

## From San Diego, California, U.S.A.

## **UPDATE FROM ST. CHARLES CIRCLE**



The newly-installed officers of St. Charles Circle

The installation of the 2017 officers of St. Charles Circle of St. Charles Parish in San Diego, California was held at St. Charles Parish Hall with Past International Treasurer and Past Diocesan Regent of the Archdiocese of Zamboanga Sis. Beth Salmon as special guest.

The circle was organized in December, 2001 by then International Regent Sis. Beling Panganiban and Sis. Beth Salmon. The circle celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last December 8, 2016.

Sis. Josie Francisco, St. Charles Circle's charter

regent, and currently vicarial regent for California, helped organize a second circle in Westmorland, California at the St. Joseph Parish. The first long conferral of charter members of St. Joseph Circle was held on July 9, 2011 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Special guests during the event were Past DMII Board Member Sis. Fely Villaruz and Sis. Beth Salmon.

The two circles are actively involved in the activities of their respective parishes – the St. Charles Parish in San Diego and St. Joseph Parish in Westmorland.

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### From the International Regent

## **TRUST IN DIVINE PROVIDENCE**



My dear DMI sisters,

The Gospel of Sept. 27, 2017 (Wednesday of the 25<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time) was from Luke 9: 1-6 : "Then Jesus called his Twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to drive out all evil and to heal diseases. And he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He instructed them "Don't take anything for the journey, neither staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and don't even take a spare tunic. Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. And wherever they don't welcome you, leave the town and shake the dust from your feet: it will be as a testimony against them." So they set out, and went through the villages, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere."

**"Do not take anything for the journey . . ."** The simple and clear message of the Gospel is: **trust in divine providence.** God will always provide what we really need.

For us Daughters of Mary Immaculate, Jesus tells us that God will provide what we **need** for the mission, not what we **want** for our convenience and comfort.

The Lord Jesus reminds us that we are to be free from non-essentials and get down to the business of building the kingdom of God, and not of building our own empire of wealth, power and prestige. We must live unencumbered lives, not caught up with worldly things – money, possessions, privileges, luxuries, pleasures. We must not have a lifestyle that is contrary to the gospel values. We have to periodically examine our hearts and our possessions to see what excess baggage we have accumulated or stockpiled, and to find out whether our hearts are still unencumbered and free.

May we not be so absorbed with our personal ambition, so much so that we lose focus on our noble mission. May we not be so preoccupied with material things, so much so that we set aside the more important things in life. May we not be so greedy trying to always get paid for our talents, so much so that we fail to use our God-given talents in generously and sacrificially serving our community. May we not be so consumed with worldly comforts and rewards, so much so that we compromise our love of neighbor and our sacrifice for the common good.

If we are to be effective apostles of the Kingdom, we have to learn to let go. We have to put our trust in a Provident God.

Yours in Christ through Mother Mary,

#### **ROSALINDA C. PIMENTEL**

International Regent

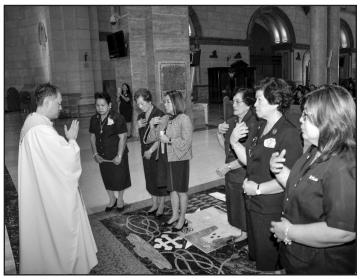
## SIMULTANEOUS MASSES NATIONWIDE HELD AS PART OF DMII'S YEAR-LONG 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



A group photo of the Mass participants before the altar of the Manila Cathedral.

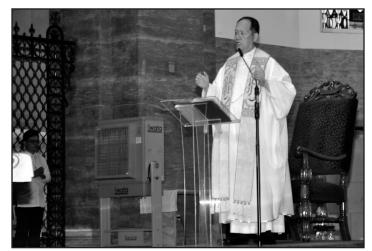
On August 12, 2017, simultaneous Masses were celebrated in the 14 DMI regions of the country as part of the year-long celebration of DMII's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Several hundred DMI sisters coming mostly from Region V filled the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, also known as the Manila Cathedral in Intramuros, Manila for the Eucharistic celebration presided by DMI International Chaplain Fr. Jerome Cruz. The DMII International Officers and Board headed by International Regent Sis. Lelis Pimentel and the Regional Representatives composing the DMII Board attended the Mass. In his homily, Fr. Jerome extended his congratulations to the DMII for reaching such a significant milestone. He traced the roots of the organization from the time the late Jaime Cardinal L. Sin changed the name of the Daughters of Isabella to Daughters of Mary Immaculate. He also paid tribute to the many DMIs who over the years played key roles in the growth and progress of the organization. He also said that we have all the reasons to celebrate as we pursue our missions because God has given meaning to the DMII's very existence. He, however, further said that we should not focus on the missions alone, but on the reason for the work, that it is a response to the message of Jesus.



The offerors during the offertory. From left: Sisters Tess Miranda, Elvie Arambulo, Lelis Pimentel, Laura Cespon, Angie Baes and Ruby Macario.

The International Officers and Board later held its 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting at Patio Victoria, also in Intramuros.



DMI Chaplain Fr. Jerome Cruz delivers his homily.



The DMI International Board before the altar of the Immaculate Conception inside the Cathedral. From left: Sisters Luz Binoya, Sally Estrada, Tess Miranda, Elvie Arambulo, Ruby Macario, Lelis Pimentel, Angie Baes, Virgie Terrado, Zeny Sto. Tomas, Alma Cagampang and Laura Cespon.



Fr. Jerome Cruz and Sis. Lelis Pimentel are flanked by the lay ministers who assisted during the Mass.



# DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE (N.E.) HOSTS REGION II ASSEMBLY

The Regional Assembly of Region II was held last August 19, 2017 at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse in San Jose City, Nueva Ecija. This year's host was the Diocese of San Jose with the assembly theme "Living Mary's Love, Compassion, Care through DMII's Presence and Mission . . . 40 Years and Counting".

It was another "blockbuster" event with about 600 delegates attending the assembly. (It will be remembered that the venue of last year's Region II Assembly on Sept. 10, 2016 had to be moved posthaste from the Maria Assumpta Seminary for the expected 400 delegates to the Crypta at the basement of the new St. Nicholas of Tolentine Cathedral at Lakeshore Village in Cabanatuan City, the only venue that could accommodate the 645 registered participants in the 2016 assembly. The Cathedral is a vast structure that is still unfinished up to now. It was a big challenge, a pleasant one though, for last year's assembly host, the Diocese of Cabanatuan headed by Diocesan Regent Sis. Mila Casares.)

