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## O.A.R. Theologate Reaps 1st Harvest



*The candidates prostrate themselves as the Litany of the Saints was chanted during the ordination rites officiated by Archbishop Jesus Dosado, CM on September 10.*

**QUEZON CITY** - The Order of Augustinian Recollects in the Philippines witnessed the ordination rites of seven pioneering products of the four-year old OAR Theological Seminary.

Four deserving candidates were ordained as priests and three as deacons on September 10, the Feast of the local Provincial Patron St. Nicholas of Tolentine, in elaborate religious ceremonies at the Our Lady of Consolation Parish Church in Quezon City.

Receiving the sacerdotal ordination were: Rev. Fr. Amadeo Lucero, OAR (Bohol); Rev. Fr. Donald Peña, OAR (Quezon City); Rev. Fr. Ricardo Pitogo, OAR (Cebu); and Rev. Fr. Francisco Antonio, OAR (Masbate). Ordained to the diaconate were: Rev. Arnie Visitation, OAR (Cebu); Rev. Alberto Avanzado, OAR (Negros Oriental); and Rev. Felix Martinito, OAR (Leyte).

The solemn Eucharistic celebration was officiated by Archbishop Jesus Dosado, CM, the prelate of the Archdiocese of Ozamis, who served as homilist and ordaining minister.

### USJ-R ELEM DEPT'EYES ACCREDITATION

The academic program and curriculum as well as the quality of instruction and students' performance are now being reviewed and closely monitored as the USJ-R Elementary Department prepares for the PAASCU Accreditation.

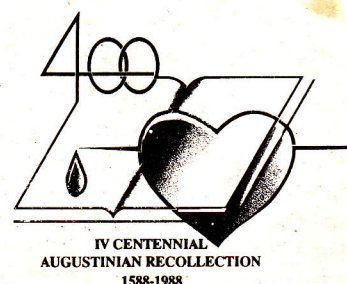
The move to apply for the PAASCU recognition was considered very much in line with USJ-R's educational aim: "Quality Christian Community-Oriented Education." The PAASCU Accrediting Team is scheduled to conduct an ocular visit at the USJ-R Basak Extension on November 13-15, 1989.

### OAR IV CENTENARY CLOSING ACTIVITIES SET

**MANILA** - The Executive Committee of the yearlong celebration of the IV Centenary of the Augustinian Recollection met at San Sebastian College-Recoletos, Manila on September 25.

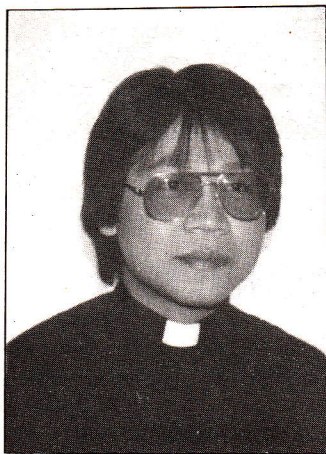
The main purpose of the conference was to obtain an updated progress report from the different working committees regarding the activities that were conducted in the past months. Also discussed in the meeting were the details of the forthcoming Recollection at Colegio de Sta. Rosa in Makati and the three-day series of liturgical activities in November.

The Executive Committee unanimously decided to set the OAR IV Centenary Culminating Activities on December 3 this year. The proposed masterlist of the day's activities are now closely studied by the working committees.





## RECOLETOS SEMINARY WELCOMES NEW PROFESSOR



*Fr. Ernesto Estonilo, OAR*

QUEZON CITY- The Recollect community of Mira-nila warmly welcomed the arrival of Rev. Fr. Ernesto Estonilo, OAR here in the Philippines on July 6.

Immediately after his ordination to the priesthood two years ago, Father Estonilo was officially sent abroad to pursue further ecclesiastical studies as recommended by the Father Provincial in response to the need to bolster the Faculty of Theology of the Recollect formation center in Quezon City. Finishing his Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, he currently handles semestral course offerings in Dogma at the Graduate School of Theology at Recoletos Seminary.

## ROME-BOUND PEÑA LEAVES

QUEZON CITY-Newly ordained Rev. Fr. Donald Peña, OAR left for Rome on September 27.

The members of the Recoletos Seminary Chapter of Formation had earlier endorsed him to the Father Vicar who in turn recommended to the Father Provincial that he be given the proper specialization in Biblical studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

One of the pioneering graduates of the Recollect Theologate in the Philippines, Rev. Fr. Donald, OAR was ordained to the priesthood on September 10 at the Our Lady of Consolation Parish Church in Quezon City by Archbishop Jesus Dosado, CM, the prelate of the Archdiocese of Ozamis.

## CORY AWARDS UNO-R GRAD

President Corazon Aquino acknowledged the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines in the awarding ceremonies held at the Malacanang Heroes' Hall last July 21.

Isagani Tan, Jr., a UNO-R Alumnus finishing a Bachelor's Degree, was among the top ten student-achievers nationwide. Tan's main achievement was his active involvement in the youth organization known as KALINGA, a social arm of the University Extension Program. The KALINGA group won the second prize in the national community development projects competition.

Tan's dedicated adviser in the community upliftment activities was Miss Regina Uy Selomadin, currently the head of the University Extension Program.

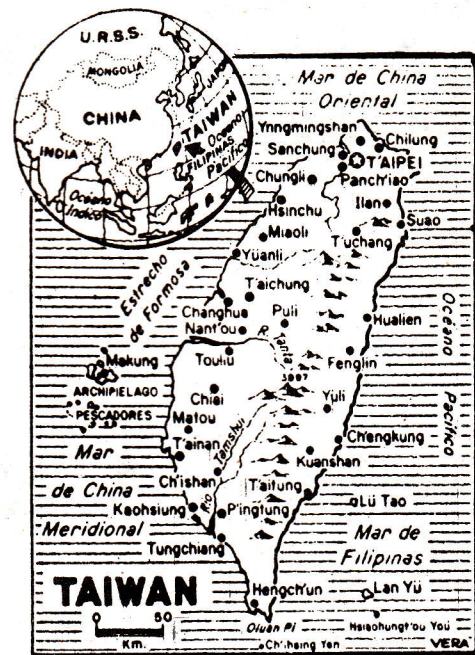


## UNO-R EYES BIGGER CHAPEL

UNO-R Property Custodian, Rev. Fr. Antonio Palacios, OAR, unfolded the plan to construct a bigger and wider chapel in the university that can accommodate the growing number of students and nearby devotees who regularly attend religious services in the campus.

