastic waste materials. Another center visited was where stalks of water hyacinth are processed as raw material for bags and other useful personal and household products. Final stop was the Villar SIPAG Farms.

At the Villar SIPAG Farms, over 200 DMI sisters listened to the Foundation's project coordinator, Mr. Kiko Magallanes as he explained the origin behind the creation of the Villar SIPAG Foundation – that

of finding ways and means to solve Las Pinas' flood problems.

Finding that these were caused by plastic wastes thrown into the river plus the proliferation of water lilies, the Foundation transformed the situation as an opportunity to generate livelihood for the unemployed residents of Las Pinas.

To create the chairs, plastic waste materials dug up during the river's dredging activities were cleaned and processed to produce school desks. These are then donated to public schools.

Meanwhile, the water lilies become materials to produce baskets, bags, trays, slippers and mats. Except for the mat, the sales proceeds are given to those who made the items while the mats are donated to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Aside from these, the Villar SIPAG Foundation has other livelihood projects such as the production of citronella massage oil, charcoal briquettes, compost fertilizers from kitchen waste, rope and others.



IR Sis. Ruby Macario with SIPAG Project Coordinator Mr. Kiko Magallanes.



Region V DMIs listen to the project presentation by Mr. Magallanes at the SIPAG Farms Hall.

MISSION UPDATES FROM THE DIOCESE OF ANTIPOLO

*By Sis. Cora Ajuang, International
Chairperson for Pro-Life*

SAFE MOTHERHOOD SEMINAR, A PRO-LIFE PROJECT

A Safe Motherhood Seminar was held in March, 2019 initiated by the St. Paul of the Cross Circle in Marikina City. Participants were expectant mothers who were taught how to take care of themselves and the babies in their wombs.

A highlight of the seminar was the Gandang Buntis, a contest among seminar participants, leading to the selection of the most beautiful and healthy expectant mother.



The Gandang Buntis winners with the St. Paul of the Cross Circle sisters.

PALARONG PINOY, FEEDING PROGRAM HELD IN JUNE

Some 100 children in a mission area in Marikina City were the target participants of a Feeding Program on June 8, 2019. SMI Lady Counselor Sis. Nini Calma of the St. Paul of the Cross Circle prepared the food served to the children. Assisting in the Feeding Program were the Squirettes of St. Paul of the Cross Circlette.



Feeding of some 100 children



Palarong Pinoy by Squirettes of the Diocese of Antipolo

Palarong Pinoy held on June 15, 2019 was a diocesan activity of the Squirettes of Mary circlettes. Participants in the Palaro were the SMIs of St. Paul of the Cross, Our Lady of the Abandoned and St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows Circlettes who enjoyed the old Filipino games such as patintero, piko, luksong-tinik, Chinese garter, etc.

LECTURE ON HIV, STI AND AIDS



The DSWD Center in Marikina City was the venue of a Lecture on HIV, STI and AIDS Prevention and Intervention. The lecture was attended by the youth residents in the center who are “children in conflict with the law”.

DIOCESE OF PARANAQUE DMI^s REACH OUT TO HOUSE OF SOMANG

Sis. Cherry R. Torreces, Circle Scribe

The Risen Christ Circle of Holy Eucharist Parish, Moonwalk Village, Paranaque City headed by its Pro-Life Chairperson Sis. Helen de Leon, past International Pro-Life Mission chair, and Circle Regent Sis. Linda Chincuanco spearheaded a diocesan outreach program last March 2, 2019 at the House of Somang in Levitown Executive Village, Better Living Subdivision, Paranaque City. The residents of the House of Somang, a Korean word meaning Hope, were the beneficiaries of the outreach activity.



Part of the group of DMI sisters who visited the House of Somang

The House of Somang, built in 2006, is a charitable institution under the Kkottongnae Philippines, Inc. and managed by Kkottongnae (Flower Village) Sisters of Jesus from South Korea with established charitable institutions in several countries.

It is a center for those who are orphaned, abandoned, neglected and homeless. Under its care at present are 42 elders - - 26 *lolas* and 16 *lolos*.

The DMI sisters of Risen Christ, together with some sisters from other circles in the Diocese of Paranaque, gathered for this special occasion, bringing with them their donations consisting of toiletries, food for snacks

and prizes for parlor games and their willing hearts for service.