The day's program started with the enthronement and consecration of the image of the Blessed Mother. VIR-Luzon and Region V RR Sis. Ruby Macario and Region II RR Sis. Virgie Terrado led the ceremony.

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VIR-Luzon Sis. Ruby Macario and Region II RR Sis. Virgie Terrado carry the image of the Blessed Mother to her altar during the enthronement and consecration ceremony.



Keynote speaker and Mass celebrant, the Most Rev. Roberto Mallari of the Diocese of San Jose, NE., is met by the assembly hosts.

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Sis. Hilaria Hipolito, diocesan regent of the Diocese of San Jose, welcomes the assembly delegates.



Sis. Virgie Terrado, Region II RR.



Bishop Roberto Mallari delivers his homily and keynote message.



Guests from National with Sis. Agnes Laron (at left), DR of the Diocese of La Union. To her left are Sisters Josie Halog, Sallly Estrada, Milde Tong, Ruby Macario. Cora Afuang and Cathy Pineda.

The Most Rev. Roberto Mallari, D.D., bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, N.E celebrated the Holy Mass. He was at the same time the assembly's keynote speaker. His homily dwelt on this year's celebration of the Parish and the communion of communities as prescribed by the CBCP. He said that the Church is the home of communion, and the parish manifests such communion through love and empathy (meaning compassion and care for each other) by the parish community. He challenged the DMI to respond to the needs of the Church in order to become the home of communion, with the DMI taking the lead in helping the parish bring about the change or transformation required for it to become home of communion. He also exhorted the DMIs to help bring the community closer to God, to learn to reconcile differences (unity in diversity), quoting St. Teresa of Calcutta: "You can do what I cannot do; I can do what you can't do. Together, we can do something beautiful for God.". Lastly, he urged his audience to take the position of a servant, a Mary-like gesture worthy of everyone's emulation. His final message: "Pray hard and constantly and persevere till the end."

Diocesan Regent, Sis. Hilaria Hipolito, assembly host, officially opened the program by welcoming the participants representing the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan (Diocesan Regent (DR) Sis.Lorna Fernandez), the Dioceses of Cabanatuan (DR Sis. Mila Casares), Urdaneta (DR Sis. Luzviminda de Guzman), La Union (DR Sis. Agnes Laron, and the Prelature of Infanta (Vicarial Regent Sis. Violeta Espanol of Aurora).

The afternoon session started with a message from Vice-IR for Luzon Sis. Ruby Macario on behalf of International Regent Sis. Lelis Pimentel who was not able to come. Sis. Ruby conveyed the message to the assembly of Sis. Lelis and informed the participants about the upcoming events in the DMII calendar – the year-long celebration of the organization's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention in Baguio City in May, 2018 which will include the culminating activity of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

The International Mission Chairpersons – Sis. Cora Afuang of Pro-Life, Sis. Milde Tong of Upliftment of Women Workers, Sis. Cathy Pineda of Youth Welfare and Sis. Ruby substituting for Sis. Edna May Landicho of Morality in Media – presented their programs for 2017-2018. DMI Newsette Editor Sis. Sally Estrada was the last speaker who said that the DMI sisters themselves and their work in the missions are the



The Diocese of San Jose, assembly host, led by Diocesan Regent Sis. Hilaria Hipolito during the Parade of Circles.



The Diocese of Cabanatuan, dance contest first prize winner.

most effective tool in promoting the organization to its internal and external publics.

Region II Representative Sis. Virgie Terrado in her message thanked the guests and the hard-working hosts of the Assembly for another successful activity.

Providing a fitting close to the day's program was a dance contest among the different dioceses comprising Region II. The dances that became popular during the decades of the 50s up to the 90s were the contest motif. The first prize went to the Diocese of Cabanatuan with a 50s dance medley. The Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan placed second.

Program hosts were Sisters Josephine Carino and Nicanora Interino of the Diocese of San Jose.



The Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan, second place winner.

## REGION IV HONORS PAST REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES; ASSEMBLY RENEWS DMI SERVICE AND COMMITMENT



Keynote speaker Bro. Alvin Barcelona speaks before assembly participants.

By Sis. Emelita de la Pena, Alternate Regional Correspondent

September 16, 2017 was made special for Region IV not only because it was our Regional Assembly but because of the so many realizations, learning opportunities and privileges, love, care and bountiful blessings that each assembly participant gained. It was a day filled with inspirational talks, messages, homily and sharings, so interrelated and synchronized, that each seemed like a sequel of the one coming before it.

The Regional Assembly of Region IV (Diocese of Malolos), comprising the whole of Bulacan *turn to page 8* 

Region IV Honors... from page 7



Past Region IV Representatives were given tribute for their dedicated service to DMII. From left Diocesan Regent Sis. Aida de la Cruz, Sisters Flor Barcial, Prising Hermogenes, Tesy Villarino, International Regent Sis. Lelis Pimentel, Piling San Juan, Violy Luna, Fely Gallardo and present Region IV RR Sis. Theresa Curia.

Province, was held at *Bulwagang Hermandad* at the St. Martin of Tours Parish in Bocaue, Bulacan. A festive air greeted the assembly delegates as Marian music was played by the Dr. Yanga's Band and pupils of the Parish Day Care Center operated by the DMI Queen of Flowers Circle waved white and yellow flags. It was a sight to behold, evoking among the delegates emotions and a feeling that they had come closer to Jesus and His Mother.

A unique feature of this year's assembly was the tribute and recognition given to the past Regional Representatives of Region IV whose dynamic, selfless, loyal, compassionate and dedicated service to the DMI Diocese of Malolos had helped magnify the Association and given glory to God. Recipients of the tribute were Sis. Agueda Fely Gallardo – RR for 2015-2016, Sis. Violeta Luna – 2013-2014, Sis. Flordeliza Barcial – 2011-2012, Sis. Teresita Villarino – 2009-2010, Sis. Felipa San Juan – 2005

The Dr. Yanga College Band plays Marian music to welcome assembly participants.

-2008, Sis. Priscila Hermogenes -2000-2004, Sis. Heny Rangel – 1992-1995, Sis. Reynila Nicolas – 1989 and Sis. Corazon Capiral (+) - 1978.