Enjoying an initial funding of P100,000 from "Miserior" of West Germany, the project boasts of a seating capacity of seven hundred persons. The construction site of the prospective chapel is now under study.

## FORMOSA



## TAIWAN MISSIONARY VISITS OAR-PHILIPPINES

QUEZON CITY- Rev. Fr. Pedro Tung, OAR visited the Philippine Vicariate House and other nearby Recollect convents and schools in Metro Manila, after many years of missionary stint in Taiwan.

In his fraternal dialogue with the Father Vicar, he presented a letter of Fr. Nicholas Shi, OAR who has been a missionary for more than thirty years in the mainland China. Fr. Pedro Tung, OAR had earlier entered continental China as a tourist and met the long-time Recollect missionary. Father Tung successfully brought the letter despite rigorous port inspections in communist China. From Taiwan he proceeded to the Philippines and paid a short visit to the Father Vicar Provincial Victor Lluch, OAR. The Vicar was awfully pleased to receive the letter written in Spanish by one of the surviving missionaries in China, and wasted no time in furnishing the RECOLETOS OBSERVER with a copy.

An almost literal English translation of the letter was made by the OBSERVER's chief editor, Fr. Ernesto Estonilo, OAR (See "Open Letter," p. 6)





*The Concelebrated Mass held at St. Rita College Auditorium in honor of Our Father St. Augustine.*

### OLCP LAUNCHES OUTREACH ACTIVITY

QUEZON CITY- The Parish of Our Lady of Consolation celebrated last August 26 a mass wedding ceremony for thirty-one couples who have lived for years with only a civil marriage contract or none at all.

The Rev. Fr. Samson Silloriquuez, OAR, parish priest, officiated the mass nuptials free of stipend as part of the parish social extension promotion program.

In a related endeavor the physicians residing in the nearby subdivisions within the parish territory were mobilized to conduct a free medical and dental assistance clinic open to all parishioners particularly those belonging to the low-income families.

The regular medical and dental clinic has been under the close supervision of dedicated doctors since its launching last September 9. More parochial reach-out activities are now under study.

### SNTP INTENSIFIES LAY APOSTOLATE

St. Nicholas of Tolentine parish in Q.C. recently focused more its activities on the lay apostolate. Intensifying inputs were concentrated on the Lay leaders of Christian Family Movement, the Legion of Mary and the Parish Renewal Experience (PREX) through seminars and gathering. Last August 12, all praesidia officers of the parish Legionaries gathered in its meeting hall to update themselves on the

### OAR FAMILY OBSERVES AUGUSTINE'S DAY

MANILA- In observance of the Solemnity of Our Father St. Augustine the different Recollect communities in Metro Manila met at St. Rita College to attend the day's celebration which started with a symposium held at the SRC Auditorium last August 28.

The discussions revolved around the theme, "Augustinism in the Order," as elaborated by Rev. Fr. Lauro Larlar, OAR, the guest speaker.

The morning session was capped with a Concelebrated Mass with Rev. Fr. Nicolas Salvatierra, OAR as the presiding minister. Following the Eucharistic Celebration was a luncheon sponsored by the AR Sisters of St. Rita College and other communities.

The afternoon socio-cultural and sports activities were actively participated in by the Recollect Fathers, Sisters and seminarians.

Legion System clarified and shared to them by Mr. Ed Melgarejo, the former Norther Philippines Senatus President. Meanwhile, the parish chapter of the GEM (unit V) held its induction of officers as a new unit under the spiritual directorship of Fr. Domingo Saladaga, Jr. On the other location of the parish, the PREX Secretariat keep themselves busy in preparing for the regular three-day seminar every month. The venue of the PREX seminar is on a building lent for free near the San Nicolas Site, owned by the Naguia family.

### OUR LADY OF CONSOLA- TION PARISH-RECOLETOS INAUGURATED

August 1, 1989 marked a milestone in the history of the Order of Augustinian Recollects, the Archdiocese of Cebu, and the serene and peaceful village of Laray, San Roque, Talisay, Cebu. In simple and brief but solemn ceremonies, His Eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal turned over to the Order of Augustinian Recollects the new parish of Our Lady of Consolation.

The mandate from His Eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal stated that the parish has been founded "in order to properly attend to the spiritual needs of the inhabitants of El Pardo-Talisay Area, which is comprised by Barangays Inayawan and San Roque, inasmuch as the above-mentioned area has a total population that is according to the law." The new parish has for its territory the barangays of Inayawan, El Pardo and San Roque, Talisay.

The ceremony also marked the acceptance of the new parish by Rev. Fr. Victor L. Lluch, Vicar Provincial in the Province of San Nicolas de Tolentino and the confirmation of the appointment of Reverend Father Faustino L. Paglinawan as the first parish priest of the area. The appointment, which was executed and signed by His Eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal on June 23, 1989 briefly stated:

*Upon recommendation of your Vicar Provincial, Fr. Victor L. Lluch, OAR, and by virtue of this letter, I hereby appoint you as First Pastor of the Parish of Our Lady of Consolation and I commend to you the full care of souls in that area with all the faculties, duties, rights, and privileges according to the Code, to the First Plenary Council, and to our Diocesan Synod.*

With the OAR Community, the hierarchy of the Archdiocese of Cebu, Cebu City Mayor Tomas R. Osmeña, Talisay Mayor Delia B. Tiu, other officials of Cebu City and Talisay and the inhabitants of the new parish standing as witnesses, Fr. Faustino L. Paglinawan reaffirmed his adherence to the twelve articles of faith contained in the Nicene Creed and accepted the mandate to become the first parish Priest of Our Lady of Consolation-Recoletos parish.