Sis. Helen Balmores, past circle regent and currently Luzon Coordinator for Morality in Media, hosted the program. Songs, dances and lively music for sing-along and dancing entertained the *lolos* and *lolas*. They danced with gusto, the DMI sisters as their dancing partners, and gamely participated in the parlor games. They were later served snacks during which the sisters were able to talk with and cheer them up while assisting them. It was also bonding time among members of the circles present. Diocesan Regent Sis. Linda Pacursa was on hand to lend support to the activity.

The Kkottongnae sisters headed by Sister Kim expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the DMI sisters' visit and their donations.



House residents receive gift packages from the visiting DMI sisters.



Sister Kim of the House of Somang with Risen Christ Circle's Sisters Reylen Labrador, Regent Linda Chincuanco, Helen Balmores and Pro-Life Chair Helen de Leon

DIOCESE OF PARANAQUE SPONSORS UPLIFTMENT OF WOMEN WORKERS SYMPOSIUM

*By Sis. Vita Zaldivia, Diocesan Chairperson,
Upliftment of Women Workers Committee*

The Upliftment of Women Workers Committee of the Diocese of Paranaque held a symposium last June 15, 2019 at the Mary Cause of Our Joy Parish in Soldiers' Hill, Muntinlupa City. The symposium theme was "Do the best that God wants us to be in this Year of the Youth".

The activity was spearheaded by the Vicariate of Our Lady of the Abandoned and Sta. Rita de Cascia led by Vicarial Regent Sis. Babes Jose in cooperation with Diocesan Regent Sis. Linda Pacursa. International Chairperson Sis. Sol Eugenio attended the symposium.

The speakers were Fr. Ernesto Sican, pastor of Cause of Our Joy Parish, Ms. Elaine Rio, an entrepreneur and Mr. Jude SP Liao, a Youth Coordinator of the Diocese of Cubao and NCR leader of the Youth Coordinating

Council who also teaches Business Management at Xavier School.

They talked about their insights on the mission, highlighting the fact that the DMIs are beloved and gifted, sharing their individual talents to the organization and thus are empowered to do useful projects for their communities.

Sis. Vita Zaldivia, diocesan chair of Upliftment of Women Workers said in her closing message that the DMI sisters must keep on looking for activities that they want to pursue. Her parting words: 'Let's put color in our greyness . . . Yet we must continue to enjoy serenely the time that remains . . . to be game-changers and help uplift the status of women in our society.'



The symposium speakers



The DMI sisters who attended the symposium.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSE AND JUBILEE 2000 CIRCLES CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY WITH PRISONERS' WIVES AND MOTHERS

By Sis. Leah Molina

The Our Lady of the Rose and Jubilee 2000 Circles of the Diocese of Manila jointly held a Mother's Day celebration on May 18, 2019 at the Holy Cross Parish in Makati City for mothers and wives of prison detainees.

It was an afternoon of fun and entertainment with Squirettes from Our Lady of the Rose Circlette presenting songs and interpretative dance numbers. The most loved number was a song "Awit kay Inay" by a Squirette which touched the hearts of many in the audience.

Three mothers – one a detainee's mother, the second, a colon cancer survivor and a third, a single mom – shared their experiences, the sufferings they endured and how they found the strength to fight the storms in their lives and their being able to reinvent themselves. Pains shared, touched hearts!

It was an immensely enjoyable activity, both for the DMI sisters and their beneficiaries who gratefully received the Love Bags containing rice, frozen chicken and groceries given by the DMIs.



Distribution of gifts to female detainees to celebrate Mother's Day.



The Squirettes present a dance number during the program held.



From the Diocese of Imus (Region V)

STO. NINO DE MOLINO CIRCLE SPONSORS WORKSHOP ON FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

*By Sis. Sonny Lamzon, Circle Chairperson for
Upliftment of Women Workers*



Mr. Allan Mendoza demonstrates the different styles of flower arrangement.

The Upliftment of Women Workers Committee of the Sto. Nino de Molino Circle of Bacoor City, Cavite sponsored last February 24, 2019 a Workshop on Flower Arrangement at the covered court of Bgy. Mariano Espeleta 2 in Imus, Cavite.

The resource speaker was Mr. Allan Gabriel Mendoza who has extensive experience in flower arrangement. The participants were representatives of senior citizen organizations, the Catholic Women's League, the Livelihood Association of Bgy. Mariano Espeleta 2, the Squirettes of Mary and other parishioners.

