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## OAR MOBILIZED FOR AID TO QUAKE VICTIMS

### SSC FATHER PRESIDENT ON ST. AUGUSTINE'S RELEVANCE TO THE CONTEMPORARY TIMES

A well-organized short talk on the life and gifts of St. Augustine characterized the brief address of Fr. Lauro Larlar, OAR, SSC President, when he addressed students and faculty members in a 45-minute conference on August 15, at the SSC Little Theatre.

Introducing his talks by presenting a comprehensive profile of the great saint, the SSC President went to delve into the problems of St. Augustine, whom he introduced as the Man of the 4th Century.

An analysis of these problems, personal and otherwise followed, and then he linked this into our present time, and pointed out the commonality of the problems of that man of the 4th Century, with our problems - we of the 20th century.

Recapping his message, Fr. Larlar then cited the gifts of St. Augustine as the answer to the problems that through the centuries have been plaguing men.

The restlessness of the youth, he said is one such problems, brought about by ambition. The need for friendship, or community co-existence is another problem we cannot ignore. The conversion of the individual, which Fr. Larlar explained as not a one time experience, but rather a continuous process with a definite goal for the individual, and finally, giving man his freedom.

In conclusion, the Father cited the San Sebastian as recipients of these, by giving specific examples, specially in terms of the students' restlessness, and his need for freedom, which this institution has been very much aware of.

This short conference or symposium on St. Augustine, more or less signaled the start of this year's observance of the feast of St. Augustine which is a living spirit within the San Sebastian Community.

### Fr. Lluch, 4 others celebrate 25th Sacerdotal Jubilee



Fr. Lluch

The Very Rev. Fr. Victor Lluch, OAR, Vicar Provincial, of the Augustinian recollection of the OAR Vicariate of the Philippines, China, and Taiwan, headed the five Recoletos priests who celebrated their 25th sacerdotal anniversary last May 24 with a concelebrated mass held at the San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish church in Proj. 4, Quezon City at 4:00 p.m.

The other celebrants were Fr. Emilio Larlar, OAR, 1st cousin of the SSC President, who is presently assigned in a Recoletos parish in New Mexico, but who came to the Philippines for the celebration; Fr. Nicolas Salvatierra, OAR, of the San Sebastian parish in Quiapo; Fr. Juan Almarza OAR, who is now in the University of San Jose Recoletos in Cebu and Fr. Raymundo Esquila, who is now a secular and is connected with the Philippine Army as chaplain at Camp Aguinaldo. He was the homilist during the mass.

The entire San Sebastian College community extends to Fr. Lluch, once

### RECOLETOS POOLED DONATIONS FOR QUAKE VICTIMS

Amounting to P26,000 in cash and in kind, collected by the Social Concern Office (SCO) of San Sebastian College, from faculty members and the non-academic staff, was donated to the quake victims of Aringay, La Union on September 10 by SSC Students and faculty members, led by Ms. Luzviminda Hernandez, SCO head.

The donation was turned over to Fr. Panfilo Milo, Parish Priest of Aringay, La Union which in turn, he will distribute to his parishioners.

The donation to Aringay was only a part of the total collection to date from the various OAR sectors amounting to P146,000, and broken down as: OAR Vicariate - P50,000; San Sebastian Convent - P20,000; SSC-SCO (faculty members and the non-academic staff)- P26,000; San Sebastian Parish - P11,000; and Cavite SSC-R - P 10,000. our Lady of Consolacion Parish (Mira-Mila Q.C.) P14,000; San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish Q.C. P25,000 a total of P146,000.

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President of SSC, and his co-celebrants its congratulations and prayers for their meritorious services to the Filipino people.



Photo shows the 25th anniversary jubilarians during the mass held in Quezon City last May 24. Left to right: Fr. Raymundo Esquila, Fr. Emilio Larlar, OAR; Fr. Victor Lluch, OAR; and Fr. Nicolas Salvatierra, OAR.



The 25th anniversary Jubilarians admiring the cake specially baked for the occasion-the 25th anniversary of ordination to priesthood.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### CPA BOARD RESULTS

The UNO-R College of Commerce finally found an oasis in what was once thought of as an arid accounting department. In the recent CPA board examinations, Mr. Mebal Miranda of UNO-R placed 9th overall. Three other examinees from this university passed out of a total of ten, in all equivalent to a passing percentage of 40. In the bracket of 10-19 examinees, UNO-R placed third among all schools nationwide, next only to UP, Visayas of Iloilo and Baliuag College of Bulacan. In the category of Private Secretarian Schools, Colleges, and Universities, UNO-R is right next to DLSU of Manila.

In recognition of this achievement, the Board of Accountancy of the Professional Regulation Commission and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports gave UNO-R the Top Ten Achievement Award during the oath-taking ceremonies of successful CPA examiners held at the PICC in Manila last November 6, 1989.

### USJ-R ALUMNUS - PNSME HEAD

Engr. Gem F. Calinawan, an alumnus of USJ-R, has been elected head of the Philippine National Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is the first Cebuano and Josenian to lead the PSME top post. Engr. Calinawan is a former faculty member of the USJ-R Engineering Department. He spear-headed and is one of the pioneer benefactors of the Josenian Scholarship Fund.

### SSC-R's LEUTERIO - Study Group

The first educational mission to Taipei, Taiwan by the Philippine Association of Collegiate Schools in Business (PACSB) went as scheduled last November 19 to 25, with Dr. Mercedes M. Leuterio, Dean of the San Sebastian College of Manila, College of Commerce, as head of the group. A total of eleven business schools all over the country joined the said educational mission.

