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## OAR HONORS NEW SAINT

Holy Father led in ceremonies  
at Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep., S.A.



**ST. EZEKIEL MORENO**

(1848-1906)

The national celebration of the canonization of St. Ezekiel Moreno culminated with a concelebrated Mass at San Sebastian Basilica, Manila on October 11. It was the same day that the Holy Father made his pastoral visit in the Dominican Republic and there formally declared him as one worthy of universal devotion.

Bishop Camilo Gregorio graced the Solemn Thanksgiving Mass at six in the evening along with two other bishops and more than forty guest priests, both religious and diocesan. Our Augustinian Recollect houses all over the Philippines sent representations to the national celebration in Manila even as they also held Thanksgiving Masses on the occasion of the canonization of St. Ezekiel Moreno in their respective communities. Our Augustinian Recollect Sisters also witnessed the Thanksgiving Rites, in fact, the largest delegation of religious sisters to attend.

The San Sebastian Basilica was unbelievably filled to its capacity for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Countless visitors and parishioners including non-OAR constituents attended the Thanksgiving Mass in which the Declaration from the Congregation on the Causes of Saints was solemnly read, a picture of the new Saint was unveiled atop the *retablo* of San Sebastian, and an image of St. Ezekiel Moreno was raised in a conspicuous place near the sanctuary. Immediately after the thanksgiving ceremonies, the blessing of the life-size statues of St. Ezekiel Moreno and St. Magdalena of Nagasaki was done in front of the San Sebastian Convent.

Early in the day, the Committee on Exhibits sponsored the cutting of ribbons formally inaugurating the pictorial rendition on the life of St. Ezekiel Moreno. The exhibits located at the main sala and along the second floor lobby of San Sebastian Convent were opened to all interested viewers. A slides presentation featuring the missionary works of St. Ezekiel was also produced and held at the guest room of San Sebastian Convent attracting countless guests.

In the afternoon, a special Mass for the youth was officiated at the San Sebastian Parish grounds by Fr. Emilio Quilatan, OAR. It was attended by hundreds of students who braved the rainshowers willing to be soaked in the name of the faith.

But the October 11 celebration was not an isolated event. It was the culmination of a series of preparations outlined by members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee on the Vicarial Celebration of Ezekiel Moreno's canonization earlier conducted a triduum of lectures on the life of St. Ezekiel, his spirituality, works, and writings. The first in the series of talks was held in our Novitiate House in Antipolo last August 19, the second was conducted in St. Rita Chapel, Manila last August 28, and the third was done in our church in Mira-nila, Quezon City last September 4.

## editorial

### OUR RESPONSE TO NEW EVANGELIZATION: ST. EZEKIEL MORENO

It has become close to a habit, if it hasn't yet, among so-called progressive thinkers to claim that the Church is traditionally lagging behind world issues, events and discoveries. We hear it often said that the Church is fast becoming older than her age. Expressions to that effect are not uncommonly said, and they are said not without justification for, admittedly, these find confirmation in some sectors and experiences of our Church life.

But lest we be swayed from one end to another, we have to remind ourselves, and others in the process, that the Church is constantly young. Young in its founder, Jesus Christ, who is "the same yesterday, today and forever" (Heb. 13:8), the Divine Beauty incarnated "so ancient, so new." Young, too, in its members, since the Christian churches in the world, especially those in Asia, are relatively new. Besides, these churches teem with a huge and vibrant young population whose potentials represent the potentials of the Church and the mission she assumes.

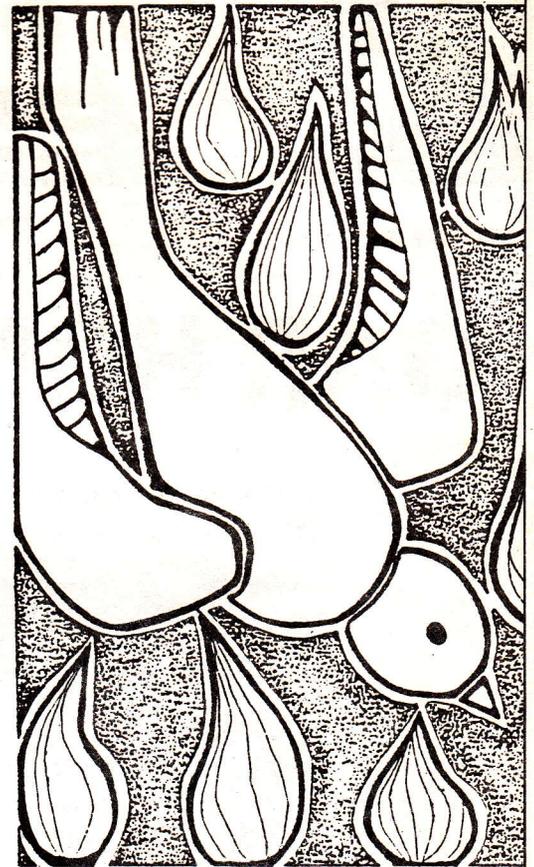
As we individually and collectively reflect on the youthfulness of the Church, it is as much inspiring as it is challenging, to note that Pope John Paul II himself has been speaking in Rome and elsewhere of the need to launch a *New Evangelization*. This *New Evangelization* is expected to throw into sharper focus all our renewal efforts within the context of our noble mission to give witness to the person of Christ and the Kingdom values he preaches.