Looking back on the history of the DMII in the country, the DMI Diocese of Bulacan had played an important role in the growth and progress of the Association. From the words of Vice-IR for Luzon and Region V RR Sis. Ruby Macario, one of the guests from the International Board, "Leaders have become our heroes and our source of inspiration, *mga bayani at inspirasyon ng ating buhay*." Sis. Ruby also said that in serving the Association, we must strive to be "mainstays", always "open to serve" and looking up to our Mother Mary as the real Leader.

Msgr. Albert Suatengco, our diocesan chaplain, challenged us that we should measure the qualitative benefits of our activities, the enrichment that we are able to generate. He suggested to add the



The pupils of St. Martin of Tours Parish Day Care Center wave flaglets as assembly participants arrive.

word "effective" to the assembly theme "DMII as Active Agents of Transformation in our Parish and Community".

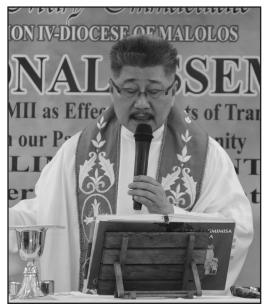
Keynote speaker was Bro. Alvin Barcelona, a much-sought-after Kerygma preacher and writer, who became the channel of the Lord in imparting His message to the DMIs present on servant-leadership, service and commitment, reconnecting with the Lord, vision and mission of the Association and lifting each other in faith. Some significant quotes from his talk:

- "Transformation" comes from the word formation, ang tuloy-tuloy na paghubog sa sarili, through continuous attendance in meetings, assemblies, recollections
- Warning: You may be too busy for the Kingdon and forget about the King
- AKO ANG GRIPO! Instrumento ako para daluyan ng tubig para sa iba at bago dumaloy sa iba ang tubig na ito, ako muna ang dapat mabasa! ANG GRIPO AY DAPAT NAKA-KONEKTA SA SOURCE WHO IS OUR LORD!
- Our leaders become instruments of God. As in the case of our Mother Mary, the message of the Lord was sent through the Archangel Gabriel. Obedience and humility are two most important traits that we should emulate.

- Know your Vision and Mission. Believe.
  Service and commitment are strengthened if we know and believe in our Vision and Mission.
- Sa ating paglalakbay, huwag tayong hihinto at tapusin natin ang ating Laban. Kahit anumang pagsubok ang dumating sa ating buhay, tayo ay hindi pababayaan ng ating Amang Panginoon.(Ref.: You Raise Me Up, inspirational video on Derek Redmond, 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.)

International Regent Sis. Lelis Pimentel presented and discussed in detail the significant plans of the International Board during her term, which included among others the different committees created to assume certain functions essential to the successful operation of the Association. She also related the actual experiences and difficulties encountered by some of the circles and endorsed praying of the 2,000 Hail Marys as part of our devotion to Mary, sharing her personal experiences regarding such devotion.

Vicarial Regent Sis. Emelita de la Pena of the Vicariate of St. Martin of Tours, the Assembly's host vicariate thanked the guests and speakers for sharing their time, effort and knowledge with the Assembly delegates. She also thanked Sis. Ma. Theresa Curia, international secretary and Region IV representative and Diocesan Regent Sis. Aida de la Cruz for the support they extended to make the Region IV Assembly the big success that it was.



*DMI Diocesan Chaplain Msgr. Albert Suatengco celebrates Mass.* 



Bro. Alvin receives a plaque of appreciation. With him in photo are, from left: Sis. Aida de la Cruz, Ruby Macario, Lelis Pimentel and Theresa Curia.

# **CALAMBA CITY HOSTS REGION VI ASSEMBLY**

By Sis. Fortunata Aquino, Region VI Regional Correspondent



Fr. Bitoon (at center) with Pro-Life Regional Coordinator Sis. Norma Eusebio. VR Sis. Teresita Banzon, VIR Sis Ruby Macario, RR Sis. Elvie Arambulo and DR Sis. Isabel Ticzon.

Calamba City in Laguna was the venue of this year's Regional Assembly of Region VI (Diocese of San Pablo) composed of DMI circles in the Province of Laguna held last July 8, 2017 at Central I. Two hundred seven delegates coming from the four vicariates of the Diocese attended the assembly.

The day's program started with the enthronement and consecration of the Blessed Mother. Participating in the ceremony were guests from the International Board headed by International Regent Sis. Rosalinda "Lelis" Pimentel and the Executive Board of Region VI headed by International Treasurer and Region VI Representative Sis. Elvie Arambulo. Afterwards, Sis. Elvie welcomed the assembly participants, citing the important role of the "DMII as an active agent of transformation in the parish and communities", the theme of the assembly.

The Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr. Eugene Fadul, diocesan chancellor and DMII spiritual director, took place after the opening ceremonies.

Speakers during the morning session were International Mission Chairpersons Sis. Ma. Clotilde "Milde" Tong for Upliftment of Women Workers and Sis. Edna May Landicho for Morality in Media.

Sis. Milde presented the four major projects of her mission included in the campaign "*Babae, Boses ng Pagbabago*". These are: (1) Creation of Women's Ministry Group, (2) Conduct of Women's Personality



Registration of delegates was brisk.

Development Program, (3) Implementation of the Magna Carta of Women, and (4) Support Program for OFWs and their families, widows and single parents. She underscored the role of women in society, e.g. their involvement in the fishing industry, women as farmers and as skilled workers, involvement in public service and government, in sports and in business. She also said that the Magna Carta of Women guarantees gender equality and women's rights. Teaching OFWs to save and use their income wisely will eventually provide "*Maligayang Buhay*" for their families.

Sis. Edna May Landicho's slogan for her Morality in Media campaign, "*Mabuting pagka-tao, mabuting Pilipino*", focuses on four major thrusts: (1) Monitoring of (a) print and media, (b) broadcast and film, and (c) social media; (2) Media awareness campaign; (3) Alternative activities for the youth



The host committee gets the assembly kits ready.



*IR Sis. Lelis Pimentel carries the image of the Blessed Mother during the enthronement and consecration ceremony.* 



The parade of circles during the opening ceremony.

to draw them away from gadgets; and (4) Values formation and spirituality. The mission focuses on the character of the individual which will help immeasurably in the DMI's goal of shaping good members of society. She asked the DMIs present to adopt these four major projects and to follow the matrix distributed to all the circles earlier in the preparation of quarterly reports submitted to the National Office through their vicarial and diocesan regents to be turned over to their regional representative.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Sisters Milde and Edna May by Sis. Elvie Arambulo and Diocesan Regent Sis. Loreta Santos.