The PACSB mission team visited public and private schools and other business establishments in Taiwan to exchange views with them regarding business education and to open up possibilities for the tie-ups with the local administrators and professors.

### ENGINEERING MENTORS PASS PROFESSIONAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERING BOARD EXAMS

Engr. Ernesto Tabada, USJ-R Mechanical Engineering Department Head, together with two other faculty members from the College of Engineering, Engr. Diosdado Ejercito, Jr. and Engr. Antonieto Flores, have made it successfully in the Professional Mechanical Engineering Board Exam given last year.

### USJ-R STUDENT PLACES 6TH IN JR. GEODETIC ENGINEERING BOARD EXAMS

Edwin P. Salazar placed sixth in the August 1988 Junior Geodetic Engineering Board Examination with a 92.38 per cent average. The following have also successfully hurdled the board exams: Mildred Aumen and Ferdinand Nicanor.

### UNO - R GRADUATE SCHOOL OFFERS FRENCH

The UNO-R Graduate school wants its graduate students to learn French, now being offered, Basic and Advanced French classes, and being handled by Jean Pierre Austin, a French national from Nantes, France, and a resident of Bacolod City.

Graduate School Dean, Dr. Jose Ferraris said that 22 students were enrolled in French-1 last semester, and another 19 are in French 2 class this semester. According to Dr. Ferraris, the French language is a part of the language requirement in the Doctor of Philosophy program. The classes are also open to non-graduate students and those interested in learning French, on an audit basis.

As part of the program, the Graduate School dean said there is a plan to inject a cultural thrust in the advanced French classed by presenting shows in coordination with the French Embassy in Manila.

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### FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARS' REACH P.83 MILLION

The UNO-R is spending P834,087.23 for scholarship grants this first semester disclosed Nilda Jamili, director of the University scholarship office.

She said that a total of 1,197 students are enjoying various scholarship privileges extended by the university.

The breakdown of the scholarship budget is as follows:

The Student Assistance Program, with 265 student-beneficiaries, is taking the lion's share with 42.13 percent, or P351,397.89. A total of 192 grantees covered by the Faculty and Employee Scholarship attribute for the 25.08 percent of P209,219.63 budget.

Seventy-six get P81,430.85 or 9.76 percent for the Athletics Scholarship, while 476 grantees of the Brother-Sister Scholarship account for a P59,759 slice or 7.16 percent.

The Academic Scholars numbering 89, on the other hand, get 6.9 percent or 57,517.90 and 82 students under Special Scholarships have 54,592.96 or 6.55 percent; 15 band scholars get 2.19 percent or P18,239.90 and six students enjoying the Philippine Veteran Office Scholarship get P1,930.52 or less than half a percent.

Jamili also announced that the 33 resident scholars attended a sensitivity training at the Sta. Monica Retreat House on Oct. 15-16 with Dean Jose Ferraris as the retreat master.



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## After 25 Years of Priesthood . . . . . The VICAR PROVINCIAL



Fr. Victor Lluch

*In God's reckoning 25 years of religious life and priesthood may just be an insignificant dot in His "divine comedy." But by a man's standard 25 years is a huge slice of human life, a long journey of faith immersed in the mystery of a divine gift.*

*Occasions like a silver jubilee celebration help us to realize and appreciate the gift and the depth of the mystery.*

*After 25 years I feel like a runner winning a marathon or like a mountain climber happily surviving the cliffs and rough heights looking back at their sojourn with feelings of triumph and fulfillment. I too can look back at my personal journey with a smile. After 25 years I can say I like being what I am an Augustinian Recollect priest.*

*Reading Fr. F. Gerry's "Reflections on Ministry at Mid-life" I cannot help but feel inspired and find relevance for the occasion in sharing his sentiments and reflections:*

*"... that to be a priest is to prize what is human and to celebrate its sacredness;*

*... to be a priest is to be a sign - to be entrusted with sacred symbols of the community - being a carrier of a healing power, a reconciling word, a bread that makes us one body, one spirit;*

*... that a priest should be known not only in his ministry but also in his priestness; ... that a priest although easily accepted into homes, families and gatherings (and should be grateful for this) should accept the fact that there is something about him that stamps him as different;*

*... that a priest needs to be gifted with trust - to be allowed to touch the vulnerability and needs of the people;*

*... that a great deal goes into the making of a priest. He is loved by his family and friends, by the community that ordains and supports him. But all of this love is only like the wave that breaks the surface or laps the shoreline; the full reality is deep and moving like the ocean, vast and of the great beyond. A priest does not need to know this love simply to be able to love himself but needs to know to enable others discover their own true lovable-ness, this requires a lot of courage and compassion, for whoever would dare to hold on to such an image will surely pay the price for it - as Christ showed us."*

*Let this silver jubilee celebration be not only an opportune occasion but also our thousand reasons to thank God the Almighty for authoring the gift of my and all others vocation of priesthood; moreover, let it be a cherished moment to thank and proudly acknowledge the Augustinian Recollect Order for the nourishment and protection of the same vocation.*

*Likewise I cannot thank enough yet feel so proud of my brothers, sisters, cousins, relatives, friends and co-religious of The Augustinian Recollect Order and the A.R. sisters who have accompanied me all these years with their moral support and prayers*