From where else can we draw inspiration as we undertake a *New Evangelization*, if not from the life of St. Ezekiel Moreno, "a man of living faith," one of us, who lived with us, prayed with us, and worked with us in the spirit of the Augustinian Recollection? Where else can we find realized in the history of our Order the significant missionary shift, "an overflow of life from grateful hearts," if not in the Philippine missions? The shift from what was purely cloistered life to an actively missionary life came so early in our history that it became part of the charismatic nature of the Order. The Order's missionary commitment has had its longest time in the Philippines. And the man who demonstrated it very profoundly and visibly is St. Ezekiel Moreno.

To him we dedicate this 1992 Special Issue of *Recoletos Observer*, aware of the fact that his sanctity of life defies detailed narration. Aware, nonetheless, that our devotion to and imitation of St. Ezekiel can spur us on to *New Evangelization* with "new methods, new expressions and a new fervor."

Indeed, St. Ezekiel Moreno is our model evangelizer.

St. Ezekiel Moreno, pray for us as we sow the seeds of *New Evangelization*



come Holy Spirit



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Message . . .  
from  
The VICAR PROVINCIAL

Rev. Fr. Victor Lluch, OAR  
Vicar Provincial

Gratefully corresponding to the inspiring canonization of a person whom Pope John Paul II dubbed as "a man of living faith," we have come up with a special issue of our *Recoletos Observer* as part and parcel of our ongoing celebration not only to pay tribute to Ezekiel Moreno as a new *Rekoleto* Saint who spent fifteen years of his prime life in our very own Philippine soil, absorbing and understanding the Filipino struggle, faith and hope, but also to avail of this edition with a message to invite all OAR constituents and others who have been touched and guided by the Augustinian Recollect charism to thank God for this magnanimous gift of having a brother of our own community, almost our contemporary, elevated to the glorious and everlasting company of His Saints.

Among other things our celebration of Ezekiel Moreno's canonization should inspire us to celebrate this historic event both as a corporate whole and as individuals with a *sense of gratitude and a sense of renewed commitment.*

*A sense of gratitude.* An old Jewish proverb says, "We never know all that we should be grateful to God for." But one author says, "there are two kinds of gratitude: *the sudden kind*, which we feel for what we take, and *the larger kind*, for what we give." Our Order has had its "sudden kinds" for the innumerable graces received through these centuries including two newly canonized Recollect saints from Nagasaki (St. Magdalene) and from La Rioja, Spain (St. Ezekiel). We are likewise invited to entertain "the larger kind of gratitude" wherein we deeply feel grateful for the opportunity given us to be his instruments and co-laborers in His vineyard and thus show our goodwill through the faithful witnessing of the evangelical counsels, for "there is more happiness in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20:35).

*A sense of renewed commitment.* A firmer grasp of one's identity is an affirmation of one's role in the "prolix nature of the ecclesial reality." Ezekiel Moreno encompasses all the characteristics of the Augustinian Recollect ideal: prayer, apostolic zeal and company of his fellow *Recoletos*. As a true blooded *Rekoleto*, he is a model of Christian life as a religious and as a pastor -- priest and bishop. His life is not *only our proof that our Augustinian Recollect way is a sure road to reach God and that it depends on our generosity how far we can walk in answer to His graces, but it also challenges us to renew our priestly and religious commitments in the spirit of Ezekiel's life of prayer and burning zeal to serve especially the poor, the sick and the marginalized.*

As the Filipino people salute his canonization with great pride and honor, we are at the same time reminded that his life beckons us to aim for the same Augustinian Recollect ideals that once motivate Ezekiel.

In closing allow me in behalf of all the Augustinian Recollects, to especially thank the executive chairman as well as the regional chairmen and the members of the different committees, including the silent, non-appointed but spirited volunteers who with their perspiration, aches and untold preoccupations took care of the innumerable details so planned and timely arranged--all of which substantially contributed to the making of our October 11 celebration one singular affair to remember.

God bless you!

In Christ,

(SGD.) FR. VICTOR LLUCH, OAR  
Vicar Provincial

NEWS BRIEFS

EXPANSION FOR THE SSC-R  
CAVITE

San Sebastian College-Recoletos of Cavite, has inaugurated its new three-classroom building on August 28, 1992, coinciding with the Feast of St. Augustine this year.

The site of the new building is the adjacent lot of the college basketball court, used to be a residential lot till its acquisition by SSC-R Cavite.

