



COLUMBAN MISSION

"Pilgrims for Christ"

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In line with the centenary celebration of the Columban Society, we have adopted a banner reflective of what the Society is all about – reaching out to the ends of the earth as Pilgrims for Christ. The logo [symbol at the left] is the official centennial logo. As we move forward, we continue to share in the mission of Christ, walking with those in the margins and the exploited earth.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

by: Fr. Paul Glynn

It is with immense joy and gratitude to God that we are celebrating the Centenary of the Columban Missionaries. 100 years ago the first group of seminarians gathered in a remote part of Ireland with two diocesan priests, Fr. Edward Galvin (who later became Bishop of Hanyang, China) and Fr. John Blowick, because each of them was responding to that same call: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News" [Mark: 16:15]. That night, the Missionary Society of Saint Columban was born and on June 29, 1918 it was given the full approval of Pope Benedict XV. Eleven years later, in

1929, the first Columbans arrived in the Philippines. Thus, this special edition of our newsletter celebrates the Centenary of our Columban Mission. This special edition includes inspiring words from people who have been some of our closest colleagues, mentors and friends over the years here in the Philippines, particularly from the Shepherds of the Church in the various dioceses throughout the Philippines where we, Columbans, have labored.

Above all, this newsletter is a gesture, no matter how small, to thank all of you who have been and who continue to be an invaluable part of our missionary journey. *Maraming salamat po sa inyong walang sawang pagsuporta sa amin. Dahil sa inyo nandito pa rin kami hanggang ngayon.*

One of the fruits of your unending support to us is that, in the Centenary Year, we celebrate with joy the ordinations of two parishioners from the former Columban parish, Most Holy Rosary Parish, Agusan, Cagayan de Oro City, Father Erl Tabaco and Reverend Deacon Louie Ybañez. Like those young men who responded to God's call to spread the Good News 100 years ago, these young Filipino Columbans continue to respond, with generosity of spirit, to God's missionary call. With God's help, they will soon be returning to their mission assignments in Peru and Pakistan. Please continue to pray that many more young Filipinos will answer the missionary call to follow Christ to the ends of the earth as Columban priests, sisters and lay missionaries.

Once again, thank you for your generous support, without which we could not continue this missionary work. May I request that you continue to invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to become supporters of Columban Mission so that the Good News of Christ will reach the ends of the Earth. *Maligayang pagdiriwang sa ating lahat!*



Rev. Louie with Bishop Ongtioco & Family

Ordination to Diaconate

On Sunday, May 13, 2018, Bishop Honesto F. Ongtioco of Cubao ordained Louie Q. Ybañez as deacon at the Columban House of Studies, 42 Rosario Drive, Cubao, Quezon City. Rev. Louie is from Most Holy Rosary Parish, Agusan, Cagayan de Oro City. It was a blessing that his parish priest, Fr. Cornelio J. Cadenas, made it to his ordination along with Louie's parents, relatives and friends from Agusan.

Rev. Louie took his oath of permanent membership with the Missionary Society of St. Columban on Saturday, May 12. As a deacon, he will serve at Our Lady of Remedies Parish, Malate, Manila, and later on at Our Mother of Perpetual Help sub-parish, Barra, Opol, Misamis Oriental in Cagayan de Oro while preparing for his priestly ordination. He has already spent two years in Pakistan for his First Mission Assignment.

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Distant Memories of Bishop Galvin

by: Fr. Seán Coyle



There are very few, if any, Columban priests still living who knew our co-founder

Bishop Edward Galvin well. One of the last to work with him in China was Fr. Daniel Fitzgerald who died in 2016 aged 100. Fr. Daniel loved to speak about him. But there are some who remember when Bishop Galvin visited our seminaries in Ireland and in the USA after he was forced to leave China.

One who remembers his visit to St. Columban's, Dalgan Park, Ireland, in May 1953 is Fr. Patrick O'Herlihy who was in his first year in the seminary then. He later worked for many years in the Philippines, in parishes in Zambales, in Tondo and in

Morong, Rizal. He recalls walking arm-in-arm with Bishop Galvin from Dowdstown House, the then headquarters of the Columbans, up to the college, about 400 meters away. Father Pat described the bishop as looking very tired and unwell. Bishop Galvin had leukemia from which he died in 1956. Fr. Pat recalls that the co-founder didn't address the students, apart from greetings, but asked the Rector to give them two free days. The young Pat O'Herlihy was in utter awe in the presence of the first and only Bishop of Hanyang, China.

Another Columban now retired



Bp. Edward Galvin & Fr. John Blowick

in Ireland, Fr. Brendan Murray, sang for Bishop Galvin in the then newly-opened Columban seminary in Milton, Massachusetts, USA, near Boston. He had been sent with two classmates to study theology there for three years while three Americans went to Ireland. After ordination, Father Brendan went to Korea. The students and staff put on a welcoming program for our great co-founder who had also established the Society in the USA. Bishop Galvin asked the young Brendan specifically to sing "The Spinning Wheel", an old Irish folk song.

Distant but treasured memories!



Bp. Galvin with Fr. Blowick & Bp. Cleary of Nancheng, China, 1953, Dalgan Park, Ireland





A Close Encounter with Our Co-Founder

by: *Fr. Dominic Nolan*

In our 100th founding anniversary, we give time to look at the blessings and the development of the Missionary Society of St. Columban.

In 1966, the Superior General of the Society gave Fr. John Blowick, 80, a ticket to visit all of our mission countries, including Australia and New Zealand. At that time, I was a first year theology student. Little did I know that I would have the honor of meeting and spending time with the co-founder of the Society – one thing for which I am extremely grateful.

I really had not given much thought as to who our founder was. I was just keen to become a missionary with the Columban Society and serve on for me in making that decision was the They were all inspiring, a great group dedication really inspired me.

Then I, along with my schoolmates, was much excited anticipation of his we had no classes scheduled for the the seminary. The day arrived and we, the seminary gate to the main entrance

Fr. John spoke with us formally and Society. Then, he gave us some Golden apart from other Societies.

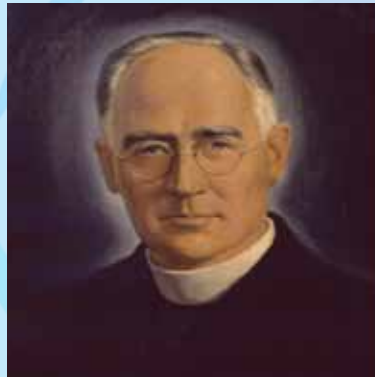
The first Golden Rule was fraternal charity – looking after each other as brothers, regardless of age, health, nationality or character. We look after and we look out for each other. This was a repeated theme throughout Fr. John's talks. The second was on our prayer life and our relationship to the Lord. It did not matter how bright, clever or knowledgeable we were, if we did not have a close on-going relationship with Jesus, the rest was chaff and emptiness.

Fr. John was interested in all areas and activities of the seminary – students, the library, our classes, manual work, sports... all aspects of our college life. To us, he was both cheerful and interested in us, individually and as a group. The week of his visit was too short for me.

But that was not the end of Fr. John's visit. After Christmas, he went to Melbourne. While there, he took a group of us out to dinner in a restaurant. I was excited. It was my first time to eat in a restaurant! The meal went well. Fr. John paid the bill and left 10 pounds as a tip for the waiter (then a huge amount), reminding us to be always generous if we could. The Society was built and sustained by the pennies of the poor!

I was blessed then to meet our co-founder, listen to him talk and learn from him.

May he rest in peace.