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DIOCESE OF PASIG HOLDS FIRST DIOCESAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By Sis. Lina F. Reyes, Diocesan Regent

The Diocese of Pasig, the newest diocese in Region V, held its first Diocesan Assembly last June 8, 2019 at the San Roque Parish in Pateros, Metro Manila. The assembly theme was “Experiencing God’s Love, Hope and Charity through Mary Immaculate, Our Mother, Our Model”.

The members of Sta. Lucia, Queen of All Hearts and Immaculate

Conception of Karangalan Circles and the Squirettes of their SMI circlettes were the assembly participants.

The day’s program started with the enthronement and consecration of the image of the Blessed Mother. During the ceremony, the SMIs held votive candles while the past regent and diocesan mission chairpersons offered flowers.

Fr. Jorge Jesus Belosillo, pastor of San Roque Parish, gave an inspirational message. He talked about the role of the Church in reaching out to the least (*laylayan*) in our society. He also encouraged the DMI members to be friendly towards members of other organizations and to remain humble even in success.

Diocesan Regent Sis. Lina Reyes and Past SMI National President Carol Soliven gave a short orientation on their respective organizations followed by a discussion by break-out groups about the plans and programs for the five DMI Missions. Certificates of attendance were given to the assembly participants.

Intermission numbers were presented jointly by the DMIs and the SMIs.



The participants in the Diocesan General Assembly.



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The speaker lectured on the different flowers and leaves used in flower arrangement for special occasions as well as the basic arrangement styles – front, circular and vase. He later demonstrated how to arrange flowers and asked the participants to do their own arrangements.

The workshop gave the participants the opportunity to set up a flower arrangement business to help augment the family income. The Sto. Nino de Molino Circle gauged the workshop’s success through the additional skills the participants learned and their enjoyment while learning the skill.



The participants of the Flower Arrangement Workshop

NEWS UPDATES FROM THE DIOCESE OF SAN PABLO

By Sis. Fortunata Aquino,
Region VI Correspondent

THERESIAN CIRCLE CONDUCTS SEMINAR ON MEDICINAL PLANTS FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The Upliftment of Women Workers Committee of Theresian Circle of Los Banos, Laguna sponsored a seminar on Medicinal Plants for Health and Wellness last March 15, 2019 at the Institute of Crops Science, UP – Los Banos with Dr. Constancio de Guzman, professor, as resource speaker.

The activity, spearheaded by Committee Chairperson Sis. Remedios Abilay, was attended by women from Bgy. Putho, Los Banos and some DMI sisters. The participants learned about the benefits of ten indigenous plants being promoted by the Dept. of Health. They are *lagundi*, *ampalaya*, *yerba buena*, *tsaang gubat*, *pansit-pansitan*, *akapulko*, *bayabas*, *bawang* and *niyog-niyogan*.

Dr. de Guzman later conducted a tour of UPLB's Medicinal Plants Garden and gave the participants plant samples and planting materials.



Medicinal Plants Garden of UPLB's Institute of Crops Science.



MOTHER OF LIFE CIRCLE SPONSORS MEDIA SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS

The Mother of Life Circle of Bay, Laguna sponsored a media seminar titled “Mga Epekto ng Media sa mga Kabataan” attended by Grade 6 pupils of Kabaritan Elementary School.

The seminar resource speakers were Vicarial Regent Sis. Norma Eusebio of the Vicariate of St. John the Baptist and Sis. Nena de Leon. A short recitation followed to ensure that the children learned from the seminar.



Sis. Norma Eusebio speaks before the pupils of Kabaritan Elem. School.



The seminar participants with the DMI sisters and guests.

MATER PURISSIMA CIRCLETTE SPONSORS SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP

*By Sis. Isabelle Renee Daria,
Region VII Correspondent*

The Mater Purissima SMI Circlette of the Archdiocese of Lipa conducted a Self-Defense Workshop with the assistance of the Mater Purissima Circle last April 26, 2019 at the KC-DMII Building at Bgy. Pallocan West in Batangas City.