The renovation of the building into classrooms entailed a budget of approximately P200,000.

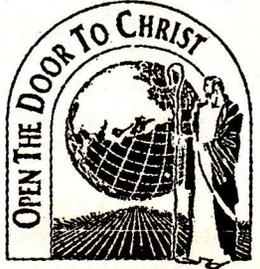
The project was spearheaded by SSC-R Cavite President, Fr. Walthrode Conde, OAR, as a response to the school's fast-growing school population.

SSC-R MANILA SETS UP PUBLISHING  
FACILITIES

The San Sebastian College School Chapter, Manila has announced the setting up of the Ezekiel Moreno Publishing Center, soon to start operation as consultancy, and link-up with other printing offices for publication of books, magazines, school papers and other printing services and requirements.

The main offices of the Ezekiel Moreno Publishing Center will be located at San Sebastian College-Recoletos, at C.M. Recto, Manila.

MIRA-NILA, QUEZON CITY. The Parish of Our Lady of Consolation through the efforts of the Parish Pastoral Council and the parish religious organizations, notably the Mother Butlers Guild, conducted relief operations for the Mt. Pinatubo victims in two "tent cities" in Angeles, Pampanga last November 7. Some of our OAR theologians were mobilized to assist in the distribution. Supplies, ranging from food to clothing, were given to a considerable number of families in the affected areas.



## EZEKIEL MORENO SPEAKS TO YOU!

## TO PARISH PRIESTS :

You are the guardians who must keep watch day and night over your Christian flock entrusted to your care. Work as good laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. Uproot the weeds of error and vices, for the vineyard to bear abundant fruits: virtues and good works. Devote yourselves frequently to prayer. Offer sacrifices and in all humility ask the Lord of mercy that the great gift of faith is not snatched away from us, that He would not allow terrible misfortunes we have witnessed in others to befall our people. Exert effort for the youth to incline their hearts to the clerical status. Work hard, you who are more inclined to piety and things of God, so they will enter the seminary; then you will have collaborators in the ministry to take your place when the Lord calls to accept the reward of your toil.

## TO MISSIONARIES:

It seems that through the content of your letter everything is lost and it is necessary to the Guahivo Indians. But have you not solemnized marriages over there, thus avoiding the wrath of God to them? Have you not baptized their children? Have you not heard confession to some sick persons who might have been damned, had you not been around? Have you not preached the Word of God, for which He Himself has assured us that it should not be fruitless! And that all amounts to nothing! Why then that spirit of disenchantment? Are there not thousands of souls in Casanare who seek bread, and there is no one who would give it to them but you?

## TO TEACHERS:

We address, in a special way, persons dedicated to teaching in various levels. We urge you, by the Precious Blood of Our Divine Redeemer, to nourish the intellects and hearts of the youth with doctrines wholly in accord with the teachings of our holy, universal, apostolic and Roman religion, for only that way you will show yourselves faithful to your mission and deserve credit from your religion and your country. You can do a lot, dear teachers for the benefit of souls, religion and society. You impart to your students love for Catholic faith and Christian virtues, abhorrence of vices, aversion to all doctrines contrary to the teachings of our Catholic faith, for these alone can bring man to perfection, make useful to society and lead him to the attainment of his true destiny.

Good example is an indispensable element for an excellent education. In fact, it is the principal one. It is primordial and most august of the duties of teachers. They must inhibit proofs of virtue so students can emulate them. One good act compels us to action, at times more effectively, than words. Everybody is aware how one can be easily encouraged to commit wrong through scandal, for he feels less guilty upon seeing that others are doing bad things. The teacher's righteous example in everything, then, is of supreme importance, lest the education of his students suffer. His actions, words, mores, the company he keeps, this pastime, everything he does in and out of school is keenly observed by his students. A teacher with corrupt mores is a real evil, whose consequences are beyond imagination.

## TO THE SICK:

Do not be sad, though you are sick and of no use for any job. If you, a sick person, serve God and love Him that is exactly your job. And fulfilling that, you must be at peace with yourself. Our Lord God did not put us here on earth but to serve Him. If we serve Him, though we are in bed, then we do what God wants and we must be at peace with ourselves. On the contrary, if one conducts the classes in school and the entire population would applaud him for that, yet if he does not serve God nor fulfill His holy will, of naught would be all that noise nor would it be of much use to him. Serve God, then, whether ill or not, or as He wishes, and never think of anything else other than, you will be at peace with yourself.

## TO ALL CHRISTIANS:

Our only business of true import here on earth is "to love and serve God, so we can have Him and enjoy Him in heaven," says our catechism. That is our purpose, and all our efforts must be focused on the attainment of this purpose. If we gain it, all is gained; if we lose it, all is lost. Let us not appreciate earthly things more than what they deserve. Let us give due importance to things divine. Only these are truly necessary. Things of this world come to an end and vanish in a wink of an eye. Heavenly things are eternal. We must, then, aspire for what is eternal. Let us constantly yearn for our heavenly abode and strive to gain those ineffable pleasures in store for us in heaven, if we come out victorious in the warfares of this life.