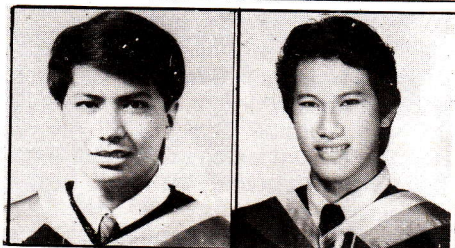
*Let our togetherness through this Eucharistic Celebration be our sincere act of thanksgiving to the Lord for the singular path of religious life and priesthood, begging Him for more vocations not only for Iligan but especially for places where they are most needed, praying and hoping that the service of all Religious and priests bring greater glory to God and lasting job to Holy Mother the Church.*

*In closing, let me convey my special thanks to chairman and members of the Executive Committee, and all friends, classmates, relatives and Iliganons whose generosity, sleepless nights and untold efforts made this celebration an affair to remember.*

*"He knows that what we give thanks for, after 25 years of priestly living, is the inner history that is definition and destiny - and in priesthood the most difficult offering of all; is willingly to stoop down the doorway of daily, seeing it as a passage to one's destiny - to the mystery of the living God."*

In Christ,

FR. VICTOR LLUCH, O.A.R.



MINERVA

QUISAOT

### JOSENIANS TOP CPA BOARD EXAM

Two Accounting graduates of USJ-R were among the 20 topnotchers in the Certified Public Accountants' (CPA) licensure examinations given last May in Cebu City and in Manila, the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) revealed recently.

Elmer Minerva, a summa cum laude in the March 1988 batch, and Concordio Quisaot, a magna cum laude finisher in October 1988 commencement rites, gar-

nered the 8th and 17th places in the mentioned board exams, respectively.

Prior to their taking the board, Minerva and Quisaot took their review classes at the USJ-R CPA Review Center making them "pure-bred" Josenians.

### NEW PARISH CHURCH IN CEBU AFTER FOUR YEARS, IT IS NOW A REALITY

Having a land area of 2 hectares, in a place remotely located between the boundaries of Laray-San Roque-Inayawan Talisay and Cebu City, after four years of frustrations, in January 1989, a new chapel and a convent finally came to being.

A few weeks later after that day in January, Rev. Fr. Faustino Paglinawan, OAR, celebrated the First Mass at the Parish Chapel.

The Eucharistic Celebration took place at 8:00 a.m., with His Eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal, D.D., as the Main Celebrant. The con-celebrants were: Fr. Faustino Paglinawan, OAR; Very Rev. Fr. Victor Lluch, OAR; Very Rev. Fr. Jose Martinez OAR; Fr. Mario Montecillo, Msgr. Pastor Ibanez, Very Rev. Fr. Abp. Manuel Salvador, Very Rev. Fr. Eliseo Camallo, the Recollect Fathers, Priests of the Vicariate of Immaculate Heart of Mary, and some guests priests.

Towards the end of the con-celebrated mass, the reading of the Decree of Erection of the new Consolacion Parish-Recoletos took place, followed by the reading of the appointment of the first Parish Priest, and oath of office by Rev. Fr. Faustino Paglinawan, administered by His Eminence, Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal, Archbishop of Cebu.

The blessing and the laying of the cornerstone of the new Consolacion Parish-Recoletos took place immediately after the mass. His eminence Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal, D.D., officiated in the blessing and the laying of the Cornerstone, assisted by Very Rev. Fr. Victor Lluch, Vicar, Province of San Nicolas de Tolentino.

### ACCREDITATION COMMITTEES IN HIGH GEAR

The various committees involved in the different areas of accreditation are now working full steam ahead in preparation for the fast approaching visit of the accreditors to the San Sebastian College.

Subject for accreditation early next year are the two colleges of SSC, the Institute of Commerce and the Institute of Liberal Arts under Dr. Mercedes Leuterio, and Mr. Ramon Avelino, deans respectively of the two colleges. The High School department, headed by Mr. Ramon Avelino, who's occupying the position of principal in a concurrent position, is also in line for accreditation.

Ms. Ruby Senatin, Area Chairman of Languages, is the Executive Secretary of the Steering Committee in Accreditation. Miss Luzviminda Hernandez and Miss Vicky de Leon are the Assistant Survey Executives, respectively for Commerce and Liberal Arts.

Dean Mercedes Leuterio is the Survey Executive for Commerce, while Dean Ramon Avelino is the Liberal Arts Survey Executive.

The critical areas to be looked into for the accreditation are:

- 1) Philosophy Objectives; 2) Community Involvement; 3) Faculty; 4) Instruction; 5) Library; 6) Laboratories; 7) Physical Plant; 8) Student Personnel Services; 9) Administration.



## RECOLLECT FATHERS ATTEND MONTH-LONG RENEWAL

The quadrennial Spiritual Renewal at Baguio City began in April 24, and ended a month after in May 1990, attended by the Recollect fathers from the Province of St. Nicolas of Tolentino which include mainland China and Taiwan, and the Philippines.

Those who attended included the following members of the Recollect community: Group-1 - Fr. Victor Lluch; Fr. Delfin Castillo; Fr. James McGuire; Fr. Celestino Cachapero; Fr. Francisco Antonio; Fr. Pablo Panedas; Bro. Santos Serato.

Group II included Fr. Rene Paglinawan; Fr. Clemente Juberá; Fr. Casiano Cosmilla; Fr. Reny Albarico; Fr. Dionisio Cachero and Fr. Benjamin Ayechu.

Group-III - Fr. Lauro Larlar; Fr. Enrico Silab; Fr. Antonio Caldelero; Fr. Hermenegildo Ceniza; Fr. Antonio Palacios; and Bro. Paul Rodriguez.

