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100 YEARS FOR SAN SEBASTIAN BASILICA AND THE CANONICAL CORONATION OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

A cluster of colorful and dazzling presentations, packaged into a month-long celebration focused on San Sebastian Basilica, this year celebrating its first one hundred years anniversary, 1891-1991.

After months of planning and preparation, and hard work, to date, the following have all been firmed up in preparation for the parish's First Centennial on August 15, and the Canonical Coronation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, set for August 18, 1991.

- Constitution of the various working committees;
- Restoration and repair of the German Pipe organ;
- Gold leafing of the church's altar;
- Arrangement with the Department of Tourism for the lighting of the church;
- Cleaning and polishing of the church's chandeliers'
- Firming up of the program of activities covering a period for one month from July to August 18, 1991;
- Setting up of different activities, preparatory, and in connection with celebration;
 - Strengthening of the basic Ecclesial Council (BEC)
 - Revival of the Cursillo program, Women's Division;
 - Boosting of the Catechetical program and youth formation;
 - Inter-Recoletos Basketball Tournament;
 - Intra-Parish Basketball Tournament;
 - Intra-Vicarial Invitational Basketball Tournament.

- Sending of invitations to different church dignitaries who will perform various significant roles in the celebration, mainly as Celebrants and Homilists during the Eucharistic highlights of the occasion, and likewise invitation for messages for the souvenir program;
- Constitution of the committee to take charge of the preparation and printing of the souvenir program commemorating the parish's First Centennial Coronation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel;
- Receipt of the papal Bull with the approval for the Canonical Coronation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel;
- Documentation and Publicity of the activities highlighting the occasion;
- Printing of T-shirts, Postcards, and fabrication of medallions commemorating the occasion;
- Approval of budget for the repainting of the exterior of the church, and the interior lighting through the Department of Tourism.

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SSC-R CAVITE TURNS 25

The SSC-R Cavite turned 25th this year, with celebrations last February 20-22, 1991. The three-day celebration was woven around the theme, "SSC-R 25 Years and Beyond of Excellent Service: A Recollect Commitment to the Cavitenos."

The rites started with a parade in the afternoon of February 21, starting at Samonte Park, and ending the SSC-R grounds, participated in by high school and collegiate students from the Cavite Recoletos.

Immediately after the colorful parade, Miss Sharon Dones of the High School Department, (IV-D) was crowned, Miss San Sebastian '91, the major titlist, while from the college department, Miss Lilibeth Panghulan, LIA-1.

February 21 ended with a well-attended disco, sponsored by the SSC-R Administration, which began at 7:00 PM till 12:00 midnight.

A concelebrated mass at 6:00 AM opened day, February 22, followed by ball games, basketball and volleyball.

Simultaneous with the ball games, a Testimonial luncheon was tendered by the administration in honor of faculty-service awardees.

Awarded for twenty years of Service at SSC-R, were Liwayway Abunda, Adorable Martinez and Soledad de la Cruz. In the 10-year service awards category there were several honorees: Carolina Hufana; Cynthia Reyes; Melissa Puti; Romeo Almario; Rustico Cabuhad; Lourdes de los Santos; Dennis Hufana; Lorna Ducoy; Eugenia Zaragoza; Sonia Barzoga; Beatriz Celestino and Crescenciana Salonga.

A mass demonstration was presented by selected high school and collegiate students in the afternoon, at the SSC-R basketball court, and followed by a cultural night, depicting the decades of dance and music, from the 60's to the

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RECOLETOS CAVITE IS TOP SCHOOL IN CPA EXAM

Commissioner Julio B. Francia Jr. of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has announced the names of ten schools in the country, whose graduates obtained highest percentage of passing in the Certified Public Accountants examination.

The schools are classified into two groups based on the number of examinees as follows: Group-I-twenty or more examinees, and Group-II-ten to 19 examinees.

San Sebastian Recoletos of Cavite City belongs to Group-II and placed 4th. SSC-R is number 9 of the Ten Top CPA schools in the CPA examinations.