## 1992 MILESTONES

ORDAINED: *Priesthood*, April 19; Rev. Fr. Emilio A. Quilatan, OAR; Rev. Fr. Joel S. Naranja, OAR; Rev. Fr. Antonio S. Limchaypo, OAR.

APPOINTED: April 19; (1) Rev. Fr. Emilio A. Quilatan, OAR, *Parochial Vicar*, San Sebastian Basilica, Quiapo, Manila; (2) Rev. Fr. Joel S. Naranja, OAR, *Resident-Student*, MA Candidate, Recoletos Formation Center, Mira-Nila Homes, Tandang Sora Ave., Quezon City; (3) Rev. Fr. Antonio S. Limchaypo, OAR, *Parochial Vicar*, Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Mira-Nila Homes, Tandang Sora Ave., Quezon City.

PROFESSED: *Simple-Temporal Vows*, April 25; Bro. Crisostomo A. Buno, OAR; Bro. Jovito D. Moral, OAR; Bro. Edwin G. Macmac, OAR; Bro. Corvin R. Maturan, OAR; Bro. Julius M. Marcos, OAR; Bro. Jose D. Opalda, OAR; Bro. Rene R. Calandria, OAR; Bro. Anthony A. Morillo, OAR; Bro. Vicente L. Ramon, OAR; Bro. Ferdinand V. Formilos, OAR; Bro. Cristopher C. Maspara, OAR.

ADMITTED: *Novitiate*, May 2; Bro. Jose Emil F. Almayo, OAR; Bro. Joel A. Alve, OAR; Bro. Romeo A. Bersaluna, OAR; Bro. Michaelangelo M. Aragon, OAR; Bro. Joseph M. Girasol, OAR; Bro. Jose Nestor M. Lachica, OAR; Bro. Celedonio S. Lamprea, OAR; Bro. Antonio Noel M. Mariscal, OAR; Bro. Genaro V. Monzon, OAR; Bro. Charlito A. Orobias, OAR; Bro. Stephen A. Penetrante, OAR; Bro. Bernard F. Poloyapoy, OAR; Bro. Jose Gabriel P. Rios; Bro. Randolph P. Castillo, OAR; Bro. Joel A. Uy, OAR.

ADMITTED: *Novitiate* May 13; Bro. Reynaldo M. Romasanta, OAR.

DIAMOND JUBILEE: June 5; Sr. Consuelo Dangan, AR; Sr. Maria Gavino, AR; Sr. Imelda Lachica, AR; Sr. Cecilia Salgado, AR; Sr. Magdalena Salgado, AR.

PROFESSED: *Solemn-Perpetual Vows*, June 13; Bro. Emilio P. Jaruda Jr., OAR; Bro. Adonis D. Wagas, OAR.

SILVER JUBILEE: July 16, Sr. Clotilde Edora, AR; Sr. Yolanda Navea, AR.

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### EZEKIEL MORENO CELEBRATION AT CST-R

A cluster of activities centered on the life of St. Ezekiel Moreno, highlighted the observance of the Saint's canonization, at the Colegio de Santo Tomas-Recoletos of San Carlos City, Negros Occidental.

The celebration began October 9 till October 11, with the presentation of "Ang Balaanong Kinabuhi ni San Ezekiel Moreno" during the Gala Night.

A parade, contests in potpourri, painting declamation, group singing and "balak" added color to the observance, with a eucharistic celebration, procession, and cultural presentation to cap the mammoth event.

It was the intent of the organizers of the activities, to build a better Recollect community, making the students feel that they belong to the Recollect community, and that they should be proud of St. Ezekiel Moreno, being the first OAR elevated to sainthood by the Universal church.

The theme of the celebration, A knowledge of who Ezekiel was; the Recollect way of life - to be proud of our own Saint and life - focused on vocation, compassion, knowledge, inspiration and imitations.

Prime mover of the project was the Principal/Director, Fr. Cabarles, OAR, through whose effort the endeavor was realized-making it possible for the students and the people proud to know more intimately who St. Ezekiel Moreno was, to which the community responded by its enthusiastic participation.

Outside of the regular members of the CST-R OAR community, who took part actively in the preparation and the presentation itself, there were special guests, and others invited, specifically to train some of the participants, in particular for the Cultural Presentation, where there were songs and dances galore.

Fr. Cabarles initially started the plans for the presentation on October 4, when he informed the faculty members of such a program.

A special project launched by the CST-R in line with the observance of the canonization of St. Ezekiel Moreno, was the mounting of the statue of the Recollect Saint.

The project was funded by contributions from the CST-R community including students, faculty and support staff, numbering one thousand in all, each contributing P20.00 for the project.