Group-IV - Fr. Huberto Decena; Fr. Loreto Dacanay; Fr. Cristituto Palomar; Bro. Severino Cuesta; Fr. Aaron Baygan and Fr. Cornelio Moral.

This Spiritual Renewal takes place every four years, and members of the Recoletos Community are required to attend at least once every eight years.

Outstanding members of the Order delivered their pieces, which began with Fr. Jesus Diez OAR on "Theological Foundations and Renewal of Religious Life," from April 26 to 28. This was followed by Fr. Pablo Panedas OAR delivering his piece on "Forma de Vivir" and the Recollect Spirituality. Prayer and Methods of Prayer," from April 30 to May 4.

From 7 to 11, Angel Martinez, OAR conducted his lecture on "History of the Recollect in the Philippines."

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Photos above show the Recollect fathers who attended the month-long renewal at Baguio City from April 24 to May 20, 1990. Picture above shows the fathers in casual attire during one of their breaks.

## SSC-R INAUGURATES NEW OFFICES

Led by Fr. Victor Lluch, OAR Vicar Provincial, new offices and a spanking modern law library were blessed, with Fr. Lauro Larlar, OAR, SSC President, and Fr. Dionisio Guitierrez, OAR, on August 28, 1990.

Aside from the new library on the ground floor of the administration building, fronting the college library, also inaugurated was the guidance office, the new medical-dental clinic, the offices of the deans, the SWO, the newly-created PR-Publication-Research office, the HRM laboratory, the office of the asst. principal of the high school department, and speech laboratory.

A brief program followed, during the reception, held at both the college library and the law library, where some of the guests of the SSC community stayed.

Guest of Honor was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Justice Marcelo Fernan, who for 23 years was Dean of the College of Law, of San Jose Recoletos in Cebu.

SSC President Lauro Larlar welcomed the guests at the start of the program, while Atty Rufus Rodriguez, Dean, College of Law, in his closing remarks acknowledged the presence of the guests.

Seminarians from Baguio Seminario Mayor-Recoletos a choral number at the start of the ceremony.

Fr. Jorge Peligro, OAR, the Campus Chaplain was in charge of the Blessing Ceremony, while Ms. Mela Liwag of the office of the President, took charge of the Reception, assisted by other secretaries and student assistants.

There were several invited guests, mostly from the government sector who, due to a busy schedule failed to attend the ceremony, notably Senator Edgardo Angara, and Secretary Isidro Carino of the Department of Education.

With the exception of the new PR-Publication-Research office, all the offices inaugurated had been in existence as part and parcel of the structure of San Sebastian College, however, these offices went through complete renovation, including transfer of location.

## UNO-R's Commerce Gets National Recognition

The UNO-R's College of Commerce, for having registered the third highest percentages of passers in the May 1989 CPA Licensure examination, has been presented a citation by the Board of Accountancy of the Professional Regulation Commission.

The Top Ten Achievement Award was presented to the UNO-R Accounting Department Head, Ms. Lita Cueva, during ceremonies held at the Philippine Inter-

national Convention Center (PICC).

According to Accountancy Board Chairman, Hermogenes Pobre, UNO-R placed third in percentage of successful examinees from school which fielded 10-19, candidates.

In a letter to UNO-R President, Fr. Jose Antonio Rodrigalvarez, Pobre said, "the performance of your graduates testifies to the high quality of accounting education in the university."

Pobre added that the award was presented to encourage other schools "to follow your example."

## FIRST INTERSCHOOL CATECHQUIZ – Hit with Students

With participation of 16 Metro Manila Schools, the first Interschool Catechquiz, was a whooping success, hosted by San Sebastian College, and held last March 17, at the SSC auditorium.

Designed for participation by both high school and college students, the Catechquiz set its objectives as, "to help the students of different schools identify and explain the Catholic Christian Doctrines, Morals and Worship and to make the youth aware of the urgency of Youth Ministry in the context of evangelization 2000."

Emerging as winners in the high school category were the following: First place - San Felipe Neri Parochial School of Mandaluyong; Second place - St. Paul College, Q.C., and third placer - De La Salle Zobel, Alabang.

On the other hand, lording it over the college division was the College of the Holy Spirit, First placer, followed by San Beda College, second place and the third placer; Sta. Isabel College, Manila.

School represented in the Catechquiz were Sta. Rosa College, the three units of Don Bosco, namely, Makati, Tondo and Mandaluyong; La Salle Green Hills and La Salle Zobel, Alabang, Lourdes School, Q.C.; St. Joseph College, Q.C.; St. Mary's College, Q.C., St. Paul, Q.C., St. Paul of Pasig, Sta. Catalina, Manila; Sta. Isabel and St. Rita, Manila. From Mandaluyong, came the contingent from the San Felipe Neri Parochial School.

The joint undertaking, spearheaded by the Sebastian Recollect Youth Network and the Don Bosco Technical Institute, Makati Youth Ministry of the Lord, was given total support by the Religion Department of SSC, headed by VP Fr. Hermenegildo Ceniza, OAR and backed up by all the members.



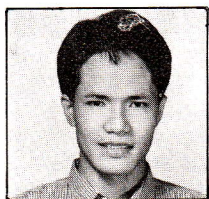
## JOSENIAN IS OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Gamaliel Arenasa, a senior Accounting major student of the University of San Jose-Recoletos (USJ-R), was chosen one of the Ten Most Outstanding Students of the Philippines for 1989 during the search's proclamation night. December 5 at the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel in Manila.

