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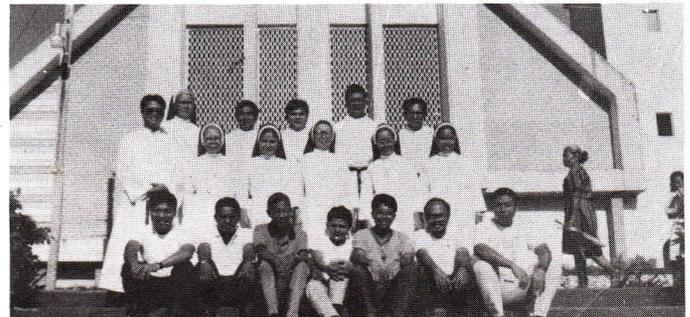
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NATIONAL VOCATION PROMOTERS MEET

The National Vocation Director, Fr. Cris Palomar, OAR, bravely pushed through with the plan of gathering the Recollect Vocation Promoters in Valencia, Negros Oriental on July 16 to 19, 1993. "But Valencia has no sea or airport!" the objection went. Who cares? ... Many of the new local promoters were aching to see this "controversial" place. And off they went. Fr. Leander Barrot for Consolacion Parish, Laray, Talisay, Cebu; Fr. Edcel Celiz for Carmel Parish and USJ-R, Cebu City; Fr. Ronel Gealon for UNO-R, Bacolod City; Fr. Carmelo Borces for San Nicolas de T. Parish, Talisay, Negros Occ.; Fr. Nick Salamanca for CST-R, San Carlos City, Negros Occ.; Fr. Oting Tamayo for SSC, Manila; Fr. Loreto Dacanay for Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Parish, Tondo, Manila; Fr. Doming Saladaga for the Vicariate Office and San Nicolas de T. Parish, Quezon City; Fr. Tony Limchaypo for Our Lady of Consolacion Parish, Mira-Nila, Quezon City; Brother Agustin Culaton for St. Ezekiel Moreno Novitiate, Antipolo, and Fr. Rex Bangcaya for Recoletos Formation Center, Mira-Nila, Q.C. Fr. Cris, of course, came for SM-R, Baguio as well. The A.R. Sisters were represented by Sisters Espie Escaño, Adelina Reyes, Ma. Goretti Cui and Aurora Baygan. All admitted their inadequacy as to effective promotion of vocations. But, at the end, solutions and resolutions were formulated for the approval



Augustinian Recollect Family



OAR Vocation Promoters at Caidiocan, Valencia

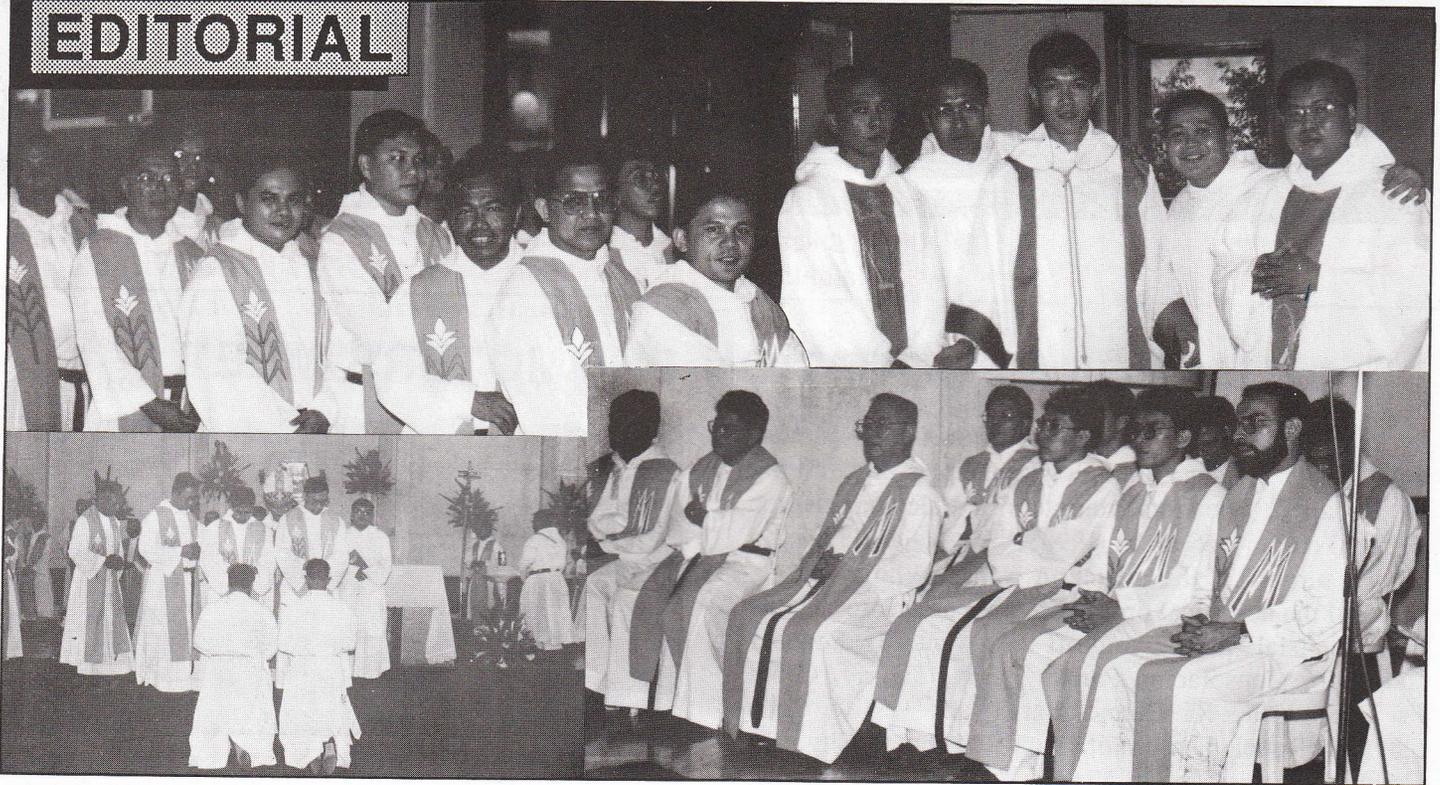
of Fr. Vicar. The national meeting was highlighted by a visit to Caidiocan school and church and a concelebrated Sunday Mass with the Valencia parishioners.