The names of the 1,000 donors were listed on a marker, and buried in front of the statue, as a remembrance from the Thomasian family.

The blessing of the statue was officiated by Msgr. Mondejar, Bishop of San Carlos City, after the concelebrated mass on the day of St. Ezekiel Moreno's canonization-October 11, 1992.

The canonization ceremonies took place in Santo Domingo, at the Dominican Republic, South America, and presided over by the Holy Father, last October 11.

### SSC CONSULTANT CARBONEL CONDUCTS L.A. FACULTY SEMINAR

Dr. Guadalupe Carbonel, San Sebastian College consultant conducted a seminar on research methodology for the faculty members of the Institute of Liberal Arts.

The whole day affair was held at the seminar room, where the professors involved attended full force.

The seminar was actually in line with the regular series of faculty development seminars which the college, under the deanship of Mr. Ramon Avelino holds periodically, for the benefit of all the faculty staff.

The seminar which Dr. Carbonel conducted took a more prominent profile, since, as a consultant of San Sebastian College, it has been the concern of Dr. Carbonel to see to it that at the earliest time possible, all the faculty members of the institute shall have successfully defended their masteral thesis, to qualify them for a higher academic rating.

Dr. Guadalupe Carbonel, a long time associate and friend of the OAR Community all over the country, used to be with the academic administrators of St. Louis University in Baguio, aside from her stint with the various academic communities of the Order of Augustinian Recollect.

### SNDT PARISH OBSERVES EZEKIEL MORENO CANONIZATION

Several activities highlighted the Canonization of Ezekiel Moreno, at the San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish in Quezon City last Oct. 11.

Although the actual canonization ceremony was held at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, presided over by the Holy Father, similar celebrations were observed by OAR houses all over the world, significantly because Ezekiel Moreno is the very first bishop of the Order of the Augustinian Recollect to be elevated to such an exalted position by the Universal Church.

The eucharistic celebration was a thanksgiving for the gift of sanctity to the order, which was a very effective jump-off point for vocation-promotions for the OAR.

The exhibit on the life of the newly canonized St. Ezekiel Moreno, to say the least drew so much attention from those who attended the affair made up of the religious of the vicariate community; members of the San Nicolas de Tolentino parish; the pastoral council led by Fr. Leonardo Pauligue, OAR, Parish Priest, doctors, dentists and nurses, who were there to contribute their share to the celebration as those directly involved in the free medical and dental clinic. which was one of the activities featured during the occasion.

Some 250 persons, from the urban poor of the area availed themselves of the free medical and dental clinic sponsored by the volunteer doctors, dentists, and nurses.

The attendance during the eucharistic celebration was another significant factor in the success of the observance. There were approximately 1,000 parishioners filling the parish, starting at 8:30 a.m. the mass schedule.

On the other hand, the free dental and medical clinic took in patients the whole day, keeping the volunteer workers busy all throughout the day.

The celebration anchored on two significant relevance - First was the new Saint being a model of Faith, and the care for the poor through the free medical and dental clinic launched during the observance.

Those who attended the event were so impressed prompting to give their voluntary donations for the purchase of medicine.

On the otherhand, the mandated organizations of the parish, each gave a P500.00 donation to the parish.

**"People's Everywhere,  
Open The Doors To Christ!"**

**- Pope John Paul II  
"Redemptoris Missio"**

#### UPDATES ON THE AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECT SISTERS

Mother General on Evangelization program —

AR Mother General Eufemia Lauzon has underscored the significance of the AR Schools' Apostolates, "The Evangelization 2000," and "The Love for Preference for the Poor," as advocated in the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines (PCP.)

These were embodied in her Circulars dated June 28, 1992, and August 4, 1992, respectively.

All the AR schools in the country have gone through Evangelization 2000 seminars, through the initiative of the General Administration with the Secretariate on Apostolate.

Currently, follow-up activities are being pursued by Sr. Miguela and the CLAYE.

#### AR SISTERS LAUDED IN ASIAN CONGRESS—

Bishop Teodoro Bacani, Auxiliary Bishop of Manila, has cited with appreciation the evangelization program being implemented nationwide in all the AR schools in the country.

Bishop Bacani, in his statement, endorsed the AR Evangelization program as a case study worth adopting in all Catholic schools.

The Bishop added, "At last, the Catholic schools will be evangelized."

The Auxiliary Bishop of Manila made the observation during the Asian Congress on Evangelization last November 16 to 20, attended by several AR sisters, led by Mo. Eufemia Lauzon, AR Mother General.

#### AR SISTER EARNS DOCTORATE—

Sr. Noemi Mapa, AR, has successfully defended her dissertation at the National Teacher's College, where she took up her doctoral. Her dissertation, "Role and Practices of Administrators in AR Colleges in Luzon" earned for her the degree of Doctor of Education, on October 17, 1992.