Arenasa, accidentally the only finalist in the search from Cebu, emerged in the top ten among the 21 finalists during the final selection and interview conducted at the Sycip, Gorres & Velayo (SGV) Building in Makati last November 30.

Awarded one of the Ten Most Outstanding High School Students of Cebu in 1986 and a Rhine Marketing Corp. scholar, Arenasa is the current External Vice President of the Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPAI), USJ-R Chapter. He is also the present Associate Editor of the FORWARD, student publication of USJ-R and was also the sole runner-up in the 1988 Mr. and Miss University-Cebu tilt.

An original group of 120 students, each representing a college or university all over the country, participated in the search. Sponsored by the Order of the Knights of Rizal and the SGV Foundation, Inc., the selection is aimed at giving the due recognition to the country's top ten students who "best epitomize the Rizalian qualities of academic excellence and leadership in the campus and community, thereby serving as models to the youth."



ARENASA

The top ten students were chosen on the following criteria: academic excellence, 35%; extra-curricular activities - national and local level, 20%; and 15% respectively; communication skills, 15% and personality, 15%. (con't on page-8)

## SSC CONDUCTS WHOLE DAY SEMINAR-WORKSHOP ON ACCREDITATION

In preparation for the third level accreditation which it seeks and to take place this coming year, 1991, the deans and faculty members of both the Institute of Commerce and Institute of Liberal Arts conducted a whole-day accreditation seminar-workshop last July 20, at the seminar room.

With all the officers and committee members covering all the seven areas of accreditation present, the committees on analysis and evaluation, the whole-day exercise proved to be a very productive one.

Led by Deans Leuterio and Avelino, of Commerce and Liberal Arts respectively, the faculty members went into their work during the afternoon workshop, and were through early in the afternoon, ahead of schedule.

The output having been submitted, what is left would be the refinement of the work done, and a final review before the visit of the accreditators from PAASCU.



Photo shows the group that motored to Aringay, La Union to distribute the aids to quake victims. A mass com student, "Teng," Fr. Panfilo Milo; Ms. L. Hernandez, SCO head; Ms. Ceres Alcantara; and Ms. Gloria Malong. At the back, with dark glasses on is Ms. Pampi Cunanan.

Picture below shows one of the ruins caused by the killer quake, at Aringay, La Union



## USJ-R CONFERS DOCTORATE ON FERNAN

The University of San Jose-Recoletos (USJ-R) conferred on Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan of the Supreme Court, the degree of Doctor in Humane Letters honoris causa, in a solemn ceremony during its 1989 commencement exercises held at the Recoletos Coliseum, in Basak, Cebu City.

Justice Fernan was cited for his "exemplary service and contributions to the community and the nation over a period of more than 30 years in civic and social work, in legal practice, and legal education, and in public service."

As president of the Cebu Jaycees, as president and member of Rotary Club of Cebu West, and as Chairman of the Cebu Newspapers Foundation, Inc., Fernan had given self, time, and resources for community service and projects that have resulted in the amelioration of his fellowmen and community.

Chief Justice Fernan was Dean, College of Law, USJ-R for 23 years and had served the school with maximum competence and efficiency always an example of integrity and propriety.

## COP News Brief

The Annual COP Awareness Week was held on July 10 - 14, 1989 with the theme: "Pagpadayon sa Paglambo sa Kristohanong Gugma Pinaagi sa USJ-R COP."

The activities included displays and exhibitions of various projects sponsored by the different departments and slogan contests in all levels - elementary, high school and college.

Highlighting the week-long celebration was the cornerstone laying of the community center of White Road, Inayawan. This is USJ-R's newly adopted community. The place is actually the dumping site of Cebu City's garbage with 117 families residing thereat. Their main course of livelihood is scavenging.

The guest of honor, Dr. Evangeline D. Ecarma, president of the Ang Bisaya, Inc. (Washington) turned over the initial donation in the amount of one thousand US dollars (\$1,000) for the construction of the said center.

Meanwhile, the Institute of Non-Formal Education and Community Outreach Program (INFECOP) had its college scholarship program sponsored by the USJ-R/USA Alumni Association and the Ang Bisaya, Inc. (Michigan). Two new scholars are May Paredes and Nieves Sareno, both taking up BSC.

The INFECOP is gearing for non-formal education projects in White Road to be spearheaded by the various departments of this university.



USJ-R's adopted barangay with the shanties of the scavengers shown at the lower photo busy with their daily chores.



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

St. Augustine



## SAN SEBASTIAN EDIFICES PROVED STURDY AGAINST 7.7 KILLER QUAKE

The three main buildings of San Sebastian College, bordering its quadrangle have proven its structural strength against the onslaught of the killer quake last July 16.

For the safety of the campus population, specially the students, the school administration declared the whole week classes suspended, to give way to inspection of the premises by the engineers and contractors.

It was only after several days of thorough inspection, which showed no damage of consequence, did the school authorities allowed classes to be resumed, coinciding with the DEC's directive-the return of class the Monday after, July 23.

With the exception of several areas where cracks on the walls were observed there were no damages in any of the three buildings, which could be critical.

Of significance was the inspection of the beams and trusses atop the auditorium at the high school building. No damages were seen by the inspecting team in this area; the steel beams and trusses were intact.