VICARIATE GEARS FOR RECOLETOS CONGRESS

Since July 26 when the members of the pre-congress commissions first met, several follow-up meetings had been done both at the particular and plenary levels. The desire to hold a common and wider forum, such as a congress, had already been brewing among the Philippine Recollects for years and years. Designed mostly by Fr. Vicar, Fr. Victor Lluch, through a concept paper, the congress has articulated its vision, thus: Moving and Growing toward Renewed and Authentic Witnessing of OAR Charism as the Vicariate Responds to PCP II and the New Evangelization in the Philippines. Five

Commissions had been formed, namely, on Spirituality, Formation, Apostolate, Augustinian Recollect Family and Government and Economy. Different committees had been put up such as those of Program, Liturgy, Procedure and Mechanics to ensure orderly pacing within the congress. Sectoral representatives are now being elected to bring out greater participation from the communities. The set date for this eventful gathering is 4th to 8th of January 1994 in Cebu City. Prayers are being asked for the positive results of this first vicarial congress.

EDITORIAL



Of Calls and the Call

These third- and fourth-quarter months are yearly assigned for vocation programs in many schools and dioceses all over the country. The Filipino Recollects, animated by the Rev. Fr. Vicar, are constantly aware of this need and obligation. We salute all vocation-workers — Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, seminarians, laypersons, parents — as year-in and year-out they untiringly awaken the Call in youthful hearts who in our days are overwhelmed by many other calls.

This issue includes side “callings” that may spur on to a more committed response to the Caller. The discovery of St. Ezekiel’s historical footprints in our

midst might serve as a concrete direction for Filipino vocations. The questionings of a young Recoleta priest may ring true to our struggle to clarify the real Call from the dissipating calls. The missionary enthusiasm of our Filipino Recollects may spark the dying embers of our slowly emptying commitments. Even the desired vicarial congress is a cry for a more meaningful Recoleta vocation — “in this soil, in this climate”, in this moment.

(Ed’s Note: *An apology to our Correspondents for the delay of this issue.*)



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SAN CARLOS CITY, NEGROS OCC.: MINOR SEMINARIANS WIN

In the city's celebration of the Probation and Parole Week in July, a senior seminarian, Nestor Cruda, won the championship prize in a poster-slogan contest besting several other artists in the area. On the same occasion, another seminarian, Arnaldo Nacionales, Jr., a junior student, placed first in the essay-writing contest held at the district Hall of Justice. Keep up the good work!

ANTIPOLO: PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT TALK

A two-day talk on human development was given to the Novices by Sister Malou Piccio, A.R. Focused on personality discovery, it was also Christ-centered. The second day was mostly backed up by a series of psychology tests including the Enneagram of fixations. It was certainly a formative experience with Sister.

BAGUIO: UN-TRADITIONAL INTRAMURAL GAMES

This year's intramurals among the seminarians included a contest on the beautification of the seminary premises. The whole Seminary lot was divided among the seven teams, each assigned to beautify and take care of a portion — an innovation courtesy of Fr. Cris Palomar. To ensure the effectivity of the project, the Ecology Club was formed substituting the former Physical Fitness Club.

FORMATION



Fr. Emil Jaruda, Rev. Remo Rendora, Fr. Don Wagas

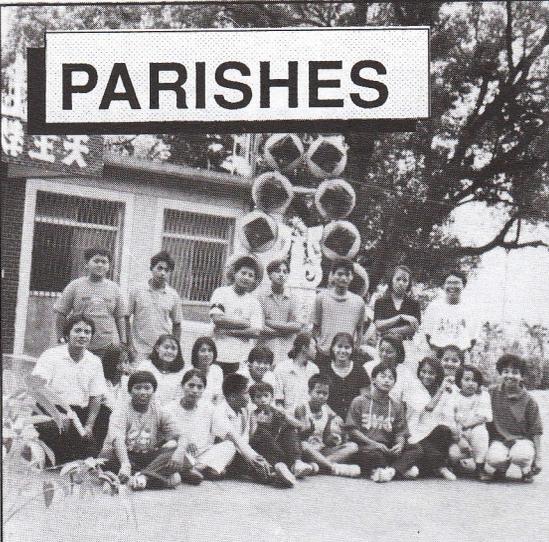
PRESBYTERAL-DIACONAL ORDINATION

On September 4, 1993, Most Rev. Camilo D. Gregorio, D.D., Bishop of Bacolod, conferred the Sacred Order of Presbyterate on Rev. Emilio P. Jaruda, Jr. and Rev. Adonis Wagas, and that of Deacon on Fray Remo D. Rendora. Fr. Emil is the 70th and Fr. Don the 71st pinoy Recoleta priest as of date (statistics based on ordinations and "defections"). Bishop Gregorio contextualized his homily basing himself on the Message of the recent OAR General Chapter (1992), captivated by the Chapter's terminology of "brotherly mankind."