During the International Regent's Hour, Sis. Lelis Pimentel encouraged the members to participate actively in the parish and community by being vibrant and loving. "*Huwag mag-away-away*." She advised them to focus on the mission thrusts of the DMI with Mother Mary as their inspiration. After all, she added, "*Mga anak tayo ni Maria*."



*Region VI RR Sis. Elvie Arambulo welcomes delegates to the assembly.* 

Keynote speaker Msgr. Jerry Bitoon, vicar general of the Diocese of San Pablo, cited that the parish has been designated as communion of communities during the year 2017. The goal is to discern the quality of faith life in the parish throughout

the country in terms of: (1) fellowship through assembly of the faithful; (2) belongingness with church as the common home; and (3) participation as experienced by every Catholic faithful. He discussed the efforts to be made, the inspiration, the challenge to the church and the church and the Eucharist. In all these, he said that the DMII can be an active agent or participant through: (1) witnessing of teaching, heroic life of charity and unwavering hope in the coming of Christ, (2) fostering of a more inclusive and welcoming church, (3) promotion of a church that reaches out to the least, the last and the lost; (4) encouragement of a church that has preferential option for the poor; and (5) projection of a deeply compassionate church. Msgr. Bitoon ended his speech by reciting the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, as follows: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and

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#### where there is sadness, joy.

In her message, Vice-International Regent Sis. Ruby Macario stressed that the role of the DMII is not merely "*taga-pagpag at taga-bitbit ng damit ni* Father". Instead, the DMI sisters should get along better with others. She cautioned and advised them to guard their tongues, to make promises sparingly, to be interested in others, to discourage gossip and not to dwell on aches and disappointments as well as being anxious about getting credit.

Intermission numbers were jointly presented by DMI sisters from the San Sebastian the Martyr, Our Lady of Miraculous Medal and St. Paul the First Hermit Circles as well as the Theresian, Mother of Life and St. Augustine Circles. The assembly delegates gamely joined in the Chicken Dance performed by the latter group.



Guests from the International Board and Region VI officers pose beside the altar of the Blessed Mother. From left: Past DR Sis. Loreta Santos, Vicarial Regent Sis. Teresita Banzon,. Region VI RR Sis. Elvie Arambulo, IR Sis. Lelis Pimentel, DR Sis. Isabel Ticzon, Upliftment of Women Workers Int'l Chairperson Sis. Milde Tong, Morality in Media Chair Sis. Edna May Landicho and VIR-Luzon Sis. Ruby Macario.



Keynote speaker Fr. Jerry Bitoon speaks before assembly delegates.



The intermission numbers

## From the Diocese of Parañaque (Region V) "Life, Love, and Motherhood" - A Pro-Life Symposium

By Sis. Inday Farol Scribe, Risen Christ Circle

 $\mathcal{A}$ s a tribute to all mothers, most of all the Blessed Mother Mary, on Mothers' Day, the Risen Christ Circle sponsored a Pro-Life symposium on May 6, 2017 at the Holy Eucharist Parish Church in Moonwalk Village, Paranaque City. Sis. Helen de Leon, past International Chairperson for Pro-Life and now chair of Risen Christ's Pro-Life Committee spearheaded the project, assisted by Sis. Linda Chincuanco. Special guests were Sis. Ruby Macario, VIR-Luzon and Sis. Cora Afuang, present International Chairperson for Pro-Life.

Evelina "Beng" Atienza was the

symposium speaker. Ms. Atienza is a staunch pro-life advocate together with her husband of more than 50 years, Buhay Party List Rep. Lito Atienza. They are also proudly pro-family and pro-Catholic.

The couple founded in 1996 A Home for Angels, a foundation caring for neglected, abandoned and abused children. She is also president of Atienza Naturale, Inc., a health and nature-based wellness company with profits going to A Home for Angels. They have six chilldren of their own and two adopted ones with special needs, one mentally challenged and the other, blind.

The Home started when they found an abandoned and neglected baby in a pile of trash near their building. They took care of the baby and soon found other abandoned and neglected infants. Over the years, they have saved over 400 infants. The babies are cared for and arrangements are made for their adoption, both locally and abroad, or for foster care. These children are all healthy and thriving. She cited the case of a baby who was abandoned because he had leukemia. The child now lives a normal life after several treatments.

Ms Atienza said that we have been brainwashed into believing that more children means more problems. This is the "contra-ceptive" mentality. She had had the opportunity to travel and meet with prolife representatives from other countries. A lot of other countries have low numbers of youth. Some countries Ms. Beng Atienza speaks before symposium participants.

have a policy limiting the number of children. This has resulted in few relatives being available to take care of the elderly. So they have resorted to euthanasia for the aged. This is a sad consequence of contraceptives.

"In the Philippines," she said, "we are lucky that 70% of the population is young, and we have a tradition of taking care of our elderly. In fact, we have very few homes for the aged here. This practice is lauded by other countries."

At first, Ms. Atienza was against abortion only. Now she has realized that contraceptives result in mothers killing their own children. She believes this has resulted in acceptance today of the killings of drug pushers and users.

She further related that God seems to look with favor on her special children. When she asks them for prayers, those prayers often get answered. She has asked for the cure of various types of cancer and tuberculosis for people she knows. And several have been cured. These special children are truly special, being blessed by God. Through their prayers, others have lived. Life is a mystery; it comes from God. When her father was dying, the doctor recommended removing all life support. But her husband insisted that everything be done to keep



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him alive. The next day, her father improved and went on to live for ten years more!

Ms. Atienza emphasized that we need to educate everyone on the value of life, specially our leaders. We have bad politicians because good people do not do anything She gave some pointers when electing public officials. Are they pro-family? Are they capable of leading? What have they done for the good of the community? Of the country?

Another project of Ms. Atienza is Hiyas ng Pilipinas. She and Mr. Atienza were Bayanihan dancers where they met. They have continued the tradition of dance. They find street children aged 8 to 10 years old who are gifted in dance. They provide dance lessons, English lessons, baon and transportation money. They



Special guests during the symposium, from left: Past IR Sis. Mila Villanueva, VIR- Luzon Sis. Ruby Macario and Pro-Life International Chairperson Sis. Cora Afuang.

send their scholars to school until college. The senior students then serve as coaches for the younger students.