Fr. John Blowick

overseas mission. The biggest influence Columban Missionaries that I had met. of men. Their stories, their spirit and were to meet our co-founder. There visit. Added to this joyous anticipation, time while Fr. John was to be with us in students, made a guard of honor from of the building.

informally, giving us a brief history of the Rules, those hallmarks that would set us



John Blowick's Gratefulness to the People of Ireland

by: *Fr. Daniel O'Malley*

I went to St. Columban's, Dalgan in September 1965. Within the first two weeks, Fr. John Blowick spoke to our class of 32 first year students. I have many memories of what he said, especially his emphasis on the need "to love one another" as a foundational spirit of who we are. However, one striking message that Fr. John spoke to us was about his gratefulness to the people of Ireland, especially to the poor, who paid for the cost of building St. Columban's, Dalgan. He reminded us that we were then in the middle of war-torn Europe and life was difficult in Ireland. Ireland was quite poor. However, he said, "This building was never in debt. There was always enough money to meet the ongoing cost of the building." And he pleaded with us never to forget the generosity of the Irish people and the poor of Ireland who sacrificed so much to give us this beautiful building.

Columban Lay Missionaries

by: *Lilibeth Sabado*

Hazel Angwani and Ma. Fe Corazon Arienza (PH25) have just completed their summer course on Muslim-Christian Dialogue in Silsilah, Dialogue Institute in Zamboanga City. Both of them have considered their experience enriching and affirmed that dialogue is a way to peace. Hazel and Azon are assigned to Pakistan together with Aurora Luceño who had just finished her rotation here in the region for six years. Aurora is having her renewal as part of her preparation to return to overseas mission. She was involved full time with CLM Vocation Promotion.



Hazel (left) and Azon (right) with classmates at Silsilah Dialogue Institute, Zamboanga City

Vasemaca Ratu spent a few weeks in Bacolod attending a training-workshop on sign language. Va is back in Cagayan de Oro in the Deaf Ministry of the Archdiocese. Haiti Muller is at the moment learning how to make candles at Light the Life Candles, Novaliches, Quezon City, a ministry started by a Columban lay missionary to empower women in the community. Now, this knowledge is being passed on by these empowered women to Haiti who will use the light of the candle to empower another community in Cagayan de Oro. The saying, “Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened” is indeed true.

It is with joy that we welcome back PH 22 – Gilda Comayas, Lorna Cañete and Michael Javier to the Philippines after completing three years in Chile. Congratulations on a job well done!



John Din (2nd from left), one of the speakers on the topic, “Conflict, Corruption, Climate Change & the World Uprooted” during the Ecumenical Advocacy Days, Washington D. C., USA

Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation

by: *John Din*

The Global Catholic Climate Movement-Pilipinas facilitated a three-day *Laudato Si’* Trainors’ Training Workshop for the representatives of the twelve dioceses of the Sierra Madre area. The training was held on April 11-14, 2018 at the Center for Ecozoic Living and Learning (CELL), Silang, Cavite.

John Din was invited to take part in the centenary celebrations in the US, including participation as one of the speakers during the Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington, DC and in a workshop organized by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. He also visited Columban houses, parishes and benefactors to share about his ministry and his life as a missionary.

Raffle 2 Restore, Run 2 Restore

by: *Fr. Leo Distor*

The Our Lady of Remedies Parish in Malate re-launched the second phase of the Restoration Project on October 14, 2017. This is aimed at completing the restoration of the church and the enhancement of its surroundings. The fundraising drive, with a target to raise 20 million pesos by the year 2020, is designated as “Vision 20/20 March of the Thousands”. The fundraising campaign kicked off with a major activity called, “Raffle 2 Restore” with two raffle categories: the “*Pangkabuhayan* Raffle” and the “Car Raffle”. On April 15, 2018, another major activity called “Run 2 Restore” was introduced. It was a “Fun Run/Walk” with three race categories of 5 km and 3 km, and 1.5 km for pets.

These activities were not merely for raising funds but also for raising unity and co-action within the whole parish community. The collective efforts of the parish volunteers, staff and personnel, and the benevolent support of the faithful, sponsors and benefactors were a testimony of that unity yielding fruits. At the end of that day, everyone had run the race and was a winner; everyone was gratefully celebrating.



Columban Missionaries – priests, lay and students joining the Run2Restore activity, Malate Parish

Family Traces Footsteps of Martyred Uncle

by: Verne Turner and Vernon Douglas

This is an excerpt from an article published in New Zealand Catholic. We are publishing this on the occasion of Fr. Vernon's 75th death anniversary on July 27, 2018.



Verne Turner touching the pillar where Fr. Vernon was tortured by the Japanese Imperial army in Paete

Fr. Vernon Douglas was deeply loved by the Douglas family from Johnsonville in Wellington, New Zealand. Verne and Vernon were named in his memory. Fr. Vernon's deep faith led him to become a Columban missionary assigned to the Philippines during the Second World War.

In 1943, Japanese soldiers believed that the local guerillas had shared valuable information with Fr. Vernon; so tried to force him to tell what he knew. With the seal of confession, he refused to talk and, for that, he was tortured and finally killed.

Reflecting on Fr. Vernon's suffering at the hands of the Japanese which led to his death, the Columban Missionaries in the Philippines decided to make a pilgrimage on September 28, 2016 to Pililla, Rizal and Paete, Laguna. Four members of our family were fortunate to join that pilgrimage – Vernon Douglas,

his son Brendan, Verne Turner and her husband Cliff.

To see the beautiful 430-year-old Spanish church in Pililla and the thriving loving Christian Community confirmed to us that the work started by our uncle over 70 years ago continues today. At St. Mary Magdalene Parish, we strongly felt Fr. Vernon's presence. We saw the baptistery register with his hand-written entries, a real proof that he had been there.

We went upstairs and stood in the large room attached to the church where Fr. Vernon lived. It was a joy to imagine what life in the Philippines might have been like for him. But, it was also painful to think that it was there that he was first questioned by the Japanese soldiers, dragged downstairs and thrown on a truck that would take him to Paete, a journey of about five hours at that time. For a foreign young man of 33 years, it must have been an incredibly frightening experience.

In Paete, we talked to two elderly women, Dominga Dayocot and Aurelia Cadapan, who had both seen Fr.



L-R: Vernon Douglas, Verne Turner, Brendan Douglas and Cliff Turner in Pililla

Vernon tied to a pillar in the church at Paete. We were deeply moved at St. James the Apostle Church when we touched the pillar to which he was tied and tried to imagine the fear and pain he must have experienced.

The pilgrimage ended with a concelebrated Mass giving thanks for the life of Fr. Vernon. We felt the joy of Fr. Vernon's spirit present with us.

Following in our uncle's footsteps, to see where he had prayed, slept, lived and ultimately died was truly overwhelming – a pilgrimage we feel so very privileged to have been able to make.



Sala at the convento in Pililla where Fr. Vernon lived



A Love Story with the Columban Fathers

by: Msgr. Crisostomo A. Cacho

Msgr. Cacho, from San Marcelino, Zambales, is the Vicar-General of the Diocese of Iba, a position that he has held since 1978 when Bishop Henry Byrne was the Ordinary of the Diocese. He is the President of Columban College from 2007 to present, and the fourth priest to be ordained for the Diocese of Iba. He was one of the first fruits of the Columban apostolate to put up a diocesan clergy.

My love story with the Columban Fathers started when I studied in a public elementary school at Linasin, San Marcelino, Zambales. I would often see them at the *convento*, but my first close encounter with them was with Fr. Vincent Lyons. Father Lyons brought catechists to our school to conduct catechism classes.