MIRA-NILA, Q.C.: ST. EZEKIEL AND THE POOR

The community eagerly celebrated this year's feast of St. Ezekiel Moreno with the parishioners of Pingki-an, a depressed area, walking-distance away from the Recoletos Formation Center. The barrio chapel was given the Recoleta Saint for its patron. After the concelebrated Mass, the Fathers and theologians shared a simple breakfast with the residents. Parlor games were organized for the younger set.

PARISHES



Summer Catechism with Fr. Senio



Filipino Migrant Workers in Nantse, Kaohsiung with Fr. Jun



Santimen Catechism c/o Fr. Tenie



Wutai Catechism, Recollect Missions

TALISAY: BIBLE CLASS ANNIVERSARY

On July 17, San Nicolas de Tolentino parish marked its first Bible Class anniversary. The celebration, centered on the Eucharistic sacrifice presided by Fr. Casiano Cosmilla, parish priest, was participated in by religious organizations. Happy anniversary!

VALENCIA: MUSEUM ITEMS

The parish of Our Lady of the Abandoned was one of the earliest to respond to the vicarial call for contributions to the new Recoleta museum. It already sent boxes of antique vestments last year and has lately given away its treasured century-old, wooden cabinet besides a sanctuary lamp, church bell, tabernacle, among others. The parish priest, Fr. Arnie Visitacion plans to send more objects.

There is no truth to the rumor that Valencia would soon be named as the "Abandoned parish of Our Lady" much less as the "parish Abandoned by Our Lady."

TAIWAN CONNECTION

SUMMER PROGRAM:

Summer break in our missions brings along with it bustling catechism classes, summer camps and pilgrimages especially for the kids and the youth. Fr. Melecio Ho's catechism, joined by three nearby parishes, lasted for three weeks; Fr. Pedro Tung brought his children to Kaohsiung City for these classes, and Fr. Manuel Pierola's catechetical activity, also joined by neighboring parishes, went on for two weeks and a half.

MOUNTAIN MISSION:

The theme for this year's summer catechism was: "Faith response and the role of the youth in the Church." Unlike in the lowland, the participants had to live inside for the duration of the week-long course. To culminate the affair, the children were brought to the beach, a field trip or an excursion. From Machia, the gradeschoolers had to be herded to Kenting beach, around 120 kilometers away (!). The Wutai and Santimen classes, on the other hand, settled for a swim in nearby rivers.

NEW HOME INAUGURATION:

Finally, on May 12, the new house at the Santimen mission was blessed by the superior of the delegation in the presence of the Recollect community with the Filipino-chinese Dominican Sisters as guests. This house is now the permanent residence of the three Filipino Recollects in the mountain parishes. It will also certainly be their powerhouse for strength, zeal and hope.

NEW APOSTOLATE:

With the increase of Filipino migrant workers in Taiwan, the demand for religious services also grew. Frs. Jun, Tenie and Senix, with the approval of the delegation, generously responded to this new need by saying Sunday Masses for the Filipino groups. It is interesting to note that the three Recollects are the only pinoy priests in the Kaohsiung diocese. To their delight, they have even met a group of alumni from USJ-R and SSC among their faithful.

SCHOOLS

Manila: SOLA Anniversary

The Sebastinian Office of Legal Aid (SOLA) of the San Sebastian College of Law marked its first anniversary on August 28. Approved by the Supreme Court, the office allows "senior law students to appear before the courts ... to represent indigent litigants." The Holy Mass was led by the college President, Fr. Lauro Larlar. In its annual report, SOLA stated that since its inauguration it has handled a total of 67 cases.

EDSA '86 Heroine at SSC

To celebrate the feast of Mt. Carmel, the San Sebastian community invited Ms. June Keithly-Castro, the heroine of the EDSA Revolution '86, to talk about the Blessed Mother. Citing various Marian apparitions, she called attention to their common message of repentance and conversion amid the proliferation of immorality and sin in all parts of the world. The encounter ended with the consecration of the SSC community to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"THE YEAR OF THE STAGS", 1993

The San Sebastian College basketball varsity, the Stags, did not want to be taken for granted! They clobbered perennial foe, the Letran Knights, last September 22 to bag the coveted NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) 1993 crown. This is actually the fourth championship of the San Sebastian Stags in the NCAA. Warm Congratulations!

BACOLOD CITY: UNIVERSITY CHAPEL AS ORATORY

The Bishop of Bacolod, Most Rev. Camilo D. Gregorio, recently decreed the chapel of University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos as an oratory (Can. 1224) allowing in it "all sacred celebrations" and lasting for 25 years. This privilege came as a response to UNOR's expanding pastoral care and apostolate.

Recent Topnotchers: Mr. Isidro Cabaluna Sun, Jr. - 6th, Civil Engineer; Mr. Aquilino Salarda, Jr. - 7th, Assistant Electrical Engineer.