On the lighter side, Ms. Atienza who is an advocate of natural healing, promotes the use of natural foods vs. constant medication. These are cheaper and readily available. She recommends the botika sa paso -plants such as oregano, ginger, siling labuyo, okra.

Oregano is good for coughs. Okra water which she drinks herself lowers blood sugar.

Sis. Cora Afuang, as reactor to Ms. Atienza's presentation, mentioned the core programs of DMII's Pro-Life Committee and lauded her efforts in working for the success of this mission of the organization.

Also present during the forum were DMI sisters from other circles in the Diocese of Paranaque and parishioners of the Holy Eucharist Parish.



Ms. Atienza receives a token of appreciation from Sisters Lita Guzman, circle regent, Juliet Cruz, diocesan regent of Parañaque and Helen de Leon, Pro-Life chairperson.



The symposiun hosts - the officers and members of Risen Christ Circle.

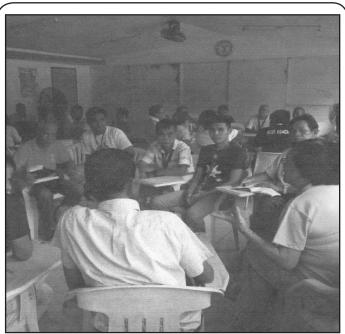
## News Briefs from Mary Mother of the Church Circle



**Interaction with Aetas in Botolan, Zambales.** The DMI sisters of Mary Mother of the Church Circle of BF Resort Village, Las Pinas City traveled to Botolan, Zambales for their outreach, mentoring and interaction with the Aetas of Botolan.



**Oktoberfest for Mama Mary.** A prayer vigil was held at the Plaza de Maria of Mary Mother of the Church Parish. The MMC Circle was assisted by students of Alternative Learning System (ALS) that it sponsors.



**Teaching Strategies For Mentors of Minimum Security Detainees.** Past Diocesan Regent Sis. Sol Eugenio interacts and discusses teaching strategies with mentors of detainees in Minimum Security of Bilibid Prison in Muntinlupa City. Sis. Sol is a retired teacher of De la Salle-Zobel in Ayala Alabang.



**Visit to Missionaries of the Poor Facility.** Members of the Mary Mother of the Church DMI Circle and SMI Circlette visited the Missionaries of the Poor facility in San Andres Bukid, Manila to bring cheer to some 150 children staying in the facility.

## From the Direcse of Cubar (Region V) OUR LADY OF FATIMA CIRCLE OF QC CONDUCTS RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL MEDIA FORUM

The Our Lady of Fatima Circle of Quezon City, Diocese of Cubao held a Forum on the Responsible Use of Social Media last Sept. 9, 2017. The Forum was attended by 80 participants, some of whom were students of schools located within the Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

The speakers, Ms. Armina Criselda Soriano and Ms. Kristel Serra, are social media specialists with several years of extensive experience in using social media and managing social media accounts. They defined social media as web-based communication tools used by people to interact with one another by sharing and consuming information. They explained the various uses of social media, its positive effects, what a user should avoid in social media, and what parents or guardians can do to guide the young users. They also described the different types of social media, their features and uses, and gave tips on how to be a responsible user of social media.

The speakers' message can be summarized thus: Social media is an amazing yet very powerful communication tool. A user can have unlimited connectivity anytime, anywhere. But it can also influence the behavior and attitude of a user.

Their parting thoughts were for social media users to think before they click because of the digital



Forum speaker Armina Criselda Soriano receives a plaque of appreciation after her talk "Social Media 101".

footprint that they leave every time they go online. The speakers warned users to use social media with caution since every post made will be there forever.

To get the pulse of the participants, they were asked to rate the Forum on six points, namely: importance of the forum, acquisition of new information, usefulness of the new information, and performance of speakers during presentation and the open forum. A big majority of those who responded (66 of the 80 participants) gave the forum an over-all rating of "Very Good".

The Forum was a project of the circle's Morality in Media Committee. - Sis. Ditas Esguerra



Participants in the Social Media Forum.



Kristel Serra is awarded a plaque of appreciation for her talk on "Winning at Social Media".

## From the Direese of Imus (Region V) OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CIRCLE CONDUCTS "OPERATION TULI, 2017"

By Sis. Ofel Anda, Chairperson, Pro-Life Committee

The Our Lady Queen of Peace Circle of the Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Queen's Row, Bacoor City, Cavite conducted "Operation Tuli" last May 28, 2017 at the Parish Multi-purpose Hall in coordination with the Mu Sigma Phi of the University of the Philippines College of Medicine.

This year's batch of 77 boys aged 9 to 13 years old heeded our call. Most of the kids were accompanied, as we requested, by either their parents, an older family member or a guardian. Eleven young volunteer doctors performed the circumcision.

The circle last conducted the project some eight years ago but decided to do it again this year due to "insistent public demand". Five circle members who are nurses and nutritionists gave out the prescribed medicines free from our "pharmacy". The other members helped make the makeshift "surgical clinic" closely similar to the comfort and facilities offered by a real one in a hospital.

Each of the patients received the prescribed medicines of 21 Amoxicillin capsules, 3 caps of Mefenamic Acid and Hemostan tablets, all for free. Some of the medical supplies were solicited from the Bacoor Community Health Office. The rest of the medicines – antibiotics and pain relievers, anesthesia, sutures, syringes and sterilizing liquids came from the circle's funds and donations from generous members.

The parents of the boys thanked the Medical Mission Team and the circle for the free yet high quality service and attention their boys received. For their part, the volunteer doctors, feeling fulfilled and satisfied, said that this project of the Our Lady Queen of Peace Circle is one of the best in terms of group support and facilities provided to them.



Boys await their turn during the "Operation Tuli" conducted by the Our Lady Queen of Peace Circle.





The Sto. Nino de Molino Circle sponsored back-to-back lectures on "Immorality in Media" and "Serious Side-Effects of Teenage Pregnancy" recently. The activity was held at the Divine Jesus Learning Center, Pag-asa Subdivision in Bacoor, Cavite. The Circle's Pro-Life and Morallity in Media Committees spearheaded the activity attended by 183 participants composed of students and teachers of the school as well as some DMI members.