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## MESSAGE

*On this happy occasion of our Recoletos Observer's maiden issue allow me to greet one and all of our fellow Recollect Fathers, brothers, sisters, tertiaries and constituents of various apostolates with a wishful, warm hello!*

*As we are growing to be a more complex family, it is indeed timely that we have come up with this handy vehicle of communication reflective of past family happenings, of how we are and of what-where we are headed for. Moreover, this should serve as a convenient conduit expressive of our commonalities and variances in many of our apostolic commitments.*

*Definitely, it is a healthy practice for a family to monitor its growth, guide itself to a planned tomorrow and hope for a vision of better Being.*

*Considering that the spirit of our IV Centenary Celebration challenges us to focus our celebration of deepening ourselves in our OAR identity, the birth of this commitment to harness our collective efforts not only recording and recalling but especially learning of our past, monitoring and directing our communities' orientations and drafting our future schemes in the task of building a stronger, more solid vicariate, is all the more encouraging and inspiring for our Augustinian Recollect family.*

*Let us be reminded that the lifespan and consistent dependability of the "Recollect Observer" will largely bank on the sweat and sleepless nights of the unsung literary architects that produce it- but the price tag of their efforts is anchored much on our commitment to support them in any way we can.*

*In the spirit of St. Augustine's "Tolle et Lege"- with pride and love of what we are and what we have, share your copy, foster and promote the reading of our very own RECOLETOS OBSERVER. Thanks. God bless you!*

*In Christ,  
(Sgd.) Fr. Victor Lluçh, OAR  
Vicar Provincial*



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## TOURISM DEPARTMENT NAMES USJ-R AS TRAINING CENTER

The government-run Department of Tourism officially named the USJ-R HRM-Tourism Department as the accredited training center in the Visayas and Mindanao. The University is now authorized to conduct tourism-related seminars all over the said regions.

Dr. Milagros Castillo-Espina was designated as the training directress. Fresh from her appointment she supervised the Tour-Guiding Seminar held on August 1-26. The main aim of the seminar was to upgrade the quality of our local tourist guides. A considerable number of students and graduates of Hotel and Restaurant Management-Tourism (HRM-Tourism) attended the seminar.



## USJ-R GRAD RANKS 2ND IN CPA BOARD

USJ-R, CEBU CITY - Fresh CPA graduate Miss Janet Ortega garnered the second place in the CPA Board Examinations.

The results showed that she ranked first in the following areas:

Practical Accounting I with a score of 99%; Practical Accounting 2 with 98%; Management Services, 97%; Business Law and Taxation with 93%; and Theory of Accounts, 91%. She ranked fourth in Auditing Problems with a rough score of 97%, and sixth in Auditing Theory with a rating of 81%. The average rating of 93.71% placed her second all over the country.

The University of San Jose-Recoletos Administration, Faculty and Students take pride in her brilliant background and long record of fine achievements.

## MO. LAUZON HOLDS OFFICIAL VISIT

AR GENERALATE, MANILA - The Rev. Mo. Eufemia Lauzon, Superior General of the Congregation of Augustinian Recollect Sisters, made her official trip to California last Sept. 9-Oct. 15.

The main purpose of her visit was to conduct an ocular assessment of the present situation of the Recollect missionary sisters abroad and their religious apostolates.

Earlier Mo. Eufemia Lauzon, AR visited the missionary community of the Recollect Sisters in Bonthe, West Africa. She stayed there for over a month in her desire to have a real experience of the mission territory.

## SIN APPOINTS NEW SNTP HEAD

The Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, D.D. issued a letter of appointment designating Rev. Fr. Leonardo Pauligue, OAR as head of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in Quezon City.

An installation rite following his appointment was held on July 9, 1989. Witnessing the simple ceremony within the Eucharistic celebration were thirteen Augustinian Recollect priests led by the Father Vicar Provincial, Victor Lluch, OAR. The decree of appointment was read before the attending congregation.

Ordained seven years ago, Father Leo now serves his fourth assignment, the previous of which were spent as a missionary priest in Palawan, as a formator in the OAR High School Seminary in San Carlos City (Negros Occidental), and as a parish priest of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Parish in Tondo.

Fr. Jose Luis Duenas, OAR, erstwhile parish priest of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, was honored in a farewell party held last July 11. He is now serving his new assignment in his native Spain.

## AR SISTERS NATIONWIDE

The IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ACADEMY, Minglanilla, Cebu is now conducting a monthly series of activities in commemoration of the institution's Silver Jubilee Year. The culminating activities will be held in November of this year.

The Recollect-run NOTRE DAME of Banga, South Cotabato is recently holding its community reach-out through the Day-Care Program. This is part of the community school extension apostolate.

The VIRGIN OF CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL of Tiwi, Albay has finally completed the construction of the community chapel. Earlier the local bishop offered to finance any other school project of substantial worth.

The SISTERS' CONVENT of OUR LADY MEDIATRIX INSTITUTE in Candelaria, Quezon has launched its campaign for the renovation of the old building. This is the third construction project of the AR Congregation this school year.

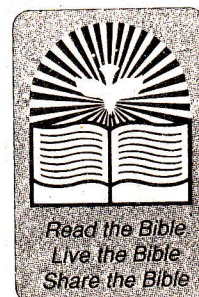
The AR HOME OF RECOLLECTION in Tagaytay City is blessed with an on-going construction of two buildings designed to accommodate two groups of retreats on a simultaneous arrangement.

ST. RITA COLLEGE-Paranaque is now working on its physical schoolsite development as it earlier batted for the construction of a 23-classroom building to be ready for occupancy by June of 1990. St. Rita College-Paranaque is celebrating its Silver Jubilee as it proudly undertakes this major school project.

ST. RITA COLLEGE, MANILA has made a well-organized outreach program under the supervision of the Theology Department headed by Sr. Miguela Obera, AR. The extension program includes the gathering of the "Children of the Streets" and the access to educational instruction at St. Rita College. The program receives full support from the administration, the faculty, the students and the AR Sisters.

# National Bible Year

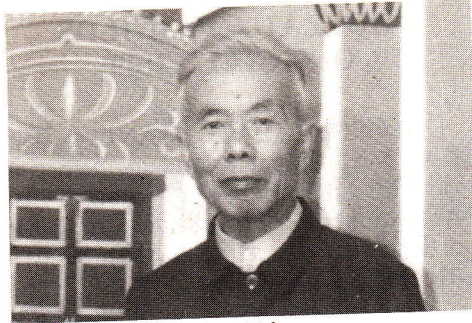
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Rev. Fr. Victor Lluch, OAR  
Vicar Provincial  
Augustinian Recollects  
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Reverend Father:



Fr. Shi

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever!*

Thanks be to God for the numerous graces and benefits He has bestowed on us through His goodness during those years of tribulations. I also thank you for your prayers and kindness to send us such an amount of dollars. I am very much pleased with your encouraging letter which I have read for several times, and also with the album commemorating the 375 years of Recollects' presence in the Philippines and the other books you sent. I find the album a good book with beautiful photos that include ours and mine; it gives me such a gusto that I could hardly put it down when I started reading it. Besides, reading it can give me a better knowledge and profound impression about our Province of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.

How I wish to communicate to you all about our actual situations in this letter but it will not be easy for me due to my poor Spanish. I just hope that Fr. Pedro Ko will give you some news about us here.