## 1992 MILESTONES

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ORDAINED: *Priesthood*, September 12; Rev. Fr. Leander V. Barrot, OAR; Rev. Fr. Nicolas G. Salamanca, OAR; Rev. Fr. Paulino Romel H. Dacanay, OAR; Rev. Fr. Ferdinand T. Hernandez, OAR; Rev. Fr. Russel Emmanuel M. Sungcad, OAR.

APPOINTED: September 12; Rev. Fr. Leander V. Barrot, OAR, *Parochial Vicar*, La Consolacion Church-Recoletos, San Roque, Talisay, Cebu; Rev. Fr. Nicolas G. Salamanca, OAR, *School Chaplain*, Colegio de Sto. Tomas-Recoletos, San Carlos City, Negros Occidental; Rev. Fr. Paulino Romel H. Dacanay, OAR *Parochial Vicar*, Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish, Valencia, Negros Oriental; Rev. Fr. Ferdinand T. Hernandez, OAR, *Parochial Vicar*, Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Parish, Del Pan, Tondo, Manila; Rev. Fr. Russel Emmanuel M. Sungcad, OAR, *Assistant Prefect of Discipline*, Seminario Mayor-Recoletos, Baguio City.

APPOINTED: Rev. Fr. Regino Z. Bangcaya, OAR; *Spiritual Director and Professor in Spiritual Theology*, Recoletos Formation Center, Miranila Homes, Tandang Sora Ave., Quezon City; Rev. Fr. Bernard C. Amparado, OAR, *Philosophy Professor*, Seminario Mayor-Recoletos, Baguio City; November 4.

APPOINTED: Rev. Fr. Loreto Cesar H. Dacanay, OAR, 30; *Prior* of the OAR Community, Tondo; November 9.

APPOINTED: Rev. Fr. Loreto Cesar H. Dacanay, OAR, 30; as *Parish Priest* Of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Parish, Del Pan, Tondo, Manila; November 16; INSTALLED as Parish Priest by Most Rev. Teodoro Bacani, DD., Auxiliary Bishop of Manila; on November 22.

ORDAINED: *Diaconate*, December 5; Rev. Emilio P. Jaruda Jr., OAR; Rev. Adonis D. Wagas, OAR.

#### USJ-R ALUMNUS JARINA TOPS FEE BOARD

Philip John Jarina, Electrical Engineering department faculty member, an alumnus of USJ-R, topped the Professional Electrical Engineering Board examination given on October 1992.

Graduating Cum Laude from the University of San-Jose-Recoletos in March of 1981, with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Jarina spent sometime as lecturer at the De La Salle University, Taft Avenue, and National University, before being employed at the USJ-R Engineering faculty.

On the other hand, another alumnus of USJ-R, Rex Compendio of Class '78, and currently employed with the National Power Corporation placed 5th in the same PEE.

#### FR. CACHERO IS PACSB VICE PRESIDENT

Fr. Dionisio Cachero, OAR, has been elected Vice President for the Visayas of the Philippine Association of Collegiate Schools of Business (PACSB) during the 20th Annual Conference of Business Schools held at the De La Salle University, Taft Avenue, Manila.

Deans and faculty members representing various schools all over the country, with business programs, attended the two-day conference with "Business Education: Gearing towards the 21st Century" as this year's theme.

Coinciding with the 30th anniversary of PACSB this year, the affair had Congressman Oscar Orbos, as the Keynote Speaker, with experts in various fields of business, who spoke on the new developments in information and technology relevant to business education.

Highlighting the anniversary presentation of PACSB, chaired by Fr. Cachero, was honoring the past presidents of the association - a salute to the people who made PACSB what it is now.

Among the past presidents present were: Pascasio Banaria (FEU); Cleotilde Protomartis (CEU); Jose Baltazar (JRC); Mariano Lerin (USJ-R); and Leonida Africa (DLSU).

#### OAR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rev. Fr. Bernard Amparado, OAR finished: Licentiate in Philosophy (Rome)  
*Thesis*: "The Concept of Freedom in the Philosophy of St. Augustine"  
*School*: Pontifical Gregorian Univ. (Rome) 1990-1992

Rev. Fr. Regino Bangcaya, OAR finished: Licentiate in Spirituality (Rome)  
*Thesis*: "The Transforming Character of Divine Beauty in St. Augustine"  
*School*: Pontifical Gregorian Univ. (Rome) 1990-1992

Sr. Noemi Mapa, A.R. finished: Doctor of Education  
*Dissertation*: "Role and Practices of Administrators in the Augustinian Recollection Colleges in Luzon: An Assessment"  
*School*: National Teachers College Oct. 17, 1992

# Journeying with the Church

FR. FERDINAND HERNANDO, OAR

ASIAN CONGRESS ON EVANGELIZATION:  
THE EXPERIENCE

Rich in theological overtones, "journeying" is the one concept that best capsulizes the dynamism of our life, our Christian life for that matter. If we look back, Jesus traveled a lot in his lifetime. The most meaningful journey he ever had was his journey to Jerusalem which marked the end of his mission and set just the right time for the Church's mission to start off. "Then you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judaea and Samaria, yes, even to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Journeying, therefore, is close to Jesus' heart. Needless to say, "Journeying, with the church" is the one phrase that speaks so much of our objective to keep abreast with current Church events and issues." Also, the phrase confronts us rather forthrightly concerning the ecclesial orientation of our life.