## PRO-LIFE/MORALITY IN MEDIA SEMINAR HELD



## From Region VI (Diocese of San Pablo) REGION VI SMIS HOLD 2ND DIOCESAN SPORTSFEST

By Sis. Chodee Amoranto

On June 10, 2017, the Squirettes of Mary Immaculate of Region VI held their second Diocesan Sportsfest at the Laguna Sports Complex in Sta. Cruz. Thirteen SMI circlettes participated in the event, namely: San Lorenzo Ruiz, Sto Rosario, Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, St. Polycarp, St. John the Baptist, Theresian, Mother of Life, St. Augustine, San Antonio de Padua, Our Lady of Salvation, San Sebastian the Martyr, Our Lady of Assumption and St. Bartholomew Circlettes.

The theme of the event was "SMI Youth in Sports for a Healthy Heart, Body and Mind". SMI Coordinator for Luzon Sis. Biennah Villanueva was the guest speaker. Diocesan Regent Sis. Loreta Santos welcomed the participants and guests to the event. Rev. Fr. Michael of Sta. Elena Parish officiated at the Eucharistic celebration held during the event.

Despite the heavy rains when the program started, the activities pushed through as scheduled. The sportsfest developed camaraderie, friendship, leadership and sportsmanship among the participants. It was a friendly competition that enhanced the team spirit among the circlettes.

A special award was given to Squirette Mary Joy Ancheta of the Theresian Circlette for being elected as SMI National Secretary during the 15<sup>th</sup> SMI Biennial Convention held in Cebu in May. Sisters Liza Arpon of the Mother of Life Circle and Marlyn Ronquillo of San Lorenzo Ruiz Circle also received citations for helping the Squirettes in their dance presentation.

San Lorenzo Ruiz Circlette of San Pedro City garnered the over-all championship by winning the top position in four of the seven events. The Circlette was also overall champion last year. The St. Polycarp Circlette placed second and St. John the Baptist Circlette, third place. The top three winners received trophies and cash prizes.



The SMI Sportsfest participants in formation for the opening ceremony.



A tug-of-war in progress.

**NATIONAL MARIAN CONGRESS ON THE APPARITIONS OF FATIMA.** The SMX Convention Center at the MOA Complex in Pasay City was the venue of the National Marian Congress on the Apparitions of Fatima on July 7, 2017. Among those who attended the Congress were the DMIs of the Diocese of San Pablo headed by Sis. Elvie Arambulo, Region VI RR, and Sis. Norma Eusebio, Pro-Life chairperson who is custodian of a pilgrim image of Our Lady of Fatima given to the Diocese. The group, in their gala uniform and holding battery-operated candles, escorted the image of Our Lady of Fatima in the procession preceding the enthronement and consecration ceremony. They were invited to the Congress by Bro. Vincent Aranas, custodian of the Missionary Pilgrim Image of Fatrima and board member of Rosary for Life Philippines. Ms. Angelyn Dee retold the story of the Messages of Fatima during the Congress.





**BIRTHDAY FETE FOR DMI DIOCESAN CHAPLAIN.** Rev. Fr. Eugene Fadul diocesan chancellor and DMI diocesan chaplain, was given a birthday fete last May 23, 2017 at the Villa Leonila Events Place in San Vicente, Binan, Laguna. The DMII Region VI Executive Board headed by RR Sis. Elvie

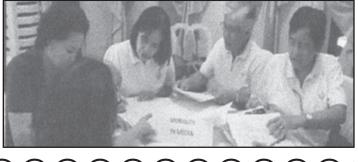


Arambulo and DR Sis. Loreta Santos were among those who greeted the birthday celebrator.



**NEW DIOCESAN REGENT FOR THE DIOCESE OF SAN PABLO.** Sis. Isabel Ticzon, vicarial regent of the Vicariate of St. Paul the First Hermit, is the new Diocesan Regent DR) of the Diocese of San Pablo (Region VI). She assumed the position from Outgoing DR Sis. Loreta Santos at a simple turn-over ceremony during the Executive Board Meeting of Region VI in Pila, Laguna last June 25, 2017. Sis. Ligaya Urrizas, regent of St. Bartholomew Circle took over the vicartial regent position vacated by Sis. Isabel.

**DIOCESAN WORKSHOP FOR THE DMI MISSIONS HELD** – The Diocese of San Pablo (Region VI) held a workshop on the DMII Missions at the K & C Meeting Room, San Pablo Cathedral in San Pablo City. Diocesan Regent Sis. Isabel Ticzon discussed the National Mission Programs of the DMII for 2017-18. as well as the prescribed report format for each mission. The vicarial and circle regents and mission chairpersons who attended the workshop discussed the respective concerns of each thrust, then drew up the projects and activities they plan to undertake under each mission program, These were reported at plenary afterwards. Sis. Elvie Arambulo, Region VI RR and Sis. Loreta Santos, past DR, also attended the workshop.



**DIOCESE OF IMUS DMIs ATTEND WORKSHOP FOR THE MISSIONS.** Heeding the call of International Regent Sis. Lelis Pimentel for DMIs to focus on the organization's five missions, Diocesan Regent Sis. Emilie Ramos initiated a seminar- workshop last July 8, 2017. It

was held at the Biluso Conference Hall of the Divine Mercy Church attended by mission chairpersons, circle regents and key officers of the seven circles in the Diocese. Sis. Emilie discussed the Accomplishment Report Form prescribed by the National Office for the missions. Workshop groups were organized for each of the DMI missions facilitated by the Diocesan Mission chairpersons. The circles reported their first semester activities and planned projects for the rest of the year. The workshop outputs were reported during the plenary session which the circles brought home with them to serve as their roadmap in conducting mission projects in the coming days. - By Sis. Catherine Longcob, Regent, Sto. Nino de Molino Circle



### From Region VII

## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS HELD IN NASUGBU, BATANGAS

Simultaneous with the Anniversary Mass held as part of the year-long 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the DMII at the Manila Cathedral last August 12, 2017, masses were also held in various parts of the country.

In Nasugbu, Batangas, a Holy Mass was celebrated at the St. Francis Xavier Parish Church attended by various circles in the Archdiocese of Lipa, namely the Mary Mediatrix of All Grace Circle of Balayan, Marian Circle of Lian, St. Anthony of Padua Circle of Bgy. Kaylaway and Our Lady of Peace Circle both of Nasugbu. Rev. Fr. Vicente Ramos, parochial vicar of St. Francis Xavier Parish was mass celebrant.

Following the Mass was the long conferral of seven new DMI sisters. Diocesan Regent Sis. Precy Butor of the



The Squirettes get ready for their investiture.