I went to Southern Zambales High School, the name of which was later changed to St. William's High School when the Columban Fathers took over its administration. This was the beginning of my immersion into the works of the Church.

My 3rd and 4th years of High School were spent as a convent boy with Fr. Cornelius O'Connell, the parish priest. I went with the Columban priests to the barrios of the parish and witnessed their work among the people, especially among the poor. Those two years were filled with admiration for the zeal the Columbans showed in their ministry. I was inspired to be part of what I witnessed.

One night, after graduation, I told Fr. O'Connell, my idol, that I wanted to become a priest. In June 1959, Fr. William Sullivan, together with my father and two friends, accompanied me to Guadalupe Minor Seminary in Makati.

My seminary life was a journey of trials and joys filled with aspirations to be like Fr. O'Connell in the future. Precious were the days when Fr. O'Connell and Bishop Henry Byrne visited us at the Seminary, to the envy of the Seminarians from other dioceses.

One day I applied to the Columban Missionaries in Nebraska. The vocation director replied, "We don't accept Filipinos yet in our Society. Your bishop can use you in your diocese." None of the Columbans in the Philippines knew about it. I was already a priest when I revealed that to Fr. Donal O'Dea.

Fr. O'Connell brought me several times to the Columban gatherings where I learned how to play cards and was exposed to happy hour and table wine. When I saw the priests in their spirit of togetherness, it added to my vision of a priest, one who is very human, yet chosen by God to do His work among the people.

I was ordained a priest by Bishop Byrne at St. William Parish on December 20, 1969. My family could not afford any kind of preparation for celebration so Fr. O'Connell took it upon himself to make all the preparations needed. Everything was simple yet meaningful. I was truly grateful and happy.

When I think of the Columbans, I remember their spirit of camaraderie and the virtue of simplicity and availability to the people. In the parish, Bishop Byrne would sit down at meetings of the various organizations, even if he had nothing to say because he wanted to be present to the people. The Columbans affirmed the enthusiasm of the parish workers and volunteers, valued and appreciated their sacrifices. This is a legacy from the Columbans which I keep in my heart and try to pass on to others.

The whole Diocese of Iba was sad when the Columban Missionaries left. But the Columbans left behind an imprint of God's love that forms part of our story and history which we will always remember and retell with great joy and gratitude.



Bishop Henry Byrne Building



Thank God for the Columbans! They celebrate 100 years of Foundation as a Missionary Society in the Church — 89 years of those in our beloved Country!

Too late have I known these Irish Missionaries, though they were neighbors to my school at Epifanio de los Santos Elementary School along Singalong Street.

As a young Bishop in Zamboanga del Sur, coming from Metro Manila, the Columbans taught me how to be a missionary priest enjoying life with simple folks in the province. Working with them, they also formed a lot of vocations to priesthood in the dioceses of Zamboanga, Misamis Oriental and Misamis Occidental instilling the missionary spirit in priests and the lay. Now finally they got convinced that Filipinos can become their missionary confreres.

My Dear Columbans, thank you for making me a real missionary at heart. I brought it with me when I came back to the Manila area! I thank God for you!

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop of Novaliches



When I was appointed as Bishop of the Diocese of Ozamiz in 1981, the Columban Missionaries were already in the Diocese. They were already making big contributions to the Church in Ozamiz. In the line of pastoral care, I remember with admiration the late Fr. Augustine O’Leary, who was assigned then in Baliangao. I remember how he walked with the people under his pastoral care until he died.

Back in 1979, Archbishop Patrick Cronin, SSC was the Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro while I was an Auxiliary Bishop at that time. Living in the bishop’s house for one and a half years was filled with many pleasant memories of Archbishop Cronin. I remember his many jokes as he poked fun at himself and others. “He was a joker”, as they termed it in Cagayan de Oro.

May the Columban Missionaries, priests and lay, continue their work using their specific charisms in bringing the good news of Christ into the world – into the lives of the poor, to those in the margins and to all of God’s creation. Thank you and felicitations on your 100th founding anniversary!

Archbishop Jesus A. Dosado, CM, DD
Archbishop Emeritus of Ozamiz Diocese



I join the Columban Fathers, seminarians and lay missionaries in thanking the Good Lord for the gift to the Church of the Society’s 100 years of fruitful mission. My 17 years as bishop of Iligan (May 1977-August 1994), seven of which as Apostolic Administrator of Marawi after Bishop Benny Tutud’s death was part of the Columban mission.

Already associated as a priest with the Columban Missionaries (Johnny Brannigan in St. Vincent Ferrer Seminary, Jaro and with Brian Gore and other Columbans in Kabankalan and Bacolod areas in Negros), my experience with them in the two Lanaos taught me the cultural skills and spiritual attitude needed in relating with Muslims and Indigenous Peoples. May the Society’s missionary engagements, prayers of elderly priests and support of benefactors continue to enrich the Church.

Ad Multos Annos!

Archbishop Fernando Robles Capalla, DD
Archbishop Emeritus of Davao



As you celebrate your centennial Founding Anniversary as the Columban Missionary Society, I can only say with St. Paul, “I give thanks to God for all my happy memories of all of you”. Of these 100 years of missionary zeal and commitment, I had the privilege and joy of encountering you both here and abroad as pastors, prophets, artists, liturgists, theologians, environmentalists, justice and peace advocates, and men and women in dialogue with other faiths, to bring about the New Heaven on Earth.

May the coming years of Columban global missionary engagements be Grace-filled and fruitful interfaith solidarities. May those years continue to help create a new global culture of Dialogue, Justice, Peace and Care for Mother Earth. May a rainbow shine upon you always to remind all of us of our shared multifaceted covenant with Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Fr. Rodulfo M. Galenzoga
Tubod, Lanao del Norte



Columban Missionaries who came to the Philippines 83 years ago were Irish priests; at the eve of the Millennium other nationalities joined them, enriching the Society through authentic missionary spirit of giving and receiving. Columban priests accompanied me in Manila and in Mindanao just as they worked with others in Zambales and the Visayas.

I singled out my friend, *Pareng* Rufus Halley in Jalajala and Malabang, who showed me more than simplicity of life but the core of priestly heart — the simplicity of desires! Other Columbans gave me the same encouragement. On their Centennial Celebration, Thanks and Congratulations!

+Gaudencio B. Cardinal Rosales, DD
Archbishop-Emeritus of Manila



Warm greetings from the Diocese of Tandag!

You, our dear Columban Missionaries, were able to reach the local church of Tandag way back in 1981 and handled the parishes of Lianga, San Agustin, Marihatag, and Aras-asan (province of Surigao del Sur). For many years, you were faithful companions journeying with the diocese in her struggles, sorrows and joys in an effort to spread the Gospel to the faithful. You came with zeal and dedication in sharing Christ's mission, you left with much success and felicitations.

With considerable respect and gratitude for being instrumental in the formation and the nurturance of the diocese, we thereby heartily extend our sincerest blessings as the Columban Missionary Society celebrates 100 years since its foundation. We are really reminded of your valuable presence. We firmly believe that the presence of Columban Missionaries in our diocese remains a potent source of relief while penetrating the Gospel values into the hearts of the people of God. For all that has been, thank you and we still look forward to our future collaboration all the more soon in sharing Christ's mission. Keep Going!

Most Rev. Nereo P. Odchimar, DD, JCD
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Tandag



Long before the existence of the Diocese of Antipolo, when the southeastern part of Rizal Province was mission territory and still part of the Archdiocese of Manila (early 1950s), most parishes along the coastal towns of Laguna Lake were already in the care and pastoral administration of the Columban Fathers. In fact, it was only in 1993, ten years after the canonical erection of the Diocese of Antipolo, when the last Columban Father left the parish of St. Jerome in Morong, Rizal to the care of the diocesan priests.