Signing of Greening Program, Cebu

CEBU CITY: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT THROUGH ECOLOGY

University of San Jose-Recoletos' president, Fr. Emie Buñao and vice-president-Student Welfare, Fr. Andres Gotera, signed the memorandum of Agreement for "Project Greening the Mountain" at the VISCOM (Visayas Command) grandstand last August 16, 1993. It aimed at greening the five-hectare balding area of the VISCOM. Joined by the Bishops-Businessmen's Conference (BBC) and the VISCOM itself, the project is an example of what community involvement and cooperation can do to help green the surroundings.

Latest Topnotcher: Ms. Roscelle T. Tabernal - 9th place, CPA.

MALACAÑANG: "THE BEST OF THE BEST", Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines '93

An alumnus of the University of San Jose-Recoletos was chosen one of the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP) of 1993 and awarded at Malacañang Palace by President Fidel V. Ramos himself. A full-blooded Josenian, Mr. Donald E. Amparado finished B.S. Accountancy and completed his elementary, high school and college studies at USJ-R. He is the only one from the Visayas who made it to the top ten.

"THE REST OF THE BEST"

Another Recoletos product, Mr. Arnold O. Adante, graduate of A.B. Political Science from San Sebastian College, Manila, entered the circle of thirty finalists for the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines '93. They were chosen from a field of 160 students from all over the country.

The Augustinian Recollects of the Philippines and the world are proud of them as their contribution to the "bright hopes for the future" of the Filipino nation as well as of the global society.



ST. EZEKIEL MORENO CORNER

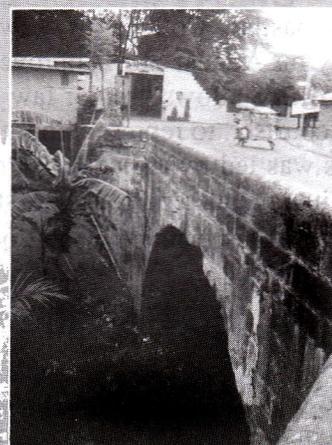
(Note: St. Ezekiel Moreno Center at RFC, Mira-Nila, Q.C., now accepts reports of any favor received through the intercession of St. Ezekiel for filing and publication purposes).

If Those Stones Could Only Speak ...

Emmanuel Luis A. Romanillos



Molino Dam, managed by St. Ezekiel



Isabel II Bridge between Imus and Salinas

It was a pilgrimage of sorts. Initially, it was an aimless search for friaries, villages and dams in Cavite province where once upon a time a holy missionary who bore the name Ezekiel Moreno de la Virgen del Rosario had zealously worked — away from public view, without fanfare. We planned to gather photos and information on his Cavite years — Father Rex Bangcaya, Father Notnot Naranja, Frater Joey Villena and I.

That sunny Sunday mid-morning in June 1993 we hit the road to Bacoor and Imus in historic Cavite province. We first headed for Bacoor poblacion. Its curate sadly disclosed to us that some parish documents were lost to schismatic ministers during the tumultuous 1896 Revolution. Alas, among the irretrievable records were baptismal, marriage and burial books pertaining to 1882. This was the *annus horribilis* of the cholera outbreak when Saint Ezekiel ministered to hapless tenant families in Mambog and Salinas of Bacoor. We could only imagine the awe-inspiring ministry and dedication of the Recoleta Saint as he indefatigably dashed from one farflung shanty to another.

The bacterial scourge had struck at Bacoor during the worst of times: the season of monsoon rains, tropical storms and perennial floods. Mang Paruparo, as the old Mambog barrio chief was fondly called for making colorful handcrafted butterfly decor, leisurely

conversed with Fr. Rex and me. We were told how in the distant past the long stretch of road leading to Imus and Salinas amid verdant rice farms and lush mango trees would turn impassable due to mire and knee-deep waters. And yet — as hagiographer Bishop Minguella tells us — from September to November 1882 the zealous Servant of God “spent many days and nights with no rest at all, dispensing the holy sacraments to countless ill persons in areas so distant from one another.” Of the 3,200 fatalities, only three perished without benefit of confession! This was because their relatives did not promptly send for the priest.

Earlier in the day, we had trekked to Molino in search of a dam. Molino is another Bacoor barrio within the jurisdiction of now-defunct San Nicolas Estate, an integral part of Imus hacienda complex which entirely encompassed Imus, Bacoor and Dasmariñas. Hacienda income subsidized Monteagudo, Marcilla, and San Millan, missionaries’ transport fares in transoceanic voyages, church repairs or constructions, and sustenance of various Philippine convents and mission stations. In 1882-1885 Imus Hacienda was deftly managed by Father Ezekiel who urged the provincial in Manila to approve his budget for repair and strengthening of Molino Dam, one of the forty dams built by the Recollects in Cavite from 1780-1893. Dams and irrigation channels were



Underground Irrigation, Imus Hacienda



Part of Irrigation Complex, St. Ezekiel's Time

constructed to provide ample water supply for much of the 18,000 hectares of Imus Hacienda, especially during protracted drought periods benefitting rice fields, vegetable farms and sugar plantation of some 900 inquilinos (tenants) and their families. Without much ado, Father Moreno's budget of 3,926 pesos was approved by the 1885 provincial chapter.