The successful examinees were: De Guzman, Aba Liaz; Evangelista, Nilo; Ignacio, Raquel; Jadman, Rosalinda; Pitagan, Ariel; Tinitigan, Joel, and Yutatco, Gloriosa.

SSC HIGH SCHOOL PAYS TRIBUTE TO ALUMNUS ORBOS

Dubbed Double "O" Day by the High School Department, March 11, 1991 a Monday presented a program featuring Executive Secretary Oscar Orbos, and alumnus of the SSC High School.

Starting at 9:00 AM, the presentation drew the entire San Sebastian College community to the Auditorium, the bulk of which was made up of the high school students, led by their teachers, plus Mr. Ramon Avelino, Principal of the high school department.

Approximately fifty students bearing placed were all over the auditorium placards bearing texts, like "Okay Ka Oca." "We Want You to Be our Next President," and other very positive messages, all endorsing the short but significant record of Secretary Orbos, as member of the House of Representatives, Secretary of Transportation, and currently, the President's Executive Secretary, all in a span of approximately one year.

The college administration was visibly present, led by the president, Fr. Lauro Larlar, OAR, Vicar Provincial, Fr. Victor Lluch, OAR, with the members of the community of fathers all looking forward to the arrival of Sebastianian Orbos, a few minutes before the start of the program.

Editor's Note: This issue reproduces the call of Vicar Provincial, Fr. Victor Lluch for contributions from all the OAR sectors all over the country, to have their share in this publication.

This is in reference to the updating of the Vicariate's bulletin "Recoletos Observer."

This office in behalf of the staffers of the Recoletos Observer wants you to know that we are not receiving a fair share of reports and infos about your community school or parish. Obviously, our desire to streamline our system of communication among ourselves in the spirit and vision of establishing a stronger Recoletos solidarity in our Vicariate is to present every issue of our Recoletos Observer anchored on an evenly and proportionate contributions of reports and news articles coming from our O.A.R. apostolates.

We feel therefore that there is a need to systematize our remittance of contributions of news items and reports from all our apostolates by creating a set of people who will be made responsible in behalf of their school, parish or community to regularly send their news items or reports to the office of the Recoletos Observer's Editor. I am confident that I can count on your Reverence full and generous cooperation on this "Cor Unum" oriented project.

May I then kindly request you to submit the name of your report-contributor to this office not later than the 4th of August 1991. Moreover, please be reminded that the monthly report of the article and news items will be handed in to the office of the Editor within the last week of every month beginning this last week of August 1991.

Thanking you for your usual generosity and wishing you the best of health and prosperity, I remain.

In Christ,

Rev. Fr. Victor L. Lluch, OAR
Vicar Provincial



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CAVITE PRISAA kicks off...

After a long spell, the Private Schools Athletic Association was revived last year and is now in its second year of re-existence. The Cavite PRISAA opened last August 17 with De La Salle University - EAC as host. The participating colleges include DLSU-EAC, Imus Institute, Saint Joseph College and San Sebastian College-Recoletos, Cavite City. The SSC-R delegation was headed by the college president, Rev. Fr. Walthrode Conde and the other members of the SSC-OAR community - Rev. Fr. Lino Agunod and Rev. Fr. Joseph Granada. The SSC-R contingent included a basketball team, a women's volleyball team, a men's volleyball team, two chess players, two table tennis players and ten track and field players backed by the P.E. instructors.

Despite the heavy rains and muddy roads leading to the Palaruang La Salle, all the participating colleges came in full force. The Program started on time

and was graced by Dasmariñas Mayor Cantimbuhan and Miss Lanie Mercado who was one of the judges in the Miss Cavite PRISAA pageant. Miss Sheryll Campos of DLSU-EAC captured the audience and the judges by her charm and wit which eventually won for her the title.

DLSU wins over SSC-R by a point

San Sebastian College-Recoletos basketball team missed the opening game of the CAVITE-PRISAA by a single basket when it lost to the DLSU-EAC quintet. It was a hardly fought forty minutes of basketball and San Sebastian seemed to be in control of the game until the dying seconds. The first half looked to be dominated by DLSU-EAC but with 1:10 minutes left Alvarez made

two baskets to tie the game at 32 all. But with 20 seconds more before the end of first half, DLSU-EAC was ahead 37-32. The score after the first half was 39-34 in favor of DLSU-EAC.