Our missionary life here is full of dangers but there are also moments of joy and gladness. The dangers and tribulations come from the Government; the joys and gladness come from the wondrous conversions of pagans to Christianity, and of the protestants to Catholicism.

Thanks be to God! The Catholic mission of Kweiteh (Diocese of Kweiteh) has finally been restored, although not totally, after three years of successive oral and written petitions, negotiations with the local, provincial and central government of Beijing, after years of works, tribulations and complaints of the actual residents of the place.

Looking back to the first years of our mission in China what comes into my mind is a sweet memory, and considering the thirty dark years (years of isolation--literally, incomunicado) we cannot but struggle to forget whatever unpleasant experience we went through. And we can only face the future with melancholy and despair. Now that we are already old... and after our death, who will continue the works begun by our predecessors? The illusion or dream for the foreign missionaries to come back to mainland China someday is far to be realized, if not impossible, under the present government. The freedom of religion is very little and limited. What can we do except to submit ourselves to the Divine Providence knowing or believing that it is possible for God to make sons out of stones for Abraham?

Finally I want to refer to you something which the Fathers here like Father Wang, Father Ling and other Christians have asked me for several times. They wanted me to become a bishop thinking that this is necessary and urgent for the spiritual well-being of the souls and for the needs of the Diocese--as some nearby dioceses had already done. But I know very well that I am unworthy to (assume) this kind of office. Do tell me what to do or kindly inform our Father Provincial about this matter.

Regards to the Fathers and Brothers of the Vicariate. Until here, my letter.

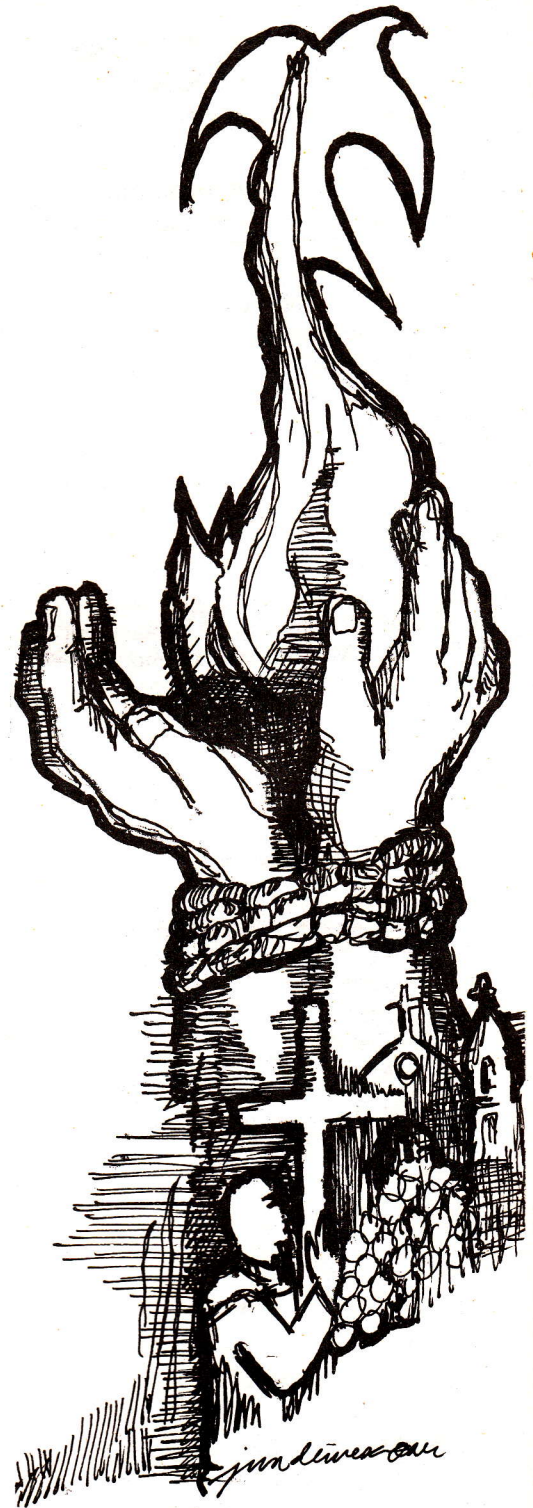
Your beloved little brother in Christ,  
(SGD.) Fr. Nicholas Shi, OAR

P.S.

Reverend Father:

After sealing my letter I heard a sad news, now I inform you in tears that our Father Joseph Li has been put again into prison from a group sentenced to reform through labor. Living in a group (of criminals) sentenced to reform through labor is better than in prison. Father Li is now living in prison suffering higher-handed oppressions. When can he go out of the sea of bitterness? Let us pray God to save him. Furthermore, let me introduce three candidates who hope to enter our Order. Herewith is their letter of petition.

Yours affectionately,  
Fr. Nicholas Shi, OAR  
August 25, 1989



*In things that are certain  
UNITY:  
In things, non-essential  
LIBERTY  
In all things,  
CHARITY*

St. Augustine



## USJ-R AWARDED RESEARCH GRANT

The University of San Jose-Recoletos has been awarded a research grant by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Ottawa, Canada. The research grant was awarded to USJ-R on the strength of a research proposal sent by Dr. Carmen M. Eturma, Director of the Research, Planning and Scholarship Center (RPSC) of the University of San Jose-Recoletos to the Health Sciences Division of IDRC in 1987.

The research project was motivated by the experience of the RPSC in connection with a health survey conducted in 1986 in Warwick Barracks, a low income resettlement area in Cebu City for victims of fire. This study formed the basis for another health survey, conducted in Gaas, Balamban, Cebu. Based on the results of the study, the Research, Planning and Scholarship Center developed a strategy known as "Health for All Gaas Residents by the Year 2000."

The experience of the researchers in the Gaas project prompted them to develop another project to analyze the delivery and effectiveness of health care services to the urban poor of Cebu City.

Thus, the study entitled "The Delivery of Primary Health Care Services in Cebu City, Philippines" is being conducted in seven barangays in South Cebu City. These barangays include Duljo, Mambaling, Calamba, Basak-Pardo, Poblacion Pardo, Cogon, and Inayawan. The project aims to identify the predominant health problems of the urban poor in these seven barangays and to carry out an analysis of the appropriateness and effectiveness of PHC services available to this population.

### SPECIFICALLY, THE STUDY AIMS TO:

1. Identify the predominant health problems of the urban poor in seven barangays;
2. Identify the knowledge, attitudes and practices of the barangay populations with respect to the available primary care services;
3. Identify the perception of primary health care providers with respect to available primary health care services;
4. Determine the factors which influence the appropriateness and effectiveness of primary health care services; and
5. Propose a model primary health care program which addresses these issues.