After a few minutes' stroll from the village church, we were led to the Molino Dam, now in its centuries-old moss-gathered splendor. The dam remains a speechless witness to Father Ezekiel's concern for the Order's property and for the social upliftment of tenant families. In the Saint's time, it irrigated the vast fertile lands yonder where now lie scattered modern subdivisions. The sexton conducted us to the Molino-San Nicolas junction. There on its adjoining field we viewed with amazement two cylindrical structures — old, huge, turret-looking and made of mamposteria. These turned out to be sophisticated parts of a complex irrigation system consisting of deep mamposteria wells and subterranean water channels now in disuse. My comrades later chanced upon the vast water depository: the Prinsa Dam, a labor of love by Father Ezekiel's subject, Brother Roman Caballero.

Our search for the San Nicolas estate house was futile. The Katipunan revolutionists had reportedly razed it to the ground in the initial stages of the nationalist upheaval. We saw, however, the lowly village chapel where at an altar niche reposed an icon of Saint Nicholas of Tolentino, a relic of the glorious bygone days of selfless Recollect priests.

Amid the rustic ambience, we breathed the fresh air as we proceeded along the long and winding road to Salinas, a village contiguous to San Juan Bautista de Imus estate house. As the first raindrops fell, we

crossed the sturdy Isabel II bridge (constructed by Brother Matias Carbonnel in the 1850s), a landmark separating Bacoor and Imus. We sought refuge in Camp Pantaleon Garcia. This Imus PNP barracks is the site of then San Juan Bautista priory where our Saint was at the helm of a community of thirteen Recollects. The friary was besieged and torched by Aguinaldo's forces in 1896. An age-old massive edifice, probably a warehouse, remains on the ground. This too was frozen for posterity by the cameras of our two ardent photographers, Fr. Notnot and Fray Joey. A hundred meters or so away is the brick cathedral of Imus dedicated to Our Lady of the Pillar. In 1882-1885, Saint Ezekiel ably assisted its curate, Father Jose Maria Learte in the pulpit and confessional.

Twilight commenced to engulf that part of the world, as the weary group hastened to San Sebastian College-Cavite City for a fraternal evening meal. We had followed the trail blazed by Ezekiel's sanctity, pastoral fervor and social concern for farmers of yore; he was not dubbed *a contemplative in the social ministry* by Bishop Camilo D. Gregorio for nothing. Along the way we had unearthed his confreres' community-building legacy and pastoral zeal.

Oh, if those stones and bricks of dams and bridges could only talk ...!

But I know that the spiritual greatness and glorious example set by Saint Ezekiel had dazzled the joyous hearts and minds of Father Rex, Father Notnot, Frater Joey and mine, even as his message was vividly clear and deafening: *the vocation to holiness and fidelity to commitments in life are still very valid challenges today for us, for you, for everyone.*

Saint Ezekiel, pray for us!

INSCAPE

(This column gives way to the article by the Father Prefect of College seminarians, SM-R, Baguio City)

FIRST PERSON SINGULAR: CALL ON ME

Fr. Larry J. Garcés, OAR

It was 11:45 at night and there was no electricity. I heard a soft knock at my door: "Father, I need to go to the comfort room but I have no candle." I barely figured out what he wanted to say, so I said, "You wait for a while. I'll get my flashlight and I'll go with you." There was no water in our floor so we had to go to the basement. After the seminarian relieved himself, we returned to the dormitory and I went back to sleep. Had he no candle, or was he just afraid of the dark? When they wake me up in the middle of a seldom-achieved siesta just to ask permission to use the phone or to tell me there is a beggar outside, I just shrug off and thank God for giving me trials of patience.

This spells out one point in a priest's life which is often overlooked: availability.

In my two years as a priest (I need 23 years more before I celebrate my silver anniversary!) this thing has really come out as a priority for me. I could see in the eyes of the people I meet the demand for priests to be available for their needs. But, do they really have the right to think that once you become a priest, you have to serve them? As for me, I think we are priests of God and of the people. If we are to serve God, then we are to serve the people too.

Was it not my banalecry when I applied for the seminary before? "I want to become a priest because I want to serve God and humanity." I sometimes hear some quarters say we must take care of our souls first before we could hope to take care of others. I myself believe that I have the first obligation to my own eternal peace in the beyond. But I also think that my training in the seminary was not only for academic (and apologetic) purposes. Not only to prepare ourselves for future encounters with peoples, but also - and perhaps more importantly - to learn how to forget our "selves" in the process of fulfilling our ministry. This means that we should have attained a certain level of maturity in our outlook as regards our faith and the concordant praxis. This means that we can be confidently working in our line of ministry without prejudices and fears as to what might happen to our own souls. This is difficult and may even border on being idealistic, but as they say, "that is how spaghetti should be cooked."

Priesthood demands a lot of a person's person. I believe that if I am deficient in my availability as a minister, it is because I have yet to fulfill my own obligations to my own self which I am supposed to have already settled.

Availability does not have a conventional definition. It is as eternally encompassing and unfathomable as a child's

mind. For me as a priest, it will boil down to my own personal conviction of up to what extent will I (although it reads, should I) follow the words of Christ through Vatican II: "Consecrated by the anointing of the Holy Spirit and sent by Christ, priests devote themselves entirely to the service of men" (cf PO 12). In another place, it reads: "Let priests very gladly spend themselves and be spent in any task assigned to them, even the more lowly and poor ones" (PO 15). How I interpret and put into praxis these principles would highly depend on how prepared am I to forget my own self "leave all things" (cf Mk 10:42) within me and put to life the original banalecry.