On the occasion of the 100 years of Foundation as a Missionary Society in the Church, we would like to thank the Columban Fathers for their pioneering work to spread our faith. We shall forever be grateful to them, not only for our shared history, but most especially, for their evangelizing spirit in today's Diocese of Antipolo.

Most Rev. Francisco M. De Leon, DD
Obispo ng Antipolo



I join my praise to the Lord with the Columban Missionaries in their celebration of the 100 years of the Missionary Society of Saint Columban. The Columban missionaries have worked in the Philippines since 1929. They have reached far-flung areas in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. They have set up many parishes and organized the local clergy of many dioceses. Even up to now many Churches, parish centers and programs that they set up are being used by the local clergy. Now they are "infecting" Filipinos with their missionary spirit. These Filipinos carry out on the work of evangelization in many parts of the world.

Congratulations and may your tribe increase.
God bless you all!

Most Rev. Broderick S. Pabillo, DD
Auxiliary Bishop of Manila



An Initial Encounter

During my high school days, the Columban priests used to drop by our parish as they travelled from Cagayan de Oro back to their parishes in Magsayasay or Gingoog. They were different not only in size and color but in their ways. They were, to me, rugged missionaries traversing the rugged terrains of the Archdiocese and the parishes they served. They smelled like the sheep they were serving. Archbishop Patrick Cronin visited our classrooms whenever he dropped by our parish school — St. John the Baptist High School.

A Closer Encounter

I was ordained in 1990 and was assigned first as parochial vicar of St. Augustine Cathedral. There I lived together with the late Fr. Francis Chapman, a holy man. He was my pastoral guide as a young priest and an inspiration to me. His dedication was shown in the long hours he spent in the confessional, his devotion to the Eucharist and his apostolate for the lost, the last and the least.

I was assigned in Catarman, Camiguin in 1991-1995 and there I learned more stories of the Columban missionaries. The legend of Fr. Patrick Cashman in Catarman created a deep impact among the people where he served for sixteen years. He was pulled out of Catarman after he got lost at sea for some time. In summary, people recall the Columbans as priests who lived in simplicity with them and for them, who had a passion for the mission and the zeal for Christ.

Formation for the Mission

I was privileged to join the Faith and Justice Workshop conducted by Columban Fr. Eamon O’Brien in 1999. It really prepared me for my mission. After the course, I set two goals in life. First is the need to be a peacemaker by being at peace with myself, with others, with creation and with God. The consciousness to take care of our ailing Mother Earth had started to sink in. Second is to establish right relationships as a key to peace and to work for justice based on this faith standpoint.

As Bishop, I still get inspiration from the Columban Fathers. They form lay people to become lay missionaries. I know some of these lay missionaries. They are effective and efficient sharers of the Good News to people of different cultures. I am also inspired by those young Columban Fathers who have immersed themselves in the lives of the people they serve: Fr. Paul Glynn with the Muslim brothers and sisters of Mindanao, and Fr. Brendan Kelly who works with the Subanens.

Up until now the Columbans remain truly missionaries of Christ; they are good news to the poor and to the rest of God’s Creation. May God bless you and your mission always!!!

Most Rev. Jose Cabantan, DD
Bishop of Malaybalay



The Diocese of Bacolod expresses our gratitude for having been the recipient of the generosity of spirit of the Columban Missionary Fathers. They have left their imprint in the history of our local Church, especially in the communities they founded, developed, and ministered to. In particular, our parishes in the south have greatly benefited from their missionary exploits.

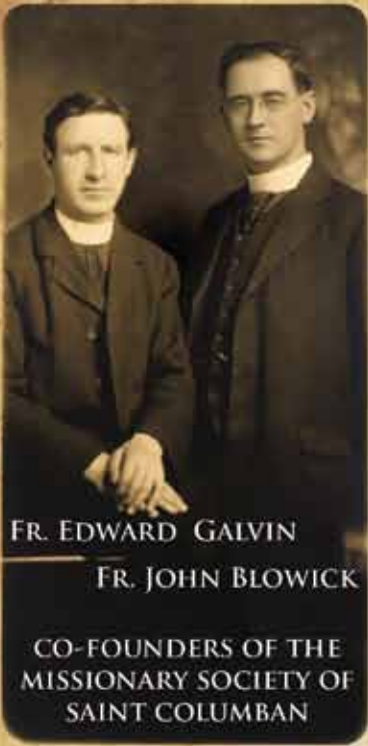
With the likes of Frs. Niall O’Brien and Brian Gore, the Columban Fathers have shown us how clergymen are to “smell like their sheep”. Having immersed themselves into the social realities of Negros, these missionary priests have impacted the lives of the communities they served, and their stories since then have been retold countless times and have never failed to capture our Christian imagination. These accounts through the mouths of the “common *tao*” have never lost their luster in inspiring would-be community workers and aspiring pastors.

And so, never forgetting the Columbans is for us the best expression of our gratefulness to the Society. We assure you that the generations of Negrenses to come will hear of their stories.

With my prayers and pastoral blessing...

Most Rev. Patricio A. Buzon, SDB,DD
Bishop of Bacolod

PILGRIMS



FIRST BATCH TO CHINA

The Maynooth Mission to China



1920 The first batch of Columbans on their way to China. All except three were from Maynooth.
 Front: Michael McHugh, Edward J. Galvin, John Slawick, John Dawson;
 Second: Thomas Quinlan, Owen MacShain, Richard Ranaghan, Edward J. O'Doherty,
 John P. O'Brien, Cornelius Tierney, Timothy Leonard, Matthew Dolan,
 Rear: Joseph Cronan, Alphonsus Ferguson, Arthur McGuinness, William O'Flynn, Michael Mac.

MARTYRDOM OF FR. VERNON DOUGLAS (JULY 24, 1943)



BINANGONAN, TANAY, PILILLA AND CARDONA

1918 1920 1929 1935 1939 1941-44



BEGINNING OF
FAR EAST MAGAZINE



BEGINNING OF STUDENT
CATHOLIC ACTION (SCA)

WORLD WAR II

MALATE MARTYRS



Fr. Joseph Monaghan



Fr. Patrick Kelly



Fr. John Lalor



Fr. Peter

OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. COLUMBAN



Standing from left: Frs. Samuel Sheehan, Thomas Connolly, Michael Dorohan, Gerald Cogan, Joseph Monaghan
 Seated from left: Frs. John Lalor, John Henaghan, Bishop Edward Galvin (co-founder of the Missionary
 Society of St. Columban), Frs. Patrick Kelly, Peter Fallon
 Photo taken in front of Malate Convent, November 5, 1934.