*The study examines the health care delivery system from both a consumer and provider perspective. The results of the study are intended to lend a sense of direction of the University of San Jose-Recoletos in terms of its community development activities and its partnership with the city government in realizing the goal of "Health for All Cebu City Residents by the Year 2,000."*

Prior to the awarding of the grant, the University of San Jose-Recoletos was visited by Dr. Annette J. Stark, Associate Director of the Health Sciences Division of IDRC for two days on April 21-22, 1988. Dr. Stark interrogated Dr. Carmen M. Eturma, RPSC Director on the details of her research proposal.

Examining the merits of the proposal, Dr. Stark recommended that the research project be undertaken in coordination with the city government and the city health authorities.

On June 3, 1989, the University of San Jose-Recoletos and the Interna-

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## Our Lady of...

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To the residents of the new parish, His Eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal conveyed a message of jubilation in the enthusiasm which the populace showed for the founding of the new parish. Regarding the location of the parish in the boundary of Cebu City and Talisay, the Archbishop of Cebu declared that "just as a province is composed of dioceses, a town could also comprise a number of parishes." He stressed that "it is possible for residents in the boundary of two municipalities to belong to a parish in either area, because a parish is not established according to geographical boundaries."

The Archbishop of Cebu commended the parishioners of Talisay and El Pardo for the "abundance of their faith, the perfection of their hope, and the fervor of their love for God and for their fellowmen." He assured the parishioners of the help and comfort which Our Lady of Consolation extends to the faithful who upholds the two great Commandments of Love.

The culmination of the historic event was the blessing and laying of the cornerstone of Our Lady of Consolation Parish-Recoletos.

-Carmen M. Eturma-

## UPDATE THE COMMUNITY LIBRARIES - Fr. Vicar

QUEZON CITY - The Rev. Fr. Vicar Provincial emphasized the need to upgrade the OAR Community Libraries in schools, convents and parishes.

In a conference of OAR Community librarians held at Recoletos Seminary last July 28, the major religious superior evaluated the status of the local community libraries and recommended that they "continue reading and studying as it is the duty of the religious priests to talk, instruct and educate."

The resource person invited to give a talk before a group of Recollect community librarians was Miss Teresita Hernandez the current library chief of Centro Escolar University in Manila. She was accompanied by Mrs. Vicky Baleva, a confrere of Miss Hernandez who recently heads the Filipiniana Section of CEU Library.

Present in the meeting were: Fathers Victor Lluch (Vicar Provincial), Alejandro Ramirez (Vicariate community librarian), Anesio Villanueva (Cebu), Nicolas Salvatierra (San Sebastian-Manila), Federico Gregorio (San Sebastian-Cavite), Dionisio Selma (Mira-Nila), Ernesto Estonilo (Mira-Nila), Bernard Amparado (Bacolod), Celso Neo (Baguio), and Loreto Dacanay (San Carlos). Also present in the conference was the lay librarian of Mira-nila Theologate, Miss Rhoda Manabat.

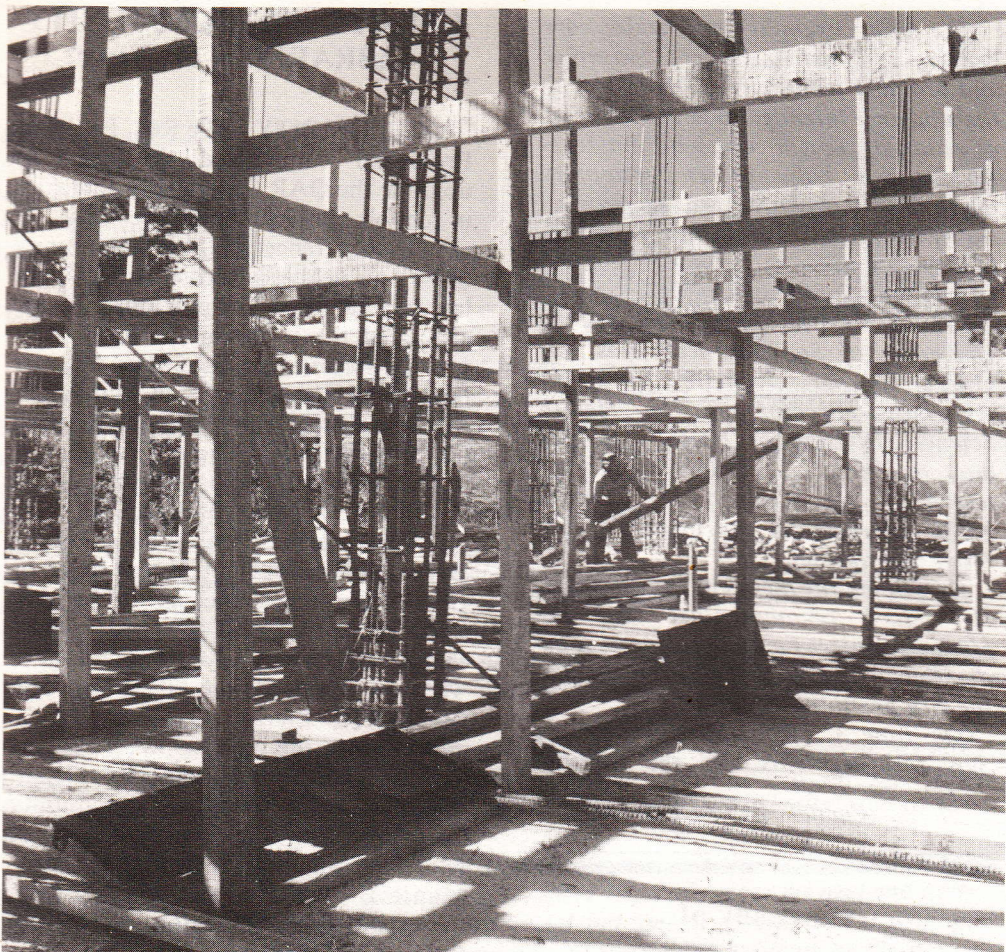
## PRAYER FOR THE AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECT VOCATIONS

*Lord our God, may the sound of your call be heard by many that they may arise and live united in You.*

*Prepare their hearts with your word, so that they may be willing to proclaim your Gospel to the poor and to take care of your plentiful harvest.*

*Lord, grant that all who are called to the Augustinian Recollect way of life hear your voice and be able to fulfill your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*





*The ongoing construction at SM-R, Baguio*

## CONSTRUCTIONS UNDER- WAY IN OAR SEMINARIES NATIONWIDE

QUEZON CITY- Rev. Fr. Victor Lluch, OAR officially disclosed some important information on the recent projects worked out by the different local seminary chapters in close coordination with the Office of the Vicar Provincial here in Quezon City.