By the way, the title of this regular column is self-explanatory. But I explained it beforehand, just in case you're expecting to get something else or something more.

Now, let's talk about Church issues and events. The latest that I have gathered is this issue of *New Evangelization*. The most recent event pursued along this line is the Asian Congress on Evangelization held in Manila, November 16-20, 1992. It was a moving and touching experience to see close to three thousand delegates from all over Asia "pray, listen, share, dramatize and celebrate" the potentials and realities of *New Evangelization*. Guest speakers were Bishop Teodoro Bacani of the Philippines ("The Need for a New Evangelization"), Fr. Sebastian Karotemprel, SDB of India ("Christ at the Center of Evangelization"), Fr. Gino Henrigues, CSSR of Singapore ("The Holy Spirit: Primary Agent of Evangelization"), Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM of Italy ("Spirituality for Evangelization"), and Stephen Cardinal Kim of Korea ("Asia's Need for Christ").

Certainly, big events like the Asian Congress on Evangelization deserve special attention since they promote the spread of the Gospel. Definitely, however, we cannot feature such a big, big event given the space limits of this column. Even then, we know that events and issues are just that -- events and issues. They come and go. What should matter is the *meaning* that we give to them. *Meaning* it is that makes our "Journeying with the Church" closer to our heart and mind. Let us see how much meaning we can give to the prayer of Stephen Cardinal Kim which he shared at the end of his talk on "Asia's Need for Christ." Let us see how meaning motivates... you and me.

See, Lord Christ, the sufferings of Asia:  
the children injured in their innocent trust,  
the women abused, the poor despised,  
so many who walk in darkness and sin.  
Our lands might become a paradise of peace  
if only the cruelty of the world would yield  
to the gentle wonder of your Compassion.  
Open our eyes, the eyes of all who wait,  
longing to catch even one brief glimpse  
of a new dawn of hope. Come to each one  
of your Asian children and through your Church  
make your love known to them all.

Open our hearts to your love  
and our lips to your praise,  
because all around us are souls thirsty for God.  
We too, Christ Jesus, are thirsty for the day  
when your love so overflow in our lives  
that people will know that our message is true;  
God is love,  
and his Compassion is everlasting joy.

## inscape

Fr. Regino Bangcaya, OAR

Inner view or view of the interior. Inscape. The scope of this column is to share with our readers thoughts and experiences that spark growth of interior life. It is a constant call to newness in life.

The call to renewal in the Church today boils down to a clearer understanding of the dynamics of spiritual life. In the Augustinian Recollect world, the canonization of Saint Ezekiel Moreno draws attention to a fulfilled spirituality. When we look at St. Ezekiel's figure, we see no extraordinary feats that dazzle us. Yet, he has spanned three major continents in his lifetime - the Philippines for Asia, Spain for Europe and Colombia for the Americans. He went through varied walks of personal life, from the humblest missionary task in Palawan, to the serene routinary life of Monteagudo, to the demanding official, social activities of a bishopric in Pasto. Holiness was achieved through all these levels of day-to-day living. His sanctity was a commonplace contact with ordinary life lived according to the needs of the place and the moment.

This is the basic figure of Jesus too. The Gospels portray the Lord in varied social and personal situations. Through all these, He lived in union with the Father. He was, at the depths, in touch with the will of God amidst the flurry of everyday life. In reality, He remained enveloped by the Father's love while He confronted the men and affairs of his time.

Saint Ezekiel may as well raise the call for our time. To make our office and position in life our effective road to wholeness. We should make use of our everyday encounters and decisions to achieve holiness.



Thanksgiving Mass at San Sebastian Basilica on the Occasion of The Canonization of St. Ezekiel Moreno, OAR

### VALENCIA, NEGROS ORIENTAL PARISH PARTICIPATES IN THE FIRST DIOCESAN SYNOD

The Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish, through its parish priest, Fr. Arnie Visitacion, has participated in the First Diocesan Synod of Dumaguete, the first local synod ever since the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines (PCP-II).

Some 300 priests, religious and lay faithful attended the weeklong opening ceremonies in Dumaguete, from January 20 to 25, 1992.

Fr. Arnie, in connection with the synod, has been designated member of the Synodal Commission on the Youth, in-charge of evaluating and formulating resolutions for the promotion of youth progress in the diocese.

Meantime, a parish congress and a vicarial congress were organized by Fr. Arnie, to assess present trends in local church life. Several committees were formed to spread out participation of the various sectors represented in the synod.