## CMO LAUNCHES CAMPUS MINISTRY WEEK

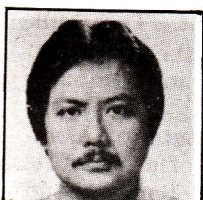
The Campus Ministry Office of San Sebastian College launched the Campus Ministry Week, July 9-13, 1990, with the opening Mass at 6:30 AM, and followed by other activities at the school quadrangle immediately after the flag ceremonies, Monday, July 9, the start of the week-long celebration.

This celebration, woven around the theme, "Decade of Peace-Evangelization 2000" has been intensified in the face of the many new movements around, which threatens to disturb the religious status quo within the campus, according to Fr. Jorge Peligro, SSC-R Campus Minister.

Led by Peer Ministers, room-to-room campaign was initiated to generate awareness from among the students, cutting across all levels, Elementary, High School and Collegiate levels.

July 13, Friday was the celebration's Culminating activity, which is a Thanksgiving Mass at the College Chapel, at 6:30 AM.

## Dean Avelino is new Chairman of CEAP-NCR Deans' Commission



Dean Avelino

Liberal Arts Dean Ramon L. Avelino was recently elected Chairman of the CEAP-NCR Deans' Commission during the body's reorganizational meeting last July 5 at St. Paul's College in Quezon City.

Dean Avelino replaced Sr. Teresita Bayona who recently assumed the presidency of St. Paul College, Q.C.

Other officers elected were:

Vice Chairman . . . . Sr. Esperanza Vistro, of St. Joseph's College; Q.C.  
Secretary . . . . . Sr. Sofia Taguinod, of Sta. Catalina College  
Treasurer . . . . . Dr. Rafaela Sirinilla, of La Consolacion College, Manila  
PRO . . . . . Sr. Trinidad Dosdos, of La Concordia College

The new set of officers held their initial meeting in San Sebastian last August 3 to discuss projects that shall be pursued by the Commission during the current school year as well as to prepare the agenda for their monthly meeting with the entire membership of the commission on August.

## SOMETHING NEW AT SSC - AN HRM LABORATORY

Although it has been on the drawing board for sometimes the New HRM laboratory is finally a reality. It is located on the third floor on the Northern end of the administration building, where the computer room used to be.

This new lab will give HRM (Hotel & Restaurant Management) students the chance to have the feel of managing a hotel, in terms of its various requirements.

The HRM Lab features a kitchen, a bedroom, and other spaces intended to simulate a particular area in a five-star hotel.

## BAGUIO SEMINARIO MAYOR - Quake aftermath

The Recoletos community in Baguio was not spared from the killer quake last July 16. Badly hit was the new extension building on the right wing of the seminary.

Although no casualty was reported, the psychological impact on the seminarians and the fathers was somehow very much felt. To forestall any impending consequent difficulties - food shortage, lack of water supply, continuous aftershocks, epidemics, the Baguio seminarians, as decided by the Baguio formation were sent home, and the seminary tentatively closed.

Presently, the 3rd and 4th year seminarians are back in the seminary while the 1st and the 2nd years have been distributed throughout the OAR schools all over the country, where they are now studying.

Repairs are currently being done at the Baguio seminary upon the recommendation of engineers who visited the place for inspection.

*Anything worth  
doing  
is worth doing  
your best*

## USJ-R PLACES 1989 BAR EXAMS

Jalilo O. De la Torre, a 1987 Law graduate or USJ-R, placed 8th (85.6%) in the 1989 Bar Exams. The only top-notch outside Metro Manila, he is joined by 11 other successful Josenian bar takers: Atty. Mario V. Alonzo, Elroy Raymund S. Bertulfo, Romero A. Boniel, Josefa R. Canares, Eugenio L. Gelves, Jr., Magdalena Miguelita Lepitan (1st to 3rd year) Delia P. Noel, Eugene C. Orbita, Jesse Rey M. Silvosa, Jose E. Villaces and Godofredo V. Limalima, USJ-R College of Law's passing percentage was 25%, while the national passing percentage was only 21%. About 600 of more than 3,000 examinees passed the bar exams.

The present law faculty consist of the following judges, fiscals and law practitioners: Dean Alicia E. Bathan, Prof. Pedro L. Albino, Prof. Gregorio F. Bacolod, Fiscal Ireneo L. Gako, Jr., Prof. Ms. Teresa F. Jaca, Prof. Valentino L. Legaspi, Prof. Makilito B. Mahinay, Prof. Federico B. Mercado, Prof. Ernesto P. Rama, Prof. Efren V. Ramirez, Prof. Romeo R. Reyes, Judge Pedro O. Son, Prof. Corazon E. Valencia and Prof. Paulino Yabao.



FR. CENIZA

## SSC Vice President Appointed Acting Parish Priest of San Sebastian Basilica

San Sebastian College Vice President, Fr. Hermenegildo Ceniza, OAR has been appointed Acting Parish Priest of San Sebastian Basilica vice Fr. Nicolas Salvatierra, OAR, the parish priest, who's on leave, while celebrating his 25th Jubilee in the priesthood.

Fr. Ceniza, till his appointment, has been San Sebastian's Vice-Prior, aside from being the Vice President of San Sebastian College, and Head of the Religion department.

Upon his assumption of office, Fr. Ceniza has busied himself overseeing the many activities in the church, which he inherited from Fr. Salvatierra, OAR.

Aside from the usual projects and activities, Fr. Ceniza launched the monthly publication of the San Sebastian parish newsletter called, the OAR Parishioner, the initial issue of which was for the month of July.



## COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT ACQUIRES MORE COMPUTER UNITS

In its thrust to provide quality education to its students through better and modern facilities, the Computer Science Department recently acquired 40 brand new IBM PC's, 40 Philips and TLR Monitors, and 6 Epson Printers.

The units are now installed at CS Laboratories 1 and 2. The acquisition is in line with the department's policy to update and replace its facilities every 5 to 6 years in order to meet the needs of the students.

Meanwhile, computer science students have reason to jubilate for the department now has a mini-computer, making USJ-R the only school in Cebu and Mindanao to own such a computer. Mrs. Clarita Dacua, the department head, said the unit was acquired in order to provide the students a background and experience about mini-computers. At present, it is installed at the Computer Institute Office.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

The USJ-R Graduate School has scheduled 3 out-reach programs. The first is the summer program for the Master of Arts course, major in Values Education. A 3-week live-out seminar workshop on content and strategies of values teaching in three education levels (elementary, high school, and college) with an experiential instructional design, the 152-hour program is for Deans, Supervisors, Principals, Academic Heads, and High School-Elementary-College Teachers.

The second, a joint activity of Norkis and the Grade School, is an off-campus MM-ExM course especially designed for Action-Oriented and socially involved Executives and Managers. Billed as "Organization of the Batch 2 for MM-ExM \* Norkis," the program fits in the trimestral (quarterly) schedule.

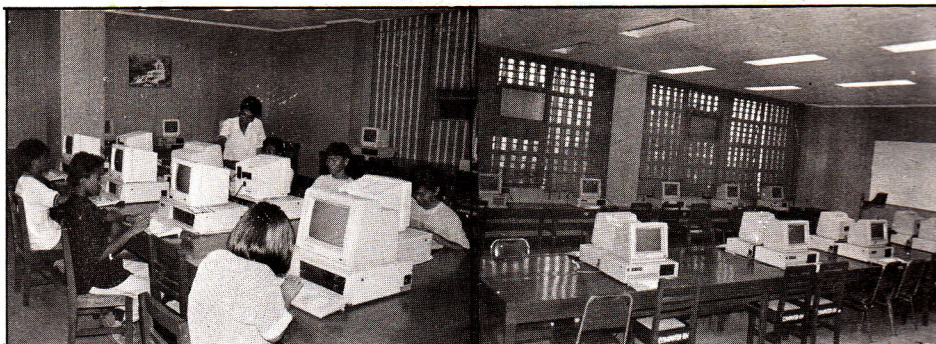
The third is a continuing activity of financial aiding and giving of donation in kind to institutional projects for Gaas (Balamban), White Road (Inayawan) and other GRADS donation recipients. (Elena G. Serafin)

## USJ-R's CULMINATING RITES FOR ST. AUGUSTINE

The USJ-R culminated its St. Augustine celebration, in a week-long "Awareness" activities, which brought to a close the Recoletos' St. Augustine Centenary, with a concelebrated mass last August 1989.

With the participation of most, if not all Josenians, the Awareness week, included exhibits, literary-Musical programs, religious and cultural activities, highlighting the worthwhile teachings of St. Augustine.

The Awareness Week was a follow-up to sustain the Josenians' internalization of the educational and religious mission of St. Augustine.



USJ-R computer instructor shown above with his computer students going over their lessons.

USJ-R Computer laboratory showing several computer units recently acquired by the university.

## FR. PRESIDENT SPELLS OUT 1990 - 91 SCENARIO FOR SSC - R



Fr. Lauro Larlar, OAR

Fr. Lauro Larlar, OAR, president of San Sebastian College, and concurrently Superintendent of all Recollect Schools in the Philippines, in separate conferences he held recently with the faculty members of the different departments and institutes of the school unveiled an extensive program of reconstruction and development in the physical and academic aspects of San Sebastian College, Manila.

In the course of his conferences, however, he stressed that over and above all the things that will be taken up, he would urge the adoption of the principle of "Totus Christus" (All for Christ) in the individual and professional life of the teachers. He said that this is in the spirit of the charism of St. Augustine and that of the Augustinian recollection. The doctrine of "Totus Christus" embraces all, religious and lay in one community of beliefs, united in one mind and one heart, on the way to God.

The most important parts of his conferences were the various items in the "triennial" plan and the areas of concern, which he intends to implement during the present school year.

Included in the triennial plan are the "religious personnel development, accreditation, the establishment of a research and planning center, a careful study of the salary scale to enable

## TEACHERS' DAY - A surprise package from the SSC Student Government.

The SSC Student Government in a very guarded manner, planned and staged its surprise package last March 7, 1990, at the SSC Auditorium with invitations going to all the faculty members of the Institutes of Liberal Arts and Commerce during "Teachers' Day."

The idea behind the occasion was taking a day off, and make way for expressing the studentry's appreciation for the efforts of their various professors, whose role in the classroom, did not go unnoticed.

As each faculty member was being presented the Certificate of Appreciation, a voice track of a random interview with one of the teacher's students was being played. The interview, pre-recorded for the occasion was a simple, one-question affair: "What do you think, or what can you say about (name of teacher). In response, the student gives his brief and spontaneous estimate of the said teachers.

All in all, it was fun, for both the faculty members and the students, who filled the auditorium up to the balcony. There were a number of negative comments, but kudos for the faculty members concerned who rolled with the blows, so to speak.

Father President Lauro Larlar, OAR, opened the proceedings, and in his opening remarks, citing a portion from the writings of the late Pope Paul VI to the effect that the faculty members must realize that the school depends on them mainly to pursue and carry out all the institution's programs and goals.