The second half saw SSC-R moving ahead with the leadership of Arias, Gayac, and Cuevas. With two minutes left before the end of the game, SSC-R was ahead 67-75; with 28 seconds left SSC-R was still on the lead 69-75. But a sudden turn of events saw SSC-R collapsing. Turn overs and fouls during the dying seconds of the game gave the victory to DLSU-EAC. With 4 seconds left SSC-R tried desperately to overcome the one point margin posted by the opponent, but they did not make it.

PRISAA '91

- WINNERS -

Over-all Champion	:	San Sebastian College-Recoletos
Champion	:	Volleybal (Men)
	:	Basketball
	:	Table Tennis (Men)
Runner-up	:	Volleyball (Women)
Gold : 100 m-dash	:	Francis Alvin Aquino
Discus Throw	:	Richard de Guia
Silver : 800 m	:	Gerald Del Moro
Shot Put	:	Richard De Guia
Bronze : Discus Throw	:	Arnold Negrosa
800 m	:	Arnold Negrosa
Third Place: Chess	:	Roderick Basa

PRISAA '91

- Extemporaneous Speech
Silver Medal — Joel Abundo LI3ECO
 - Declamation (Filipino)
Gold Medal — Ramil De Guzman LIA2
 - Vocal Due
Gold Medals — Mary Ellen Grimes and Robin Alonzo
 - Solo Songwriting Contest
Gold Medal — Edgardo Muncal
- Back-up Artists
- Teddy Malumay
 - Ramir Samuel
- Modern Dance
Silver Medals — SSC-R Little Theatre Guild Dancers

CONSOLATION PARISH-RECOLETOS CELEBRATES SECOND ANNUAL FEAST

Religious fervor and enthusiasm combined with the pride of achievement and unity among the parishioners marked the celebration of the second annual feast of Our Lady of Consolation at the Consolacion Parish-Recoletos in Laray, Inayawan-San Roque, Talisay, Cebu on Saturday, August 3, 1991. The feat was memorable not only for the arrival of numerous devotees of Our Lady of Consolation but also for its propensity to consolidate the efforts of the parishioners toward making the feast the success that it was. With Rev. Fr. Faustino L. Paglinawan, OAR as the motivating force behind all the religious observances, the feast retained its aura of devotion marked by the awareness that a feast is held not for merry-making but for invoking the intercession of the Blessed Mother who is our Life, our Sweetness, our Hope, and our Joy.

Prior to the feast day celebration, Fr. Paglinawan initiated a series of Mass-novenas in honor of Our Lady of Consolation. Each Mass-novena was sponsored by organizations and individuals.

The day of the feast itself was graced by the presence of His Eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal, who concelebrated the Holy Mass with twenty-five priests. The liturgical hymns were rendered by three groups of sixty-seven voices comprising the choirs of Laray, Kimba and San Roque.

It may be recalled that the Church of Nuestra Señora de la Consolacion in Laray was built by the Order of Augustinian Recollects in compliance with a mandate from His Eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal, who assigned the barangays of Inayawan, El Pardo, and San Roque, Talisay to comprise what is now Consolacion Parish-Recoletos. Designated as the First Pastor of the Parish is Rev. Fr. Faustino L. Paglinawan, OAR.

With the care of souls entrusted to him, and like the Good Shepherd himself, Fr. Tinong, as he is fondly called by all, earnestly summoned the cooperation of individuals and parish organizations to make the feast a success. Performing important roles in the preparations for the feast were the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Organization, Confraternity of Santo Niño, Apostolate of Prayer, Devotees of the Holy Face, Dawn Rosarians, Catholic Charismatic Movement, Legion of Mary, Knights of the Altar, Third Order of the Augustinian Recollects, Cofradia de San Jose, Lay Ministers, the choirs of Laray, Kimba and San Roque, benefactors, devotees, and friends of Fr. Tinong.

Outside of this major involvements, there are some other minor activities which are more or less related to the celebration, albeit peripheral in nature, all set for implementation starting with the month of July 1991.