Young girls aged 13 years and above coming from different organizations and barangays in Batangas City attended the workshop. Their trainer was Retired Chief Warrant Officer 2 Patrick Casao, Jr. of the United States Marine Corps who grew up in the Philippines but spent most of his life in San Diego, California. For over 40 years, Mr. Casao has committed himself to the discipline, defense and determination of a lifestyle of martial arts which has made him a very credible trainer.

During the workshop, he explained why it is important to have a know-how in self-defense. The participants were taught how to use their hands, feet and other practical things for self-defense or even

initiate offense in case of an attack.

Simple materials like magazine, keys, handbag, hair spray, stick, umbrella and the like were used. Mr. Casao explained in detail and demonstrated how to properly use each item to become an effective material for defending oneself. The participants were each given a chance to apply what they learned in the workshop.

The project came about due to the increasing number of cases of vulnerable children and women being attacked. The workshop aimed to equip the participants with basic self-defense skills in case of violence against them which can happen anytime, anywhere at the most unexpected places.

Two sessions were conducted to accommodate all those who signed up for the workshop. The attendees were given certificates for their participation in the workshop.



*Mr. Patrick Casao, Jr. with the Mater Purissima DMI Circle and SMI Circlette members
and other Self-Defense Workshop participants*

NEWS BRIEFS FROM OUR LADY OF PEACE CIRCLE

By Sis. Sally Dastas, Circle Regent



PLANTING ORNAMENTAL PLANTS FOR LIVELIHOOD

The Our Lady of Peace Circle of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Nasugbu, Batangas has undertaken the planting of ornamental plants as part of its livelihood program. The project was initiated by the Circle's Upliftment of Women Workers Committee.



FUND-RAISING THROUGH A SANTACRUZAN

The Marian Month of May when the traditional Flores de Mayo is celebrated was this year's venue for a fund-raising project of the Our Lady of Peace DMIs and SMIs.



From the Archdiocese of Cebu (Region X)

ST. GEMMA GALGANI CIRCLE'S FEEDING PROGRAM



*By Sis. Lorna Embalzado,
Circle Regent*

Some 150 students of the Bagong Lipunan Elementary School were the beneficiaries of the Feeding Program of St. Gemma Galgani Circle of Mabolo, Cebu City last February 13, 2019. Yakult Philippines was the circle's project partner in the activity.

SAN JOSE DE TAGBILARAN CIRCLE LEADS FLORES DE MAYO CELEBRATION

The month of May is a special month to offer flowers and prayers for our Blessed Mother Mary.

The San Jose de Tagbilaran Circle of the Diocese of Tagbilaran led the month-long rosary, novena and floral offering during the Flores de Mayo celebration of the St. Joseph the Worker Cathedral Parish. Bishop Alberto “Abet” Uy who is pastor of the cathedral parish attended the celebration together with the lay faithful of Tagbilaran City.

Spearheading the activities were Circle Regent Sis. Juanita “Beyay” Sarmiento, Diocesan Regent Sis. Isidrita Lim, Vicarial Regent Sis. Ma. Liza Yu and Region X Representative Sis. Asuncion Naraga.

More than 100 young boys and girls participated in the celebration supervised by the DMI sisters and Squirettes members. A Santacruzian culminated the Flores de Mayo activities. A Holy Mass and procession featuring a Reyna Elena and several *sagalas* bearing the many virtues of our Blessed Mother brought the month-long celebration to a fitting close.

*By Sis. Sionee Naraga,
Region X Representative*



The procession capping the month-long Flores de Mayo celebration led by the DMIs and SMIs of the San Jose de Tagbilaran Circle and Circlette.



IR ATTENDS TOWER OF IVORY CIRCLE MEETING, RECEIVES POPE’S PLAQUE OF APOSTOLIC BLESSING

By Sis. Carmen Baquilid, Region XI Correspondent



Sis. Ruby receives the Pope’s Plaque of Apostolic Blessing from Sisters Igmedia Balagapo and Yolly Dagandan.

The Tower of Ivory Circle of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Tacloban City played host to International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario and International Advocate Sis. Merinnisa Ligaya during its meeting on May 5, 2019 to discuss preparations for the Visayas Area Conference to be held August 2-4, 2019 in Tacloban City. The conference will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Palo (Leyte).

During the meeting, a Plaque of Apostolic Blessing for the Daughters of Mary Immaculate and its

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OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CIRCLE TEACHES SMIs TO MAKE ROSARIES

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Circle's SMI Lady Counselor Sis. Gina Eser and Co-chair SMI Marimie Villarosa gathered the Squirettes of their SMI circlette to teach them how to make rosaries.