Archdiocese of Lipa and Circle Regent Sis. Rosario Apacible of Our Lady of Peace Circle led the Long Conferral Team in conducting the ceremony. Forty-seven Squirettes were also invested on the same day by the officers of the Our Lady of Peace Circlette. - By Sis. Rosalie St. John.



The DMIs who participated in the Anniversary Mass.



Squirettes during their investiture ceremony.

### From Region VIII

## LITTLE FLOWER CIRCLE: PRO-LIFE FORUM TACKLES "RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD"

he Little Flower Circle of Iriga City, Diocese of Caceres partnered with the Iriga City Population Office headed by Popcom Officer Ms. Evelyn Bernales in sponsoring a Forum on Responsible Parenthood recently. It was held at the Iriga City Ceremonial Grandstand.

The forum covered such topics as the correct age of marriage, the adverse effects of getting married when not yet ready to assume the responsibilities of parenthood and the proper care and rearing of children.

The forum was initiated by the circle's Pro-Life Committee headed by Chairperson Sis. Mela Boquiron. Regent of Little Flower Circle is Sis. Sol Vargas. DMI sisters from the St. Maria Goretti Circle also attended the forum.



Photo shows the participants in the Forum on Responsible Parenthood.Seated in front are the forum organizers Sisters Nina Damot, Marita Bagayana and Mela Boquirron of Little Flower Circle's Pro-Life Committee.

### From Region XI

## **TOWER OF IVORY CIRCLE ADOPTS THE 2000 HAIL MARYS DEVOTION**

By Sis. Yolly U. Dagandan, Region XI Representative

he DMIs of the Tower of Ivory Circle of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Tacloban City, Diocese of Palo in Region XI started the 2000 Hail Marys devotion last June 3, 2017, a first Saturday.

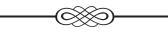
The activity was held at the residence of Region XI RR Sis. Yolly Dagandan at the V & G Subdivision in Tacloban City. Officers and members of the Tower of Ivory Circle first attended the 5:30 AM Mass at the parish church. They were accompanied by Dr. Rosenda Cativo, a parish visionary. One hundred Hail Marys were prayed after each of the 20 petitions accompanied by the lighting of 20 votive candles.

Started at 8:30 AM after a light breakfast, the devotional prayers ended at 7 PM.

The 2000 Hail Marys devotion will be done once a month. Venue for the month of July was the residence of Sis. Agnes Mira, circle treasurer.



The altar of the Blessed Mother during the 2000 Hail Marys devotion.



From Region XII

# REGIONAL MEETING HELD IN BUTUAN CITY

The regional officers' meeting of Region XII held last Sept. 3, 2017 was attended by active DMI members of the Diocese of Butuan who will host this year's Region XII Assembly. Region XII Representative Sis. Tess Miranda and SMI Coordinator for Mindanao Sis. Annie Ty presided the meeting. The Diocese of Butuan is composed of the Province of Agusan del Sur, Butuan City, Surigao del Sur, Cagayan de Oro City Gingoog City and Buikidnon The meeting was held at the Bishop's Hall of St. Joseph Cathedral in Butuan City.

Included in the meeting agenda were:

1. The upcoming Region XII Assembly to be held on November 18-19, 2017 at Almont Inland Resort Hotel, J.C. Aquino Avenue in Butuan City. By Sis. Sheila O. Peji, Region XII Correspondent



DMI sisters who attended the Region XII Meeting. Sisters Tess Miranda and Annie Ty are shown among those seated in front.

2. The year-long DMII 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration launched in Antipolo City, the birthplace of the organization, last May, 2017.

### From Region XIII

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CIRCLE SPONSORS UPLIFTMENT OF WOMEN WORKERS PROJECT

The St. Francis of Assisi Circle of Ma-a, Davao City successfully carried out a Manicure and Pedicure Skills Training recently. The activity was spearheaded by the circle's Upliftment of Women Workers Committee.

Attending the training seminar were 15 women composed of out-of-school youth, single mothers and women who need additional income to sustain the family.

Ms. Fatima Canezal, the trainor, is a beauty care teacher of Ma-a National High School. She is also an NCII certified by TESDA. The training, done in 10



The graduates of the Manicure/Pedicure Training Seminar with the DMI sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Circle during the graduation ceremony.

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The scheduled activities are the Masses to be held all over the country simultaneous with the Mass at the Manila Cathedral in August, the Mission Week in November, the Walk/Dance with Mary in February, 2018 and the culminating event to be held in Baguio City during the 21<sup>st</sup> DMII Biennial Convention in May, 2018.

- 3. The preparations being made for the 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention to be held at the CAP Convention Center at Camp John Hay in Baguio City in May, 2018.
- 4. The programs for the missions drawn up by the International Mission Chairpersons, the

By Sis. Emma M. Palanca, Regional Coordinator for Upliftment of Women Workers Committee

sessions, was held every Sunday. Aside from the skills learned, the participants were also taught basic personal good grooming, self-discipline and good attitude, the importance of sanitation and proper sterilization of tools used and the wearing of masks while at work to avoid the spread of disease-causing germs.

The seminar ended on May 20, 2017 at St. Claire Hall of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Church with a simple graduation ceremony. The successful trainees were awarded certificates and a kit each containing the tools and supplies needed to start their livelihood venture.



A training session in progress.

prescribed reporting format for the missions and CDs for DMI ceremonies including the exemplification of new members, processional for the enthronement and consecration of the image of Mother Mary during DMI assemblies and conferences and others.

5. The designation of Sis. Sheila Peji as the correspondent for Region XII of the *DMI Newsette*.

An open forum was held towards the end of the meeting. The delegation from Agusan del Sur received an award for having the most number of participants in the meeting.



September is here again. Not only am I reminded that soon, Christmas songs will start to be aired. But more importantly, September is the month when we celebrate the birthday of the Mother of Jesus.

Talking about Mama Mary's birthday, I remember that my sister posted on Facebook the devotion of 3 Hail Marys. Sorry, I had no time to research her source. I don't remember the details either. But its impact on me is this: that when you wish to pray for a very special intention, when something breaks your heart or troubles your mind, when you feel hopeless, helpless and restless, you can offer 3 Hail Marys and miracles may happen.

I read it casually and almost forgot about it, until I saw some news on television and read the newspapers which literally took away my peace. I could not understand how wrong things have gone, and which even our lawmakers have deemed as acceptable. I wanted to get angry, but on whom do I vent my anger? I wanted to cry, but my anguish couldn't wash away the tears that at times refused to fall. I am not the one directly persecuted but I could feel all the values I learned while growing up going down the drain. And the public institutions on which we depend for protection and for the country's growth and progress are slowly disintegrating right before my very eyes. I felt violated. . . and helpless, hopeless, restless.