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COLUMBANS FIRST ARRIVED IN MALATE

FOR CHRIST

FR. MARTIN DEMPSEY
KILLED IN 1970



DECLARATION OF
MARTIAL LAW

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CBCP PASTORAL LETTER
"WHAT IS HAPPENING
TO OUR BEAUTIFUL LAND"



EXPANSION
TO NEGROS

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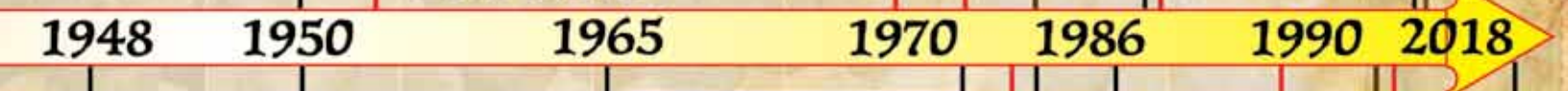


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POPE FRANCIS
ENCYCLICAL LETTER
LAUDATO SI'
ON THE CARE OF
OUR COMMON HOME



FR. TOMAS FLYNN
KILLED IN 1950



EXPANSION TO
MINDANAO AREA



Fr. Peter Fallon Fr. John Henaghan

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EXPANSION
TO ZAMBALES
& PANGASINAN

BEGINNING OF
LOCAL FORMATION



FR. RUFUS
HALLEY
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MINDANAO:
MISYONAL



FIRST GROUP OF KOREAN AND
FILIPINO LAY MISSIONARIES



Columban Regional Assembly, Singalong, Manila, February 19-22, 2018

I met Fr. William Bourke in Ozamis in 1990. In 1991, he sent me to college together with the other scholars. He was a very generous man especially to the kids in the neighborhood. He enjoyed Sundays when kids dropped by at his office after Mass for candies and chocolates, a supply he had in volumes in his cabinet.

After college, I became a caregiver of some priests, especially of Fr. Patrick Farrell. He was known to be strict and cranky. One time he came in late for lunch and someone else took his place at the table. He walked away angry. I tried to appease him by telling him a story. When I told him that he was like Islaw in the story, a drunkard, cranky fellow and istambay, he laughed so hard. Since then his petname became Islaw to some Columbans.

~ *Mrs. Rosita Durangparang, Ozamis City*

The Catholic Women's League had a very good relation with Bishop Patrick Cronin. We always thought of him as our father. He was very humble, very simple and so down-to-earth. He was worried about how to help the priests in the archdiocese who only received meager monthly allowance. One time he told me, "You know, I wish I were just a parish priest." I asked, "Why parish priest when you are already a bishop?" He replied, "Because now I have so many parishes to take care of. But a parish priest has only one." One can see how simple his thoughts were. He never thought of grandeur just because he was a bishop.

~ *Mrs. Ester Causin, Cagayan de Oro City*

Fr. Francis Baragry was a very good man. He usually gave silent retreats. I signed-in in one of these retreats with only five of us in the group. I got sick a few days before the retreat started. As soon as he learned of my illness, he came over to the house and anointed me. The next day I was totally healed! So I made it to our retreat.

~ *Ms. Felipa Reserva, Bugo, Cagayan de Oro City*

Congratulations on your 100th Foundation Anniversary. I was a parishioner of the Columban Fathers in Lingayen until I had to leave at eighteen fully equipped with all the teachings and inspirations received from you as a junior legionary.

The celebration of this momentous milestone in your history brings back to mind my happy childhood experience of you as highly committed, gentle, compassionate, zealous and heroic missionaries.

I am deeply grateful for all the great things you have done in our parish and for all that you were to us. You remain very much present in the minds and hearts of the faithful in Lingayen. We pray that God may bless you with renewed strength and growth in number to continue to spread the Good News of Love and heal our troubled and fragmented world.

~ *Sr. Mercedes Ventenilla, SSC, Pangasinan*

I learned about the Columban Missionaries through Fr. Jason Antiquera who was a seminarian at that time. He introduced me to the mite box explaining that it will help fund the expenses of the seminarians. I took the mite box and invited members of my church community to take part in filling it up with coins. We feel blessed and happy to be of help in our small way. We are thankful to the Columbans who pray for us. I remember them in my daily rosary.

I was really happy when Fr. Jason was ordained a priest. I feel blessed every time he visits me. He never forgets me when he is close by. I told my boss about his visits and she's just happy for me that I found a friend in a priest like Fr. Jason.

~ *Ms. Mel Huerta, Cubao, Quezon City*

I graduated from High School (Batch '88) at Cabarrus Catholic College in San Jose, Sipalay City. I can still remember Fathers Agustin Rowe, Patrick Hurley and Colum O'Halpin, who spent their lives living among and blending in with the people of San Jose.

Fr. Rowe baptized me as a Catholic when I was in Grade 2. Fr. O'Halpin used to make me run in my 2nd year. He was a sportsman and loved to see students engaged in sports. Fr. Hurley was my Spiritual Counsel and Confessor. They managed our school well, implementing a Catholic program of excellent education. We are grateful to them for many of us are now professionals.

~ *Mr. Rofel M. Dasas, Bacolod City*

I remember the first day I met Fr. Frank Carey at Far Eastern University. I saw Him getting out of his small ford car. He was limping because he had been cramped inside the small car – a jolly giant with a gentle heart of more than seven feet in height. He was the University Chaplain then and I was his sacristan. I was happy he was my first boss. He always arrived early for the morning mass at 7am. The one thing I always looked forward to was the Sunday mass because, on Sunday morning, Fr. Frank and I had breakfast together. I would just buy bread and give him his favorite marmalade and practice my English with him.

Fr. Frank, you were the person who made me realize my potential. You trusted me and prayed for me. What I have achieved I dedicate to you. Thank you, Father, for your patience and for the sacrifices you made for me.

~ **Mr. Jose Ronaldo “Jojo” Tagbo, President, Savemore**

Being a mission partner of the Columban Missionaries is a fulfillment of my mission. My husband and I, together with our family, are happy to be part of the Columban family. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to Columban Fathers Kieran White, Victor Gaboury and all Columban priests who served in Rizal who gave us a good education and taught us good values.

Fr. White saw to it that we, the Christian Living teachers, had good bonding time together, like swimming, watching movies, sports, etc. His approach was relational. He was good and generous.

May the Columban Missionaries increase in number and in strength and continue their mission especially here in the Philippines. Thank you and Congratulations!

~ **Mrs. Antonia Aprecio, Binangonan, Rizal**

The Columban Missionaries were the ones who really helped in the development of this school, starting with Fr. Kieran Heneghan in 1960 until Fr. Michael Duffy (1977-79). “There would have been no Catholic schools if it were not for the Columbans.” They were generous and good especially to the teachers. They formed lay leaders, catechists, teachers and knights of the altar.

My husband, Antonio, stayed in the rectory with Fr. Donal Bennett for fifteen years. He finished his studies with the help of Fr. Bennett. When Antonio died in 2016, Fr. Bennett said, “2/3 of my life was with Tony.” My eldest son is named Donal, after Fr. Bennett, who is also his godfather.

The Columban Missionaries are always welcome in Zambales. They are part of our history. They always have a place in our hearts. Whatever work they have started, I hope will be continued by the younger Columban Missionaries. For as long as we live, we will never forget the Columban Missionaries.

~ **Mrs. Zenaida A. Bernardino, Zambales**

I worked with four Columban priests, Frs. Donal Bennett, Denis Egan, Frank O’Kelly and Bernard Mulkerins. They were all good to me and my family. Fr. Bennett helped my eldest son through college until he became an engineer. Fr. Bennett was a good source of strength in my life, especially at difficult times. When my youngest son was diagnosed with leukemia, Frs. Bennett and Mulkerins helped me until my son died on March 29, 2000. Fr. Egan helped in the education of my 2nd child.

They were all generous and helpful. They were good but also knew how to discipline. They knew how to handle people. It was not difficult for people to approach them. I miss their friendliness. Frs. O’Kelly and Mulkerins still come and visit my family when they are in the Philippines.

I wish for all of you good health and long life. Thank you for helping me and my family. My children became professionals because of your help. To all of you, thank you.