The said constructions are recently undertaken to improve the physical facilities in the Recollect seminaries in the Philippines. Notable among the many projects are the room renovations and drainage improvement at the CST-R High School Seminary in San Carlos City, Negros Occidental; the construction of the Seminary Annex Building at Seminario Mayor- Recoletos in Baguio City; and the completion of the seminary gymnasium at Recoletos Formation Center in Mira-Nila Homes, Quezon City.

### USJ-R Awarded...

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*tional Development Research Centre formally signed a Memorandum of Grant Conditions, stipulating that the Research, Planning and Scholarship Center of the University of San Jose-Recoletos was to undertake the project with Dr. Carmen M. Eturma as Project Leader. Robert E. Robertson, Deputy Secretary and Associate General Counsel signed the Memorandum of Grant on behalf of IDRC, whereas Fr. Emeterio D. Buñao, USJ-R President, signed the memorandum on behalf of USJ-R.*

*Meanwhile, upon knowing the objectives and expected outcomes of the project, Cebu City Mayor Tomas R. Osmena wrote to the Project Leader: "I must say that I am impressed. I feel that we should have more field workers than desk bound bureaucrats. The results of your study will surely be a welcome input to our barangay service programs."*

**-CARMEN M. ETURMA-**

## STAGS RETAIN NCAA TITLE

MANILA- The senior basketball team of San Sebastian College-Recoletos (Manila) successfully defended their NCAA championship title against rival Perpetual Help College of Rizal (PHCR).

The Stags earlier fared poorly in the first elimination round losing the first round flag to PHCR Altas. In the hotly contested second round series, however, the Stags were able to draw enough strength and psychological edge over the other competing teams and sweated out to win the second round title thereby facing anew the first round titlist PHCR Altas in a best-of-three championship series.

In the fateful NCAA Championship's third game held at the Rizal Coliseum last October 19, the early lead of San Sebastian College-Recoletos signalled the downfall of the rival team. The SSC-R Stags laboriously defended their NCAA crown with a 102-93 final whip against tough Altas team.

### PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE NATIONAL BIBLE YEAR

Almighty Father, in your plan of salvation, you provide for the needs of your people and inspire them with the fulfillment of every good intention.

Bless and guide your church in the Philippines, as we now celebrate our National Bible Year. Pour out on us the spirit of understanding that we may penetrate more deeply into the meaning of scriptures. Give us the gift of strength so that we may put into practice the message of your word.

Help us to strive with all our hearts to make your word the basis of our daily life, and so become witnesses of your truth to all men, and bring all believers together in the unity of faith and the fellowship of peace.

May the Holy Bible provide us, not only with direction and guidance, but also spiritual nourishment and strength in our pilgrimage toward eternity in union with the Virgin Mary, who has always been obedient and attentive to your word.

This, we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Do you want to have God on your side.**

**It is quite simple: you yourself, be on the side of God.**

*(St. Augustine's Sermon 17, 4)*





*The Augustinian Recollect Sisters representing the Metro Manila communities rendered a choral number during the August 28 musical program held at the SRC Basement.*

## FULBRIGHT PROFESSORS HOLD EDUCATION FORUM

USJ-R, CEBU CITY- Two distinguished American educators, Dr. Noreen Garman ( a Fulbright professor from the University of Pittsburg) and Dr. Nelson Haggerson (a Fulbright professor from the Arizona State University) were the presentors of the topic, "Teaching and Teacher Education in the US," during the education forum held at the Audio-Visual Center on February 28, 1989.

Drs. Garman and Haggerson discussed the significant aspects of teacher education, admission policies, teaching scenarios and strategies. Dean Lucila Bonilla and the heads of the different departments and year-level advisers served as the panel of reactors.

Dr. Noreen Garman, who joined the teaching staff of the Teacher's College, handled "Principles and Methods of Teaching" and served as guest facilitator and consultant for the university during the second semester of school year 1988-1989. She is the second Fulbright fellow the university has selected. Dr. Haggerson, another Fulbright professor and friend of Dr. Garman, was in Cebu for a visit.

## OAR VOCATION PROMOTERS TO LAUNCH INFO-CAMPAIGN

MANILA-The local vocation promoters held an evaluative conference on the status of the vocation campaign programs on August 16 at San Sebastian College-Recoletos, Manila.

In the deliberations the members of the vocation promotion network reviewed the existing concrete activities held in several schools and parishes. Rev. Fr. Regino Bangcaya, OAR presented to the vocation coordinators an overview of the Augustinian Recollect Vocation Apostolate in the Philippines.

Among the many recommendations taken into serious consideration was the launching of the OAR information campaign to be conducted during retreats, recollections, talks and other apostolic undertakings in Metro Manila and outlying provinces.

Present in the conference were Rev. Fr. Regino Bangcaya, OAR, the Recollect National Vocation Director (Baguio); Rev. Fr. Federico de la Rosa, OAR, vocation promoter of San Sebastian College -Recoletos (Cavite); Rev. Fr. Jorge Peligro, OAR, vocation promoter of San Sebastian College -Recoletos (Manila); Rev. Fr. Domingo Saladaga, OAR, vocation promoter of

## FEATURE

### INFECOP HEADLINES

*In 1989-1990, USJ-R's Institute of Non-formal Education and Community Outreach Program (INFECOP) geared off with new perspectives in community service. For one it has redirected its concerns from rural to urban communities.*

*A fitting kick off for this school year is the annual Planning and workshop seminar for the department COP coordinators where they brainstormed and chartered the course of the COP in the succeeding months.*

#### A. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM AWARENESS WEEK

*This is an annual celebration in USJ-R designed to awaken social concern among the members of the Josenian community. Highlighting the week-long affair (July 10-15, 1989) was the launching of PROJECT PAKIGDAIT sa taga WHITE ROAD, USJ-R's newly adopted community. Inhabited by 117 families, White Road is the dumping site of Cebu City's wastes and garbage. The project symbolically unfolded with the corner-stone laying of the community center.*

*The ceremony was graced by Dr. Evangeline D. Ecarma, President of Ang Bisaya, Inc. based in Washington D.C. who came to witness the affair and to personally turn over the initial donation for Project Pakigdaít sa White Road to Rev. Fr. Emeterio D. Buñao, OAR who in turn led the Josenian family in welcoming the guests.*

*Now in full swing, the activities regularly held under the umbrella of Project Pakigdaít sa White Road are:*

- 1. Free Clinic sponsored by VISCOM every second Saturday of the month.*
- 2. Pre-School operated by the Elementary Dept.*
- 3. Community Scouting by the H.S Dept.*
- 4. Family Health Classes of the Teacher's College*

*The above activities gave the headstart of subsequent undertakings planned by the rest of the departments of the University.*

Saint Nicholas of Tolentine parish (Quezon City); Fr. Ernesto Estonilo, OAR, vocation promoter of Our Lady of Consolation Parish (Quezon City); and Fray Alberto Avanzado, OAR, vocation promoter of the Recollect Theologate (Mira-Nila, Quezon City).