I closed my eyes and remembered the devotion to the 3 Hail Marys. Instantaneously, I clasped my hands and prayed the Hail Marys as I never prayed before. Holy Mary, pray for us. Holy Mary, I don't know what to do, what to think, what to feel, how to react. Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus, pray for us.

So, did Mary come to my rescue? Did the miracles that I was hoping for happen? Unfortunately, not. But I noticed that some things within me changed. Praying the Hail Marys made me realize the following:



 Those moments of anguish were invitation for me to lift up my gaze to the Lord. I felt like I understood the anguish of Mary as she held the dead body of Jesus at the foot of the cross.

International Secretary and Region IV Representative



- God asks us to carry the cross of the world and be agents of salvation for others, for the suffering world.



 But things do not change overnight, nor because of our prayers. Things in life have their rhythm, and sometimes they have to follow a full course for many things to change. Even Jesus said: "Do not uproot the weeds lest in the process, you also uproot the wheat."

- Clasping my hands in prayer and surrendering to the fact that I need the help of Mary taught me patience. It taught me to surrender everything to the Lord. And to whisper to myself: In His time, things will happen. In His time He makes all things beautiful. In His time . . .



- So perhaps, my prayers are not the ones which can change the world. Rather, in praying, I connect with the sufferings of the world . . . and carrying the cross of my country and my family is a way by which I am able to signify my desire to carry the cross of Christ, and be like Mary.



Like Mary, I am invited to hold the dying world in my arms and grieve over it. I am asked to hold the pains and problems of my children in my heart and in my arms so that I can realize that I am not a superwoman when Cod expects to achy all the problems

whom God expects to solve all the problems that I see. I must hold them all in my arms and wait for the Spirit to take over.



 Praying the Hail Marys made me calm, taught me to trust, enabled me to wait and to "let go and let God". Sometimes it is good to know that I cannot plan for

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everything, nor can I solve all the problems.



Praying the Hail Mary made me look at how Mary held her dead Son in her arms, and still trusted that the Father knows best. I remember the Pieta and realize that her face was serene, very peacefully serene. She was grieving but totally at peace . She seems to tell me that God is in charge here.



It taught me patience, it taught me surrender and it gave me peace. I heard Mary say again: God is in charge of your life and of the world.

The Hail Marys that I recite are not necessarily for the people and the world who need help. They are for me, so that I can find peace and trust and surrender and trust some more. And when I am at peace, I can radiate waves of positive energy into the world. I can be a source of strength and refuge for my family, for my co-workers and for our community. When I am at peace, I do not radiate stress, confusion, anger, negative energy, lack of hope and impatience. When I am at peace, I do not rush nor pressure those around me. When I pause and am at peace, I stop thinking and I stop imagining that everything depends on me. I feel helpless, so I cling to the mantle of Mary. And I can wait. Mary tells me "God is in charge."

Happy birthday, Mama Mary. The whole world is blessed because you were born.

## 21st DMII Biennial Convention DMII's 40th Founding Anniversary PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - NO REGISTRATION ON SITE. Α B. REGISTRATION FEE - includes convention kit, packed A.M./P.M. Snacks, packed Lunch, packed Dinner C. CIRCLE FEE per Circle, with or without attendees Maximum seating capacity at CAP Convention Center is 2,000; first come, first D. served; reservation will be closed once this number is reached.

- Fax name of the circle, participants, and deposit slip to the DMII Office c/o Sis. E. Josie Halog at (02) 8109530 or send them through email to: josiehalog@yahoo.com
- Seating arrangement theatre type / rows to be marked per region F.
- G. Food distribution (meal stubs must be presented): May 18 pm snack (packed) – upon registration (CAP Convention Center lobby) May 18 dinner (packed) – Garden Wing (distribution/dining chairs set-up) May 19 am snack (packed) - to be distributed inside the convention hall May 19 lunch (packed) – Garden Wing (distribution/dining chairs set-up) May 19 pm snack (packed) - to be distributed inside the convention hall May 19 dinner (packed) – Garden Wing (distribution/dining chairs set-up) May 20 am snack (packed, to go) - Garden Wing (distribution) Note: Garden Wing - dining chairs are set up; to maintain order, distribution of food will be thru one (1) circle/vicarial/diocesan representative upon presentation of meal stubs Alternative dining venue - inside the convention hall, ground level Bringing of food/eating - NOT allowed at the balcony area
- For the Fellowship Night on May 18, the theme would be Evolution of Dance, with the following Area assignments:
  - 40s to 50s Visayas (Regions 9 to 11)
  - 60s to 70s Luzon (Regions 1 to 8)
  - 80s to 90s Mindanao (Regions 12 to 14)

Each region must have a presentation. There shall be a total of 14 presentations in all.

Modified Souvenir Program - Coffee Table Book (hard-bound cover) will be printed, featuring 40 years of DMII with Souvenir Program Messages/Ads

Theme:

"Living Mary's LOVE, **COMPASSION, CARE Through DMII's Presence and Mission** ... 40 Years and Counting!"

#### **PROGRAMME:**

| DAY 1 - MAY 18, FRIDAY<br>REGISTRATION<br>OPENING<br>MASS /<br>KEYNOTE ADDRESS<br>FELLOWSHIP/<br>40TH ANNIVERSARY<br>CELEBRATION                                  | 1:00 PM<br>2:00 PM<br>3:00 PM<br>6:00 PM   |
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| DAY 2 – MAY 19, SATURDAY  |  |
| TALK 1<br>MISSION 1<br>MISSION 2<br>SNACKS<br>MISSION 3<br>MISSION 4<br>MISSION 5<br>LUNCH<br>TALK 2<br>TALK 3<br>SNACKS<br>PLENARY SESSION<br>ELECTION<br>DINNER | 8:00 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>9:45 AM<br>10:00 AM<br>10:30 AM<br>10:45 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>11:30 AM<br>1:30 PM<br>2:30 PM<br>4:30 PM<br>4:30 PM<br>5:00 PM |
| DAY 3 – MAY 20, SUNDAY  |  |
| MASS<br>STAR AWARD  | 8:00 AM<br>9:30 AM   |
| CLOSING   | 10:30 AM   |
| SNACKS TO GO  |  |

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