~ **Mrs. Rosalina B. Geronimo, Zambales**

The first Columban priest I met was Fr. Erl Tabaco, who was a seminarian at that time. I really appreciate his thoughtfulness when Fr. Erl visits me at home whenever he’s in Cubao. Since first meeting Fr. Erl, I have met several more seminarians and some priests. The Columbans are a happy group, very welcoming and accommodating. I enjoy their good fellowship and camaraderie. *Maganda ang samahan, masaya ka-kwentohan.* In my old age, it’s a joy for me to know the Columban Missionaries. I am happy and grateful to be a part of the Columban Mission.

~ **Mrs. Mercedes M. Peña, Cubao**

In 1953, the Columbans bought and managed Kabankalan Academy (KA), the sole high school in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental. We, the members of KA Class 1957, are proud to be the first group to complete the four-year high school course under the management of the Columban Fathers. KA became what is now the Kabankalan Catholic College (KCC). The Columbans managed the school until the mid-80s when they completed their mission work here in Negros.

On behalf of the thousands of KCC graduates, “Thank you, Columban Fathers.”

~ **Mr. Elmer Rex Cordero, Kabankalan**

Giving someone’s name to your child is a profound indication of admiration and indebtedness. Should I have another brother, the name of one of the Columban Fathers would again be used for him. This is because of the remarkable experiences my parents had while working with the Columbans in Kabankalan.

The love story of my parents started with the Columbans. My father worked as a driver of Fr. Niall O’Brien, and later worked with Fr. Brian Gore. My mother was a catechist and was among those sent by Fr. Michael Martin to Manila for formal training and education. Through the years, the Columban Fathers lived with the *Katilingban* for better or for worse, in good and in bad times, outside and behind bars. They were and are willing to live and to die with the *Katilingban*, something which we seldom see these days.

~ **Mr. Michael Brian Arcedas, Kabankalan**

My family is blessed to have met a very holy priest who never ceased to remind us that Jesus loves us. My parents had been praying for a baby for six long years as it was difficult for my mom to conceive. It was then that they met Fr. Edward Allen who was a priest at Our Lady of Snows in Himamaylan, my dad’s hometown. My mom would often recall her conversation with him about her heart’s desire of having a child of her own. Fr. Allen advised my mom to pray fervently and not to be afraid to demand from the Lord. So, as soon as mom got home that night, she prayed while at the veranda saying, “Lord, I will hold you responsible for my actuation if you don’t give me a baby”. A few weeks after, my mom learned that she was pregnant. My parents were very thankful for the advice and prayers of Fr. Allen. Thus, whenever my family was in Himamaylan or Kabankalan, we never failed to visit this holy priest who we would find to be always seated in the first few pews of the church.

~**Ms. Ana May Palacios, United Kingdom**

I was a catechist when Fr. Terence Bennett was our parish priest in Holy Family, City Heights, Bacolod City in 2003. In teaching catechism I told the little children about Jesus and how to pray the Holy Rosary. I could see Fr. Terence’s sweet smiles upon seeing the children praying rosary and listening to Bible stories. “Read your English Bible” was his constant reminder to me. He taught me so many things in life that I still keep in my heart.

Now that the Columbans are no longer here with us, they remain in my faith, in my prayers and memories forever cherished. Fr. Terence planted the seed of faith that I continue to nourish, passing it on to my own family. Fr. Terence, thank you for sharing your mission and life to me and to all the Negrosanons.

Ako, Amigo Columbano!

~ **Mrs. Bessie Palma-Cordova, Bacolod City**

Fr. Richard “Dick” Pankratz is a gift to the deaf ministry in the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro. He was the one who encouraged me to join in the deaf ministry, so that I could help give a voice to the voiceless and help fight for their rights. I am so blessed and grateful to have Fr. Dick as part of the journey in my life of service.

~ **Ms. Vilma Arante, Agusan, Cagayan de Oro City**

I assisted Fr. Damien McKenna in his masses. He trained us as lay ministers and expected us to know our tasks by heart. Once he taught you, he wouldn’t want to repeat it again. He also told us, “Faith is dead without action.” With this and his other messages, I am motivated to serve. If you go with him, you expect to be reprimanded the moment you commit a mistake. At first, I would feel hurt. But in the end, I would be grateful to him because in a way it opened my eyes to the mistakes I made and eventually corrected them.

~ **Mr. Margarito Sistoso, Liloan, Bonifacio**

SOLIDARITY MESSAGE FOR THE MSSC CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



My heartfelt felicitations to the Missionary Society of St. Columban on its 100th year and 89th year of meaningful and fruitful Columban missionary work in the Philippines! The Student Catholic Action of the Philippines (SCAP) keeps its profound gratitude to the Columban Fathers who started laying the groundwork of the movement in 1936. The organization yields a long list of former members who have risen to prominent positions and are creating significant contributions to the growth and development of our country. Others, in their own little and quiet ways, imbibe desirable leadership qualities which remind them of the training, formation, and guidance of the Columban Chaplains.

SCAP continues the mission with the same spirit in various schools nationwide. It commits to the formation of Catholic student leaders in collaborative, integrative and sustainable development action.

We remember and recognize the tireless efforts of Fr. Edward McCarthy, Fr. Michael Nolan and all other SCA Columban Chaplains, together with all the priests, sisters and lay missionaries, who dedicated their lives in accompanying young people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. SCAP renews its feelings of gratefulness to the community that nurtured and supported the movement for over 80 years. The story of the Columban Fathers is eternally etched in the tale of SCAP.

In behalf of the SCAP Board, National Secretariat, National Coordinating Council, chaplains, animators and student leaders, we joyfully join in prayer and solidarity to the centennial celebration.

God bless the Missionary Society of St. Columban and the Columban Missions!

Most Rev. Leopoldo C. Jaucian, SVD, DD

National Chaplain, Student Catholic Action of the Philippines



Multiplying Oneself Through Columban Mission

by: Franklin Hidalgo

Frank is an electrical engineer who has managed his own business for 30 years. He is a native of La Paz, Iloilo City but has settled in Las Piñas with his family for many years.

When my wife, Liberty, made contact with the Columban Missionaries in the late '90s, she started receiving *Misyon* magazine, then, later, the Columban Mission newsletter. I did not bother to read them. When she left for the US to take care of our very young, one and only grandson, I was left behind. The newsletters continued to come to the house. So I started reading them and got to know about the Columban Missionaries. I was inspired to learn how they cared for my countrymen in the many years of sacrifices they had made to help the poorest of the poor. I had probably been to the far distant places where the Columban Missionaries went. It made me realize the difficulties that these missionaries experienced and yet they gave their lives and their hearts to serve the people. How noble it is!

At that time I was looking for a way to multiply myself, so to speak, in order to reach out to the poor in many places of the country. I would be very limited if I did it alone. So I prayed to God for direction. I was then led to the Columban Missionaries. It just came as an inspiration. If I want to multiply myself, I'll do it with the missionaries because they go out to many places all over the world. And if I become part of the Columban Missionaries, I can reach out to many poor people as well. So it was an answered prayer.

One day I visited Singalong House when Fr. Pat O'Donoghue was still the regional director. I handed him a gift for the mission. I was happy to be able to do this and I wanted to continue doing this.

Years passed and on April 7, 2017 I had a heart bypass operation. I asked for prayers from the Columban Fathers. Their prayers played a very important part in my life. I thank God for having extended my life and for giving me a purpose-driven life. I have more time to continue my advocacy and to continue being a mission partner.