**INFECOP...***(continued from page 9)***B. FOREIGN FUNDING FOR USJ-R's COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

At the start of the school year 1989-1990, USJ-R was a recipient of donations coming from various foreign agencies and individuals. Donations were earmarked for specific projects of the university. These were from:

1. Recollect parishes of Guam through the intercession of Rev. Fr. Blas Montenegro, OAR for any institutional projects.

2. Ang Bisaya (Michigan) for the water resource development project in Manunggal which made possible the fabrication of 7 in-take tanks in strategic locations of the barangay.

3. Ang Bisaya (Washington) for sponsorship of the Project Pakigdait sa White Road.

4. Filipiniana Fair Charity Committee in Washington DC for the construction of the community center in White Road.

5. The USJ-R / USA Alumni Association who pledged to help finance some of our projects.

**C. CONSORTIUM FORMED**

USJ-R through its INFECOP forged a consortium along with the 3 CEAP schools in the city namely: University of San Carlos, Colegio de la Inmaculada Concepcion and Sacred Heart School for Boys in a project called the Cebu Community Assistance Network (C-CAN). As a network, each member is tasked with functional literacy and values education.

The project is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

**D. ON-GOING DEPARTMENTAL PROJECTS**

Meanwhile, the different departments of USJ-R are now in the thick of things. Aside from their commitments with the institutional project in White Road, their respective responsibilities also include projects like:

1. Commerce: Project Patigayon
2. Engineering: Skills Training on Welding and Auto Machine
3. Teacher's College: Family Health Classes

4. Arts & Sciences:  
Project Pagpahimsug  
Project Pagpakabana  
Project Pasundayag

5. High School:  
Hog Raising  
Loan Assistance  
Community Scouting  
Catechism

6. Elementary:  
Share & Care I - A Pre-school in Pardo  
Share & Care I - B Pre-school in White Road  
Share & Care II Religious activities  
Share & Care III Religious Non-formal classes on cosmetology, cooking & sewing

7. Guidance:  
Project Pagpakabana sa mga Batang Naglatagaw

8. Graduate School: Feeding of pre-schooler in White Road

9. Research Planning & Scholarship Center: Research and Survey

10. Campus Ministry:  
Religious services

**VICARIAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Rev. Fr. Crisostomo Garnica, OAR** - appointed assistant parish priest of Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Quezon City, effective June 1, 1989.

**Rev. Fr. Leo Pauligue** - designated parish priest of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish, Quezon City, effective June 14, 1989.

**Rev. Fr. Victor Virtudazo, OAR** - assigned as parish priest of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage parish, Tondo, effective June 14, 1989.

**Rev. Fr. Faustino Paglinawan, OAR** - named as parish priest of Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Inayawan (Cebu), effective June 14, 1989.

**Rev. Fr. Jose Maria Martinez, OAR** - designated as parish priest of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Cebu, effective June 16, 1989.

**Rev. Fr. Dionisio Gutierrez, OAR** - appointed as the Extraordinary Confessor of the Mira-Nila Community, effective June 16, 1989.

**Rev. Fr. Emeterio Buñao, OAR** - appointed as the Extraordinary Confessor of the CST-R Community (San Carlos City, Neg. Occ.), effective July 19, 1989.

**Rev. Fr. Ernesto Estonilo, OAR**, - named as Vice-Master of the Professed, Mira-Nila Theologate (Quezon City), effective August 8, 1989.



## TWO SCC-R RELIGIOUS CELEBRATE SACERDOTAL ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Waltrode Conde, President and Prior of San Sebastian College-Recoletos (Cavite) and Fr. Federico de la Rosa, College Chaplain and Campus Minister turned 25 as Augustinian Recollect priests last July 19. Fr. Conde celebrated his sacerdotal silver jubilee in his homecity in Iligan last April 29 attended by his young fellow religious. Whereas Fr. Freddie chose to hold it in his present place of assignment which was then celebrated on July 24 attended by the Bishop Emeritus of Palawan, Most Rev. Gregorio Espiga, OAR, Fr. Victor Lluch, Vicar Provincial; superior General of the AR Sisters, Mo. Eufemia Lauzon; a number of

OAR priests and seminarians, AR Sisters, novices and postulants and the T.O.A.R.; four secular priests, his sister, aunt, members of his family distinguished congresswomen, friends and classmates; SSC-R Faculty and Office Personnel. In his sermon, Fr. de la Rosa was never lacking in expressing his deep gratitude to all generous individuals who were instrumental to his wholesome formation process. The participating congregation was one with him in thanking the Lord at the College Chapel where songs of praise and thanksgiving were echoed by the joint voice of the AR Sisters and Mira-Nila Seminarians. Follow-

ing the sumptuous dinner prepared by Fr. de la Rosa's sister was a series of entertaining numbers anchored by his co-jubilant, Fr. Conde. The joy-filled atmosphere of the College lobby reverberated the dozing hours when the mini-concert was staged by the singing Recoletos and Recoletas, having been highlighted by Sr. Bridget's classical rendition. The mostly senior citizen Tertiaries asked to be excused from their number participation. Fr. Federico Gregorio's solo, "Thank You, Lord", concluded the afternoon program.

### VICARIAL HOUSE APPROVED HOUSING FOR ITS PERSONNEL

The Vicarial House Fathers approved the housing project for the families of their gardener, cook, driver and paroquial secretary. The chosen site is situated at Naic, Tandang Sora, Q.C.. The project costs P 1 million, payable as a pilot endeavor for other religious houses in the Vicariate.