The presentation was made possible through the efforts of the Supreme Student Government of San Sebastian College, led by then incumbent President, Bernard Masilang, backed up by his enthusiastic and active members.

the faculty members to live comfortably in the face of the present economic conditions, job description, the completion of the faculty manuals, and the creation of a more healthy physical environment in the school.



### FOR FURTHER STUDIES

Three religious of the Order of Augustinian Recollects left September 17 for Rome, as a part of their further studies as members of the Order.

Coming from Manila, Bacolod and Cavite, the three are, Fr. Regino Bancaya, OAR, National Vocation Director of the OAR; Fr. Bernard Amparado, OAR' head of the Bacolod Campus Ministry Office; and Fr. Frederico Gregorio, OAR, Vice President of the Cavite SSC-R.

### OAR SPIRITUALITY

An annual retreat is in the offing for all the members of the Order of Augustinian Recollects set for October 22-26 at Holy Family Retreat House, with the Bishop of Bacolod, Rev. Fr. Camilo Gregorio, as the retreat master.

### CEBU BLESSING

Tentatively set on October 27, 1990 6:00 p.m. is the blessing of the new Consolacion Parish in Laray, Cebu, which was recently completed after four years of planning for the occasion.

The blessing will be attended by the members of the Recoletos Communities all over the country.

### CONTINUING FORMATION

Scheduled for the early part of December 1990, the Continuing Formation has been tentatively set for the City of Manila, which will feature two OAR religious from Spain, in persons of Fr. Ciordia and Fr. Carazo.

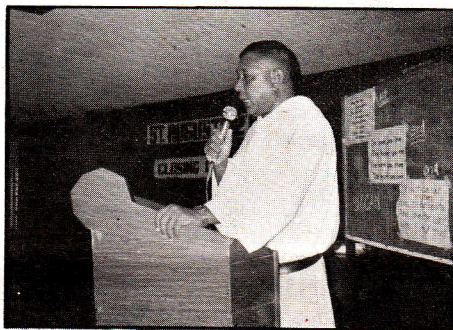
### CAVITE SSC-R

At this writing, athletes of the Cavite Recoletos are in the thick of their annual intramurals, giving the Cavite SSC-R ground, a festive atmosphere. Another event worth taking note of at Cavite is the active and enthusiastic attendance in the Weekly Bible-Sharing by the students in various courses. Cavite SSC-R has been busy collecting donations for quake victims which has amounted to P10,000.

### JOSENIAN IS ... (con't from page-5)

The board of judges was composed of Ombudsman Conrado Vasquez, Sr., "Viewpoint" host Atty. Ric Puno, Inquirer Vice-President Emmanuel Cabusao, Rep. Raul Roco (LDP-Camarines Sur), and Senator Alberto Romulo, among others. The pre-selection committee which screened all entries to determine the top 21 included Cabusao and a panel of SGV partners.

## CAVITE SSC - R CELEBRATES ST. AUGUSTINE DAY



Fr. Federico de la Rosa, Campus Minister and Dean of Theology of Cavite SSC-R, shown speaking during the St. Augustine Day celebration at Cavite.



The image of St. Augustine during the procession highlighting the St. Augustine Day at Cavite last August 28, 1990.



The Cavite SSC-R students having fun with songs and dances during the program commemorating St. Augustine Day.



Another highlight presentation by the Cavite SSC-R students with native Filipino motif during the St. Augustine Day rites.

### CULTURAL SHOW CAPS SSCR'S-43RD

Easily, the most colorful and dazzling presentation during the week-long celebration at San Sebastian College, Manila, the Cultural Show on January 27 at the quadrangle was a showcase of the Sebastianian artistry and creativity.

In a two-hour presentation, various departments of SSC took turns in presenting the 12 months of the year, each depicting the major significance of the month.

With the members of the Panel of Judges invited for the occasion, the NAEA's. "Excerpts from the world's Love Stories" for February ran away with the Best Presentation award.

Liberal Arts, on the other hand, with its "Reconciliation" theme for August, won the Most Entertaining award, and the Most Creative award went to Commerce for its modernistic treatment of the "Nativity" for December.

Theme for this year's celebration is "Looking Through and Looking Forward the Sebastianian Recoletos Way."

The other months shown during the cultural show, were January - "Ati-Atihan," participated in by the Elementary School teachers; "Graduation" for March, with cast from Liberal Arts; April highlighted by "Salubong" - A Lenten tradition, while the High School department came up with Maytime "Santa Cruzan."

"Wedding" and "Opening Classes" were the main feature for the month of June, another High School department brainchild, and another Liberal Arts presentation for July - a "lampoon version of the NCAA basketball game."

The SSC Graduate School handled the "Penafrancia Festival" for the month of September very well, followed by the SCA's treatment of the "Holy Rosary" for October and another creative endeavor by the Elementary department with a stage-full of zombies for November's "Halloween."

Exhibition of pyrotechnics with rockets zooming skyward and exploding over the San Sebastian campus signalled the start and end of the Cultural Show.

### RECOLLECT FATHERS... (from page 4)

Fr. Benjamin Ayechu, OAR spoke on, "Information from the General Secretariat of Spirituality," followed by Fr. John, "Jack" Oldfield, OAR speaking on, "Augustinology" from May 14 to 18.

Fr. Victor Lluch, the OAR Vicar Provincial, on May 19 presided over the assembly with his piece on, "Information on the Vicariate of the Philippines and China."

Two of those who attended the Renewal, were members of the C-der from the U.S., and another from Italy.