People want and love a priest who is "at their disposal, available when they need him." Can I live up to this expectation? How stingy am I with my time? Is it humanly possible for me to fulfill all these?

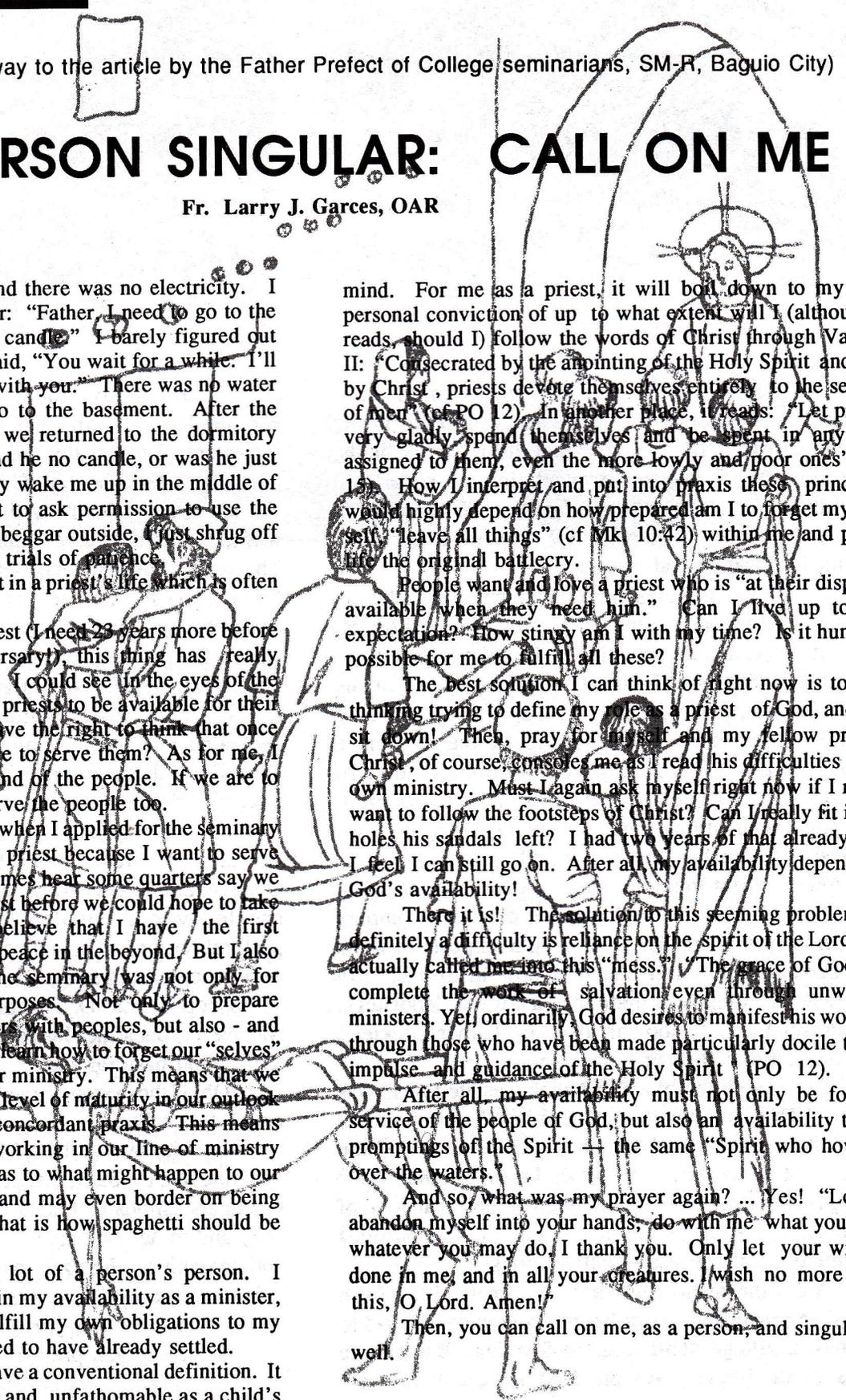
The best solution I can think of right now is to stop thinking trying to define my role as a priest of God, and just sit down! Then, pray for myself and my fellow priests. Christ, of course, consoles me as I read his difficulties in his own ministry. Must I again ask myself right now if I really want to follow the footsteps of Christ? Can I really fit in the holes his sandals left? I had two years of that already, and I feel I can still go on. After all, my availability depends on God's availability!

There it is! The solution to this seeming problem yet definitely a difficulty is reliance on the spirit of the Lord who actually called me into this "mess." The grace of God can complete the work of salvation even through unworthy ministers. Yet, ordinarily, God desires to manifest his wonders through those who have been made particularly docile to the impulse and guidance of the Holy Spirit (PO 12).

After all, my availability must not only be for the service of the people of God, but also an availability to the promptings of the Spirit — the same "Spirit who hovered over the waters."

And so, what was my prayer again? ... Yes! "Lord, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will, whatever you may do, I thank you. Only let your will be done in me, and in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord. Amen!"

Then, you can call on me, as a person, and singular as well.



FROM THE A.R. SISTERS ...



