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The