PARISHES

LUZON

Diocese of Antipolo

1. Sta. Ursula Parish, Binangonan, Rizal
2. Our Lady of Rosary Parish, Cardona, Rizal
3. St. Jerome Parish, Morong, Rizal
4. St. Joseph Parish, Baras, Rizal
5. St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Jalajala, Rizal
6. San Ildefonso de Toledo Parish, Tanay, Rizal

Diocese of Bulacan

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Marilao, Bulacan

Diocese of Iba

1. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission Station Acoje Mines, Sta. Cruz, Zambales
2. St. Joseph Parish, Olongapo City
3. St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Matain, Zambales

Diocese of Cavite

Our Lady of Candelaria Parish, Silang, Cavite

Diocese of San Pablo

Immaculate Concepcion Parish, Los Banos, Laguna

VISAYAS

Archdiocese of Cebu

1. Immaculate Conception Parish, Oslob
2. San Juan Nepomuceno Parish, Moalboal

Diocese of Kabankalan

1. San Isidro Labrador Parish, Binalbagan
2. San Blas Parish, Payao, Binalbagan
3. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Candoni
4. St. Joseph the Husband of Mary Parish, Inayauan, Cauayan
5. St. Paul Parish, Cauayan
6. St. Francis Borgia Parish, Isio, Cauayan
7. Our Lady of Snows Parish, Himamaylan City
8. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, Aguisan, Himamaylan City
9. San Ramon Nonato Parish, Suay, Himamaylan City
10. St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Hinobaan
11. Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Bacuyangan, Hinobaan
12. Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria Parish, Culipapa, Hinobaan
13. St. John the Baptist Parish, Ilog
14. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish Dancalan, Ilog
15. San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish, Isabela
16. St. Francis Xavier Parish, Kabankalan City
17. San Lorenzo Ruiz Parish, Tapi, Kabankalan City
18. Christ the King Parish, Magballo, Kabankalan City
19. San Isidro Labrador Parish, Salong, Kabankalan City
20. Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria Parish, Oringao, Kabankalan City
21. San Vicente Ferrer Parish, Binicuil, Kabankalan City
22. St. John the Baptist Parish, Sonedco, Kabankalan City
23. St. Joseph Parish, Tabugon, Kabankalan City
24. San Vicente Ferrer Parish, La Castellaña

25. Nuestra Señora de Salvacion Parish, Cabacungan, La Castellaña

26. San Isidro Labrador Parish, Moises Padilla

27. Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Sipalay City

28. St. Joseph the Worker Parish, San Jose, Sipalay City

MINDANAO

Diocese of Malaybalay

San Isidro Labrador Cathedral

Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro

1. San Agustin Metropolitan Cathedral
2. Sta. Rita de Cascia Parish, Gingoog City
3. San Isidro Labrador, Medina
4. Sacred Heart Parish, Anakan, Gingoog City
5. Holy Rosary Parish, Agusan
6. Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Bugo
7. San Isidro Labrador Parish, Gusa
8. San Lorenzo Ruiz Filipino-Chinese Community Chaplaincy, Gusa
9. San Nicolas de Tolentino Chaplaincy, Puntod
10. Chair of St. Peter Chaplaincy, Macabalan

Diocese of Iligan

1. Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel
2. Immaculate Conception Parish, Luinab

Diocese of Pagadian

1. Santo Niño Cathedral
2. San Isidro Labrador Parish, Tambulig
3. St. Joseph Parish, Dumingag
4. San Isidro Labrador Parish, Aurora
5. Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Balangasan
6. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, San Miguel
7. Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Parish Margosatubig
8. St. Isidore Parish, Dinas
9. Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Dimataling

Archdiocese of Ozamiz

1. Immaculate Conception Cathedral
2. San Nicholas de Tolentino Parish, Plaridel
3. Holy Rosary Parish, Oroquieta City
4. St. John the Baptist Parish, Jimenez
5. Holy Child Parish, Clarin
6. St. Vincent Parish, Bonifacio
7. Sta. Teresita Parish, Bañadero, Ozamiz City
8. Sta. Cruz Sub-Parish, Liloan, Bonifacio

Diocese of Davao

1. St. Francis Xavier Parish, Ma-a
2. Immaculate Conception Parish, Mintal

Diocese of Kidapawan

San Isidro Labrador Parish, Tulunan, North Cotabato

Diocese of Marbel

1. San Jose Manggagawa Parish, Tantangan
2. Santo Niño Parish, Maitum, Sarangani

companies) for being part of our story, for being our true and faithful friends for so many years, particularly here in the Philippines, during this past century. God bless you all.

Diocese of Butuan

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Esperanza, Agusan del Sur

Diocese of Surigao

St. Francis Xavier Parish, San Francisco

Diocese of Dipolog

1. Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral

2. St. Francis Xavier, Katipunan

Diocese of Ipil

St. Joseph the Worker Cathedral

SCHOOLS

LUZON

1. Child Jesus of Prague School, Binangonan, Rizal
2. St. Jerome Academy, Morong, Rizal
3. Teresa National High School, Teresa, Rizal
4. St. Columban College, Olongapo City
5. St. Joseph College, Olongapo City
6. San Nicolas Academy, Castillejos, Zambales
7. St. Columban's Montessori, San Felipe, Zambales
8. St. Columban's College, Lingayen, Pangasinan
9. St. Columban's Institute, Dumalandan, Pangasinan
10. St. Columban's School, Labrador, Pangasinan
11. Virgen de Milagrosa University Foundation San Carlos, Pangasinan
12. Adamson University, Manila
13. Blessed Elena Academy, Manila
14. University of the East, Manila
15. Immaculate Heart of Mary, NCR

VISAYAS

1. St. Vincent's High School, La Castellana, Negros Occidental
2. San Isidro Academy, Moises Padilla, Negros Occidental
3. La Consolacion College, Isabela, Negros Occidental
4. Binalbagan Catholic College, Binalbagan, Negros Occidental
5. St. Blaise Academy, Payao, Binalbagan, Negros Occidental
6. Our Lady of Snows High School, Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental
7. Stella Maris Academy, Aguisan, Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental
8. San Ramon Catholic School, Su-ay, Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental
9. Kabankalan Catholic College, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental
10. Magballo Catholic High School, Magballo, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental
11. Ilog Catholic High School, Ilog, Negros Occidental
12. Immaculate Conception Academy, Dancalan, Ilog, Negros Occidental
13. Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Candoni, Negros Occidental
14. St. Columban's Academy, Cauayan, Negros Occidental

15. St. Joseph High School, Inayauan, Cauayan, Negros Occidental
16. Holy Rosary Academy, Sipalay City, Negros Occidental
17. Cabarrus Catholic College, San Jose, Sipalay City, Negros Occidental
18. Our Lady of Sorrows Academy, Bacuyangan, Hinoba-an, Negros Occidental
19. St. Michael's Academy, Hinoba-an, Negros Occidental