AR Sisters with Fr. Paloma in Madrid

Preparation for the 11th Ordinary General Chapter

Mother General recently announced in her circular letter the convocation of the eleventh Ordinary General Chapter on April 15, 1994 and the election of delegates and alternates to the same. The Chapter will admit 27 delegatés. Named to the Pre-Capitular Commission were: Sr. Modesta San Jose as chairperson, with Sr. Adelaida Elli, Sr. Alejandra Bendoval, Sr. Marcela de la Cruz and Sr. Zosima Tambanillo as members.

Off to Spain

Four AR Sisters left for Madrid last July 25 to do a pioneering assistance job for the OAR Fathers at Colegio San Agustin, Valladolid, Spain. They are: Sr. Emilia Buenaseda, Sr. Emilia Madrigal (now Sr. Anabella, her real name as required by the passport), Sr. Concepcion Buchan and Sr. Hermosilia Torreon. Welcome to "tierra del sol"!



Mother General at Ordination Rites

Outstanding Sister Principal

Sister Candida Umali, AR, principal of Virgin of Carmel High School in Tiwi, Albay, was adjudged Outstanding Private Sectarian Secondary School Principal by the Department of Education Culture and Sports (DECS), Region V, Division of Albay at Legaspi City. She was awarded a Certificate of Commendation last September 6. Well done, Sister!

BIRTHDAYS

Third Quarter

JULY

- 02 - Fray Cid Cempron
- 05 - Fray Vicente Fernandez
- 07 - Fr. Jose Tamayo
- 09 - Rev. Cirilo Andan
- Fray Warren Christopher Pornillos
- 10 - Fr. Delfin Castillo
- 14 - Melecio Ho
- 16 - Fr. Arnie Visitacion
- 20 - Fr. Edwin de la Torre
- Fr. Gaudencio Geronimo de Mesa
- 23 - Fr. Francisco Antonio
- Fray Rouel Sia
- 25 - Fray Jose Ernil Almayo
- 26 - Bro. Joaquin Jamelo
- 30 - Fr. Faustino Paglinawan

AUGUST

- 04 - Fr. Edcel Celiz
- 11 - Fray Jose Opalda
- 13 - Fr. Casiano Cosmilla
- 14 - Fr. German Chicote
- 21 - Fray Leodigario Belos
- 22 - Fr. Leander Barrot
- 28 - Bro. Agustin Culatón
- 30 - Fr. Arsenio Escabusa

SEPTEMBER

- 02 - Fr. Federico Gregorio
- Fray Jovito Moral
- 05 - Fray Sixto Bitangjol
- 07 - Fr. Regino Bangcaya
- 08 - Fr. Crisostomo Garnica
- Fr. Rene Paglinawan
- 09 - Fray Renerio Mansueto
- 10 - Fr. Nicolas Salamanca
- 11 - Fr. Emilio Edgardo Quilatan
- 15 - Fray Anthony Morillo
- 16 - Fray Remo Rendora
- 19 - Fr. Jose Maria Martinez
- Fr. Joseph Philip Trayvilla
- Fray Joel Alve
- 20 - Mons. Gregorio Espiga
- 23 - Fr. Lino Agunod

- Fray Vicente Ramon
- 26 - Fr. Cipriano Zubiri
- Fr. Ferdinand Hernando
- Fray Genaro Monzon
- 29 - Fray Hernan Omecillo
- 30 - Fray Ferdinand Fornilos

Fourth Quarter

OCTOBER

- 02 - Fr. Leonardo Pauligue
- 12 - Fr. Nicolas Salvatierra
- 15 - Fr. Danilo Diana
- 20 - Fr. Jose Fortunato Garces
- 22 - Fr. Alejandro Ramirez
- 23 - Fr. Hernando Coja
- 24 - Fr. Rafael Cabarles
- 25 - Fr. Manuel Pierola
- 26 - Fr. Dionisio Selma
- 27 - Fr. Antonio Limchaypo
- 30 - Fr. Cristituto Palomar
- 31 - Fr. Nemesio Tolentin

NOVEMBER

- 08 - Fray Raynell Bernales
- 09 - Fr. Emilio Jaruda
- 11 - Fray Edwin Macmac
- 15 - Fr. Pedro Ko
- 17 - Fr. Pedro Tung

DECEMBER

- 06 - Fr. Manuel Lipardo
- 08 - Fr. Juan Garde
- 10 - Fr. Melquiades Modequillo
- 12 - Fray Lope Rama
- 14 - Fray Charlito Orobia
- Fray Arvin Portuguez
- 16 - Fray Hernan Canete
- 19 - Bro. Severino Cuesta
- 28 - Bro. Santos Serato
- Fr. Joel Naranja
- Fr. Russel Sungcad
- 30 - Fr. Marcelino Mayor
- Fray Joseph Girasol
- 31 - Fray Antonio Zabala

SERIOUSLY SPEAKING

Fr. Emil A. Quilatan, OAR

St. Ezekiel Moreno (con't)

September 21, 1864 - He received the habit of the Augustinian Recollects in the monastery of Monteagudo. He took as his name of religion, Fray Ezekiel de la Nuestra Señora del Rosario.

September 22, 1865 - He pronounced his Simple Vows.

September 22, 1868 - He made his final vows in the Theologate of Marcilla. Thus, he fulfilled his dream of becoming a Recollect, and like his other brothers dreamt of working in the Philippines.