Fr. Arnie is currently the Vicar-Forane of the parishes of Valencia, Dauin, Bacong and Zamboanguita, which he represented in the closing ceremonies of the Dumaguete Synod last November 7.

### USJ-R ENHANCES EMPLOYEES BENEFIT PACKAGE

With its excellent benefits package for its employees already considered as one of the best in Cebu schools, USJ-R has added another significant feature to such a package. - Hospital Insurance Package.

The Ayala Medicare, under the Ayala Life Assurance Inc., grants full hospitalization to all the 339 permanent staffers (faculty and non-academic) of the university, effective October 1, 1992.

This cover medical expenses incurred by the regular employee provided he is confined in any Ayala Life Assurance Inc. - accredited hospital in the Philippines.

This new added feature which is costing the USJ-R every year, since the school shoulders the total premium, with no corresponding share by the employees, is renewable annually.

Aside from this benefits package, the USJ-R gives all its permanent faculty and support staff, enrolled at its graduate school, 100 percent discount on tuition fees, duly endorsed by their deans or supervisors, which took effect during the second semester of SY 1991-92. This benefit has created a very strong incentive for many of its employees to pursue their graduate studies with its graduate school.

Employees' dependents on the other hand, enjoy a 50 percent discount on tuition fees.

### BULLETIN

UNIVERSITY OF SAN JOSE-RECOLETOS, CEBU HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS (DECS) AS "THE MOST OUTSTANDING COSDAPP TERTIARY SCHOOL IN THE 1992 NATIONAL SEARCH FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING COSDAPP IMPLEMENTORS.

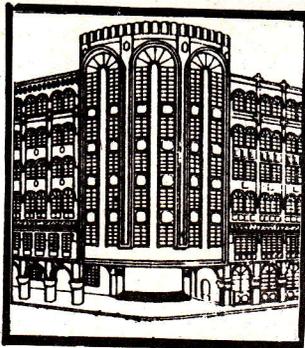
### SSC-R MANILA INSTITUTE OF LAW TAPPED BY DOLE

The Institute of Law of San Sebastian College has been selected by the Department of Labor and Employment as one of the three prominent law schools in Metro Manila to form a labor arbitrators body.

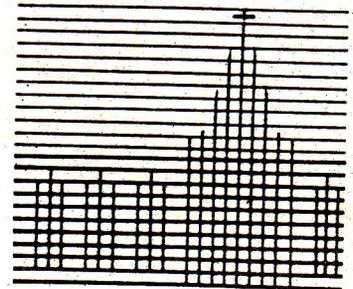
The other schools are Ateneo Law School and U.P. Law School, who together with SSC Law will recommend their senior law students for membership in the tri-school legal group.

Main function of this proposed body is to facilitate settlement of labor disputes by providing legal assistance to government and non-government clients, in coordination with DOLE.

SSC President Fr. Lauro Larlar, OAR, and Law Dean Rufus Rodriguez were the signatories during the signing of contract together with those of Ateneo and UP Law schools. December 2, 1992.



MIRA-NILA, QUEZON CITY. The Parish of Our Lady of Consolation in Mira-nila, Quezon City undertook its first exterior church painting in five years. The painting was completed in cooperation with generous sponsors who contributed most of its funding through Fr. Samson Silloriquuez, OAR, parish priest, who had earlier mobilized the different parish organizations to support the pet painting scheme. Originally allocating P240,000.00, the fund raising campaign resulted in an overwhelming support from the parishioners well over the projected budget. The painting of the exterior of the church began early in November and was virtually over in three weeks.



## P R A Y F O R

- + FR. CUSTODIO DOMEÑO REDIN, OAR (January 14, 1992)
- + FR. ALBERTO ABAIGAR ANCIN, OAR (April 30, 1992)
- + FR. MIGUEL ANGEL LANAO AZACARTE, OAR (June 9, 1992)
- + FR. PEDRO DOMINGO IZCARA, OAR (June 11, 1992)
- + FR. JESUS SOLABRE LAZCANO, OAR (June 14, 1992)
- + FR. MANUEL GONZALEZ GARCIA, OAR (July 2, 1992)
- + FR. MARTIN BRAÑA ARRESE, OAR (July 5, 1992)
- + FR. GABRIEL URBINA ZURBITU, OAR (July 8, 1992)
- + FR. FELICISIMO REDIN RECALDE, OAR (August 3, 1992)
- + FR. ESTEBAN MONTES ATIENZA, OAR (August 17, 1992)
- + BRO. FRANCISCO PEREGRINA LARRIBA, OAR (August 22, 1992)
- + FR. GERARDO BUDAIN RODRIGUEZ, OAR (September 25, 1992)
- + MONS. JOSE ARANA BERRUETE, OAR (October 27, 1992)
- + FR. ANTONIO MARTINEZ AUSEJO, OAR (November 9, 1992)