MINDANAO

1. Holy Cross High School, Camp Phillips, Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon
2. St. Jude Thaddeus Academy, Damilag, Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon
3. Loyola High School, Don Carlos, Bukidnon
4. Nuestra Señora Del Pilar High School, Quezon, Bukidnon
5. Pangantucan Community High School Pangantucan, Bukidnon
6. Pilar High School, Kisolon, Bukidnon
7. St. Joseph High School, Laligan, Valencia City, Bukidnon
8. St. Michael High School, Linabo, Malaybalay City Bukidnon
9. San Isidro College, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon
10. Santo Niño High School, Dangcagan, Bukidnon
11. San Agustin Institute of Technology, Valencia City, Bukidnon
12. St. Michael College of Caraga, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte
13. St. James High School, Buenavista, Agusan del Norte
14. Carmen Academy, Carmen, Agusan del Norte
15. Candelaria Institute, Cabadbaran City, Agusan del Norte
16. Father Urios High School, Magallanes, Agusan del Norte
17. Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy, Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte
18. Mt. Carmel College of San Francisco San Francisco, Agusan del Sur
19. Mt. Carmel High School, Rosario, Agusan del Sur
20. Urios College of Trento, Trento, Agusan del Sur
21. Father Urios High School, Ampayon, Butuan City
22. Sacred Heart Kindergarten School, Butuan City
23. St. Theresa College, Tandag, Surigao del Sur
24. St. Augustine High School, San Agustin, Surigao del Sur
25. De La Salle John Bosco College, Mangagoy, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur
26. Mother of Mercy Academy, Barobo, Surigao del Sur
27. St. Mary's Academy, Carmen, Cagayan de Oro City
28. Sacred Heart High School, Bugo, Cagayan de Oro City
29. St. Mary's Academy, Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental
30. St. John the Baptist High School, Lagonglong, Misamis Oriental
31. St. Rita's College, Balingasag, Misamis Oriental
32. St. Mary's Academy, Talisayan, Misamis Oriental
33. Medina National Comprehensive High School Medina, Misamis Oriental
34. St. Isidore School, Medina, Misamis Oriental
35. Christ the King College, Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental
36. Gingoog City Junior College, Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental
37. Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, Claveria, Misamis Oriental

38. School of St. John the Baptist, Jimenez, Misamis Occidental
39. St. Matthew's High School, Aloran, Misamis Occidental
40. Mt. Carmel High School, Baliangao, Misamis Occidental
41. Sacred Heart College, Calamba, Misamis Occidental
42. St. Francis Xavier High School, Lopez Jaena, Misamis Occidental
43. Panaon Community High School, Panaon, Misamis Occidental
44. St. Nicholas High School, Plaridel, Misamis Occidental
45. St. Patrick's High School, Bato, Plaridel, Misamis Occidental
46. Holy Rosary Academy, Sapangdalaga, Misamis Occidental
47. St. Joseph's High School, Sinacaban, Misamis Occidental
48. San Isidro Academy, Tudela, Misamis Occidental
49. Holy Child High School, Clarin, Misamis Occidental
50. St. Michael High School, Tangub City, Misamis Occidental
51. St. Vincent High School, Bonifacio, Misamis Occidental
52. St. Columban College, Pagadian City
53. Holy Child Academy, Pagadian City
54. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Dumalinao, Zamboanga del Sur
55. Star of the Sea High School, Inc., Tukuran, Zamboanga del Sur

56. Sta. Teresita Academy, Aurora, Zamboanga del Sur
57. San Isidro High School, Tambulig, Zamboanga del Sur
58. Sacred Heart Diocesan School, Molave, Zamboanga del Sur
59. Lourdes Academy, San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur
60. Pax High School, Margosatubig, Zamboanga del Sur
61. Corpus Christi Parochial School, Tubod, Lanao del Norte
62. Mercy Junior College, Tubod, Lanao del Norte
63. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Linamon, Lanao del Norte
64. Santo Niño Academy, Bacolod, Lanao del Norte
65. Holy Cross High School, Kolambugan, Lanao del Norte
66. Christ the King College de Maranding, Maranding, Lala, Lanao del Norte

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1. Savemore
 - Mindanao: Cotabato, General Santos, Tagum, Davao, Koronadal and Tacurong;
 - Negros: Fortune Towne & Mandalagan, Bacolod City
2. French Baker: Ermita, Manila
3. Diaz Murillo Dagupan Company
 - Employees & Some Individual friends
4. Amigo Columbano Members

Maraming Salamat Po...

MISA PASALAMAT by: *Lilibeth Sabado*



As a way of celebrating the Columban Lay Missionaries existence for 25 years (2015) and counting, *Misa Pasalamat* (Thanksgiving Masses) were organized in the parishes where the lay missionaries came from. As we celebrate the centenary of the Columban Mission, we continue to organize thanksgiving masses in Visayas and Luzon areas within the year.

We are grateful to all the parishes for their warm welcome and hospitality. Thank you for allowing us to visit and express our gratitude to the local church and the families of our lay missionaries

(present and returned) for their generosity to Columban Mission.

Mindanao:

- San Agustin Metropolitan Cathedral
Cagayan de Oro City
- St. Michael the Archangel, Iligan City
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- San Francisco Javier Parish, Surigao del Norte
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- Cathedral of St. Joseph the Worker, Ipil
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- San Pedro Apostol Parish, Loboc, Bohol
- Parish of St. Michael the Archangel, Hinobaan, Negros

Luzon:

- St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Subic, Zambales
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Los Baños, Laguna



These guides are adapted from “Life for the World” by Columban Frs. Peter Leonard and Sean McNulty. They are a continuation of the first six sessions found in previous issues of the Columban Mission (Nos. 29 & 30).

These are meant to help us appreciate more deeply our common calling to be “light to the world and salt for the earth” and to help others to live out the same calling, to be missionaries in our world – to heal, to restore, to affirm, to care for and to promote LIFE in all its diversity.

Session Seven: Becoming Missionary

Aim: *To identify practical ways of being involved in mission*

1. Opening Prayer/Song
2. Read prayerfully Luke 10:29-37
3. Sharing on the following questions:
 - a. What prevented the priest & Levite from helping the man who was robbed?
 - b. Can we identify some of the things that block us from being involved with those in the margins of the society?
 - c. What moved the Samaritan to help?
4. **Deepening:** Compassion moved the Samaritan to help. He allowed the pain of the victim to touch him. Jesus was oftentimes moved with compassion. Compassion grows as involvement increases. Through compassion we enter into solidarity with those in need. If compassion is to grow, involvement must be sustained. We need structures to facilitate our involvement and to sustain our commitment.
5. Can we identify some structures for involvement? Examples: Find a support group; plan for immersion, reflection, etc.
6. **Prayer/Song of Commitment**

Session Eight: Sharing Differences

Aim: *To build an appreciation of what overseas mission involves; finding God in our differences*

1. Opening Prayer/Song
2. Readings
 - Acts chapters 6-9: The Gospel Message is not tied to Jerusalem.
 - Acts chapters 10-11: One need not be a Jew to be disciple of Jesus
 - Acts chapter 15: The Council of Jerusalem affirms that all people can be saved in their own culture.
3. **Deepening:** Embracing and Challenging Cultures
In the readings, the Church responded to the new situations & how this response led to a new self-understanding. The Spirit is at work in all peoples & cultures & the Gospel is meant to find its home in them. When missionaries go on overseas mission, they first need to learn, understand & appreciate the culture in which they are to live in order to be able to give. Each culture has its own richness & flavor; each has something unique to contribute to the way of living out the Gospel. There are also aspects in a culture that need to be challenged to enable a more authentic response to its own uniqueness.
4. **Sharing:** What aspects of the Filipino culture do I believe enrich Christianity? What aspects need to be purified & transformed by the Gospel message?
5. **Prayer:** appreciating our diversity & giftedness

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1. **Correction** for Columban Mission Issue No. 30, page 8, “The Jubilarians” – Fr. Sean Coyle: The original entry reads: *He was the first priest in charge of Columban formation in the Philippines which began in 1994.* The year should have been 1984, and not 1994. Our apologies for the error made.
2. The **Obituaries** of those who have passed on to another life will be featured in the next issue of Columban Mission.



Katuwaan lang ...

Question: *What did the Hebrews eat in the desert when they ran out of manna?*

Answer: They ate the sand-which is there.



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