Reflection: "Let the Cross be for you, as it was for Christ, proof of the greatest love." (Evang. Test., n. 29)

MILESTONES:

ORDAINED

Priesthood, Sept. 4, 1993, OLCP — Rev. Fr. Emilio P. Jaruda, Jr., OAR, from Victorias, Negros Occ.

— Rev. Fr. Adonis D. Wagas, OAR, from Bayawan, Negros Or.

Diaconate, Sept. 4, 1993, OLCP — Rev. Remo D. Rendora, OAR, from Bayawan, Negros Oriental.

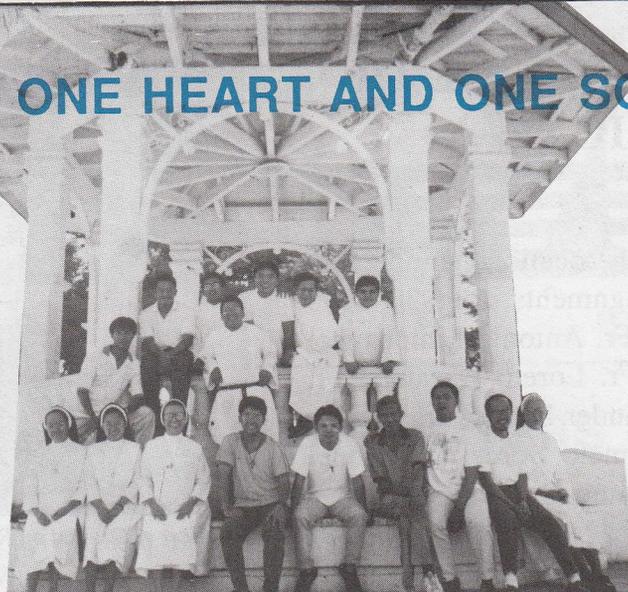
Almighty God, reward and glory of all the deceased religious of our Order, grant that we continue their work faithfully and that many young men prepare to continue our work.

Intercessions, Vespers

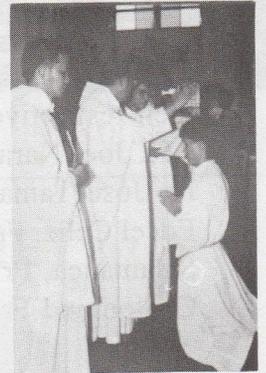
TOWARDS ONE HEART AND ONE SOUL



Entrance, Ordination Rites, OLCP



Valencia Plaza welcomes you



Ordination of Deacon



House Blessing, Taiwan Mountain Missions



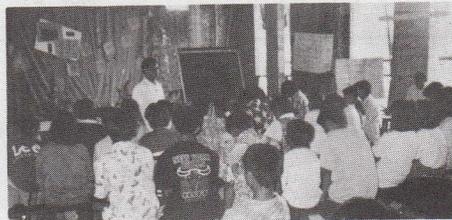
The Holy Spirit comes at imposition of hands



Candidates for Priestly Ordination



Brotherly greetings after ordination



At Recollect Missions, Taiwan



Recollect Community, Taiwan



Young Recollects and Former Recollects Encounter



USJ-R and SSC-R Alumni in Taiwan with Fr. Tenie



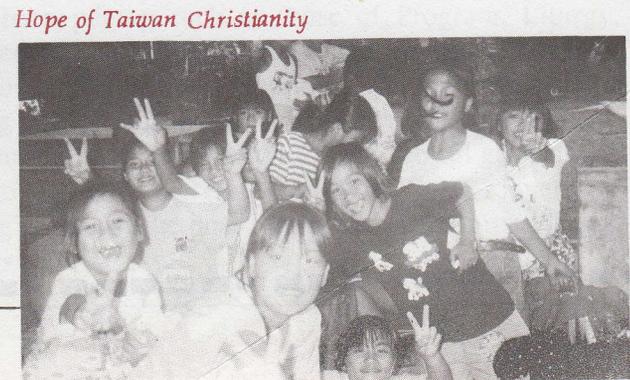
Santimen Catechism



OAR-AR Vocation Promoters



Wutai Catechism under Pinoy Recollects



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FROM THE OFFICE OF FR. VICAR

- a) Appointed: as local Vocation Promoters in their respective assignments, Aug. 30, 1993 - Fr. Joel Naranja, Fr. Antonio Limchaypo, Fr. Jose Tamayo, Fr. Loreto Dacanay, Fr. Edcel Celiz, Fr. Leander Barrot, Fr. Nicolas Salamanca, Fr. Carmelo Borces, Fr. Ronel Gealon and Fr. Paulino Dacanay.



Fr. Vicar at Ordination Rites

- b) Assigned: Sept. 3, 1993 - Fr. Emilio Jaruda, Jr. to Colegio de Sto. Tomas-Recoletos, San Carlos City, Negros Occ.
- Fr. Adonis Wagas to Consolacion Parish-Recoletos, Laray, Talisay, Cebu.
- Rev. Cirilo Andan, diaconal program at Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish, Valencia, Negros Or.



Fr. Lluch Giving New Assignments

- c) Appointed: Aug. 5, 1993 - Fr. Russell Emmanuel Sungcad, assistant parish priest at OLPGVP, Tondo, Manila.

Aug. 15, 1993 - Fr. Samson Silloriquez, by His Eminence Jaime Cardinal Sin, as associate judge of the Metropolitan Tribunal of Manila for a term of three years.



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