### USJ-R ELEM DEP'T EYES ACCREDITATION

The academic program and curriculum as well as the quality of instruction and students' performance are now being reviewed and closely monitored as the USJ-R Elementary Department prepares for the PAASCU Accreditation.

The move to apply for the PAASCU recognition was considered very much in line with USJ-R's educational aim: "Quality Christian Community-Oriented Education." The PAASCU Accrediting Team is scheduled to conduct an ocular visit at the USJ-R Basak Extension on November 13-15, 1989.

### DEAN BONILLA JOINS ASAP TRIP TO THE US

USJ-R, CEBU CITY- Dr. Lucila S. Bonilla, Dean of the Teachers' College and former president of the American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP) Cebu Chapter, joined the ASAP trip to US from April 21 to May 11, 1989 for cultural and educational observation of some colleges and universities, specifically: the University of Hawaii, East-West Center; University of California, San Diego (UCSD); and California State University, Long Beach.

After the class observations, conferences, visits to several libraries, museums and educational tours with the ASAP officers and other delegates, Dr. Bonilla participated in a seminar-workshop on "Communication: Making Connections" at Cerritos College, California for a couple of days. Her trip was in consonance with the faculty development program of the university.

### USJ-R H.S. DEP'T PRESENTS "MUZIQUE '89"

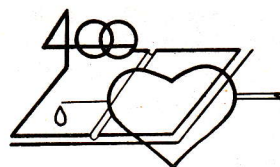
The High School Department of

the University of San Jose-Recoletos presented "MUZIQUE '89" last September 14, 15, and 16 at the University Auditorium Basak Campus.

The one-and-a-half musical presentation showcased the talents of the members of the Dancing and Singing Clubs. The faculty members also contributed off-beat songs and heart-warming dance numbers. PTA representative Lourdes del Rosario performed an interpretative ballet sequence of "CATS" while alumni members Dr. Doodie Lumayno and Balikbayan Alan Jabonero sang some standard songs.

On hand to lend support to the cast were the members of the University Administration headed by Father President Emeterio Buñao, OAR, together with the Recollect community, the Deans, Principals and Directors.

"MUZIQUE '89" was a fund-raising project of the Department.



WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD,  
BECAUSE HIS MERCY HAS AWAKENED IN US  
A RENEWED FERVOR  
FOR THE AUGUSTINIAN CONSECRATED LIFE.



## SSC-R SITE EXPANSION STARTS

The Administration of San Sebastian College-Recoletos of Cavite has recently approved the expansion plan of the college campus.

Following the approval was the purchase of a 700-sq. m. lot adjacent to the main campus. The said area will be utilized for the existing school development program. Among the many considerations in the purchase of the said area was the felt need to minimize noise pollution in the present school site.

## UNO-R THREE-DAY FEST HELD

**PANGANINAW**, a Hiligaynon word denoting a nostalgic recollection was this year's theme for the University Fest. The theme set the tone for the literary and socio-cultural programs. UNO-R observed the three-day festival on September 8-10 in the spirit of the yearlong celebration of the IV Centenary of the Augustinian Recollection.

## CARMEL PARISH- MANILA UNDERTAKES ITS PROGRAM OF SERVICE

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Quiapo, Manila presently undertakes series of activities categorized as pastoral, spiritual, evangelical, liturgical, devotional, and social service programs.

In relation to the Philippine Bishops' nationwide celebration of the National Bible Year, the Parish launched a Bible quiz open to the youth held last August 27. The participating youth underwent a two-week elimination rounds. Another project is an Evangelization Program scheduled every Saturday, attended by the parochial lay leaders and some Augustinian Recollect Sisters.

The parish also assists in some form of social service conducted weekly. The first is the vocational skills training program in typing and dressmaking aimed at providing livelihood for the

unemployed and supplementing additional income to individuals. Another is the nutrition program which is done through rice distribution twice a week and the feeding of malnourished children from Monday to Friday. Parishioners who are in need of medical attention avail themselves of the medical clinic assistance every Saturday.

Children attending catechism classes every Saturday have their counterparts in their parents' adult education held weekly as a form of scholarship program offered by this urban parish.

Organized members of the Knights of the Altar have their weekly meeting and assist regularly in the Sunday Liturgical celebrations. Their activities have indeed enriched and continue to enrich them spiritually.

Volunteer catechists hold their in-service training every Sunday to be more equipped in imparting the teachings of the Church in a simplified approach to children who eagerly attend catechism classes every Sunday afternoon.

The Parish is never lacking in its mis-

## BIRTHDAYS

### JULY

R.P. DELFIN CASTILLO	7-10-46
R.P. MELECIO HO	7-14-27
R.P. EDWIN DE LA TORRE	7-20-61
BRO. JOAQUIN JAMELO	7-24-45
R.P. JORGE PELIGRO	7-27-62
R.P. FAUSTINO PAGLINAWAN	7-30-28

### AUGUST

R.P. ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ RIEZU	8-6-40
R.P. CASIANO COSMILLA	8-13-36
R.P. GERMAN CHICOTE	8-14-31
R.P. ARSENIO ESCABUSA	8-30-58

### SEPTEMBER

R.P. FEDERICO GREGORIO	9-2-46
R.P. MELCHOR DANO	9-7-36
R.P. REGINO BANGCAYA	9-7-48
R.P. RENY ALBARICO	9-7-55
R.P. LEOVIGILDO JABONI	9-7-47
R.P. CRISOSTOMO GARNICA	9-8-22
R.P. RENE PAGLINAWAN	9-8-55
R.P. JOSE MARIA MARTINEZ	9-19-44
R.P. JOSEPH PHILIP TRAYVILLA	9-19-56
MSGR. GREGORIO ESPIGA	9-20-12
R.P. LINO AGUNOD	9-23-28
R.P. CIPRIANO ZUBIRI	9-26-23

sion to the youth in its busy communities. The youth are momentarily undergoing spiritual formation every Friday.

Lectors, Commentators and Lay Ministers schedule themselves in assisting at Eucharistic celebrations every Sunday and meet every month for some activities especially in matter of their spiritual growth.

The parochial program also included the Family Life ministry which undertakes the Pre-Cana seminar every Sunday and the mass-wedding of couples being administered quarterly.

Lay leaders involved in the conducting of Block Rosary within the parish areas hold their Bible sharing every Thursday.

Fr. Nicolas Salvatierra, the parish priest, also takes care of the Legion of Mary praesidia under the parish. The Church's Sunday Masses have been actively participated by the various choirs, namely, the Catholic Women's League, Block Rosary. Manificat, Legion of Voices, Catechists' Guild and the Youth.