The rosaries produced will be given to the patients at the Female Ward of the Southern Philippines Medical Center on Sept. 8, 2019, Mama Mary's birthday. Rosaries will also be sold to parishioners at the Carmelite Church compound as a fund-raising for the celebration of the Mt. Carmel Fiesta on July 16. Some 500 rosaries will also be made ready for October, Rosary Month.

Vicarial Regent Sis. Evelina Ramos, Circle Regent Sis. Gemelina Pavo and Sisters Lucy Venus and Eulalia Mantilla assisted in the activity held at the Sto. Nino Chapel.



The Squirettes at work.

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REGION XIII OFFICERS ATTEND 2nd QUARTER MEETING

The 2nd Quarter Regional Meeting of Region XIII officers was held at Pia's Café, Sandawa Plaza on Quimpo Blvd., Davao City last June 15, 2019. Region XIII Representative Sis. Luz Binoya gave updates from the National Office particularly the matters taken up during the National Officers' Meeting held on May 26, 2019.



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International Regent from Pope Francis was presented to Sis. Ruby. The Plaque was signed by the Holy Father.

During her inspirational message, Sis. Ruby said that the Pope's priceless blessing is a dream-come-true. She thanked the circle's Sis. Igmedia Balagapo who is

Morality in Media Coordinator for Visayas for making it possible through her son, Fr. Erwin Balagapo who is at the Vatican.

International Vice-Regent for the Visayas Sis. Yolanda Dagandan presented the plaque to Sis. Ruby.

ST. JOSEPH CIRCLE CELEBRATES 25TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

By Sis. Ellenor Velasco, Diocesan Scribe

The St. Joseph Circle of St. Joseph Parish, Archdiocese of Zamboanga celebrated its 25th Charter Anniversary last February 25, 2019 in a glittery affair at the Astoria Regency Hotel & Convention Center in Zamboanga City.

The Nuestra Senora la Virgen del Pilar organized the circle in 1994 with Sis. Linda Ko as its Charter Regent. The other charter officers of the St. Joseph Circle were Sisters Edwina Cabato – vice-regent, Joselyn Canto – recording secretary, Caridad Miranda – financial secretary, Rosalina Tang – treasurer, Teresita Bustamante (+) - chancellor, Lourdes Floriza – monitor, Dolores Canizares – scribe, Rina Aballe (+) - custodian, Zanaida Asuncion, Pilar Macapili and Pacita Ko – trustees, and Linda Sablas and Sianing Wenceslao – guards.

Past International Regent Sis. Lyding Ramirez is a charter member of St. Joseph Circle.



The St. Joseph Circle officers and members in a formal pose with Fr. Jeffrey Taib, DMI Archdiocesan Chaplain.



The charter officers of St. Joseph Circle.

NEW CIRCLE, ITS 34TH, ORGANIZED IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ZAMBOANGA

The Our Lady of the Assumption Circle has just been organized in Culianan Parish in Zamboanga City. It is the 34th DMI circle in the Archdiocese. The Mother of Perpetual Help Circle of Guiuan is its mother circle. The new circle's charter officers were installed last March 31, 2019.



The newly installed officers and members of the Our Lady of the Assumption Circle with officers of their mother circle, the Mother of Perpetual Help Circle.

STRATEGIC PLANNING & SERVANT LEADERSHIP SEMINAR HELD

The Regional Officers of the Archdiocese of Zamboanga and Prelature of Isabela de Basilan conducted a seminar on Strategic Planning and Servant Leadership for incoming diocesan and circle officers during the Diocesan Assemblies held on January 19, 2019 for the Central Vicariate of Zamboanga and Prelature of Basilan and January 26, 2019 for the Eastern and Western Vicariates of Zamboanga. Venue

was the Red Cross Multi-purpose Hall in Zamboanga City.

The seminar speakers were Past Diocesan Regent Sis. Pinky Saavedra and Diocesan Regent Sis. Marilyn de Asis. Among the topics discussed were the logo concept and the formulation of the Books of the Bible from the Old and New Testaments. - Sis. Ellen Velasco



Past Diocesan Regent Sis. Pinky Saavedra, a seminar speaker.



The seminar participants



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