With the onset of July, on a Saturday to Sunday basis, cultural programs have been scheduled, and as of this date participants have been busy setting the stage for these presentations, set to be staged at the parish ground, fronting the basilica.

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DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF CARMEL

Confraternity of Our Lady of Carmel

The main devotion of Our Lady of Carmel is the wearing of the Brown Scapular. As early as 1650, the superior of the Carmelite province of Andalucia in Spain authorized the prior of San Sebastian to bless and impose the scapulars. Msgr. Juan Velez set up the Cofradia de Carmen (Confraternity of Our Lady of Carmel).

In 1691, the prior general of the Carmelite Order sanctioned this earlier organization. Since the Carmelite Order was not established in the Philippines, the Augustinian Recollects were the only ones authorized to canonically set up the Cofradia.

To date, we have set up units of the Confraternity in the different schools within the parish. At the moment, the use of the Brown Scapular in honor of Our Lady of Carmel, has been spreading nationwide, specially among students, and in particular, among Recollects students, friends and benefactors. This only proves that people's devotion to Our Lady of Carmel, is by no means confined within the perimeter of San Sebastian Church, where the image had been enshrined for many long years. These devotees are secured in themselves that the Brown Scapular that they wear, at anytime or any place, they are safe from harm, by Her protective arms.

RECOLLECT PARISH IN VALENCIA ON ITS WAY TO THE FIRST DIOCESAN SYNOD OF DUMAGUETE

VALENCIA PARISH ACTIVITIES BARED

The Valencia Parish Synodal Committee has submitted its Working Papers to the Diocesan Synodal Committee last August 10, 1991. The Working Papers contained the so-called Batch 1 documents that incorporated the results of the consultations with the parishioners conducted by the Committee on the Commissions of the Laity, Youth, Family Life and Social Action.

On the other hand, the members of the Batch 2 which consists of the Commissions on the Clergy, Bible Apostolate, Catechetics and Liturgy are now preparing for their Working Papers and have scheduled their consultations among the different barangays of the Parish.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Maria G. Cepe, Chairman of the Education Division of the Parish Pastoral Council spearheaded the conduct of Bible Study which started last July 21, 1991 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. for the younger generation and from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. for the adult group. The lecturers for the morning session are Ms. Exequila Anqui and Mrs. Purificacion Jayan, while the afternoon group has Mrs. Andrea Catarata as lecturer, assisted by Mr. Pablo Carino.

Rev. Fr. Arnio Z. Visitacion, O.A.R., who is the Assistant Parish Priest of the Parish of Our Lady of the Abandoned is closely supervising the above activities.

90's. In this cultural show, high school and college students, plus selected faculty members participated enthusiastically.

Led by SSC-R President, Fr. Walthrode B. Conde, OAR, the organizers of the SSC-R 25th Foundation celebration were: Fr. Lino Agunod, OAR; Fr. Joseph Granada, OAR; Fr. Federico de la Rosa, OAR; Dr. Revelino Garcia; Ma. Theresa Giron; Mrs. Liwayway Abundo; Mr. Dennis Hufana, and Mrs. Victoria Langila.

EDITORS NOTE: FOR THIS ISSUE, THIS PUBLICATION IS FEATURING SOME LETTERS FROM OUR READERS—

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Dear Father Editor,

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the special edition of your Official Information Bulletin of the IV Centenary issue.

We congratulate and rejoice with you and Your Order in the 400th Centenary celebrations, and we assure you of our prayers.

Yours devotedly in Christ;

FR. JAIME M. YAKIT, OFM
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A quien corresponda:

Reciban un fraternal saludo de parte de la comunidad del seminario San Agustin, que se sienten agradecidos por sus atenciones y servicios.

De la manera mas atenta les queremos comunicar con mas insistencia nuestra nueva direccion empresa en esta hoja de presentacion (parte superior). Para que su correspondencia no llegue mas a la antigua direccion: PP Agustinos Recoletos Tres Cruces No. 23. Delg. Coyoacan.

Y a la vez deseando que su folleto nos sigan llegando que tanto ayuda a la comunidad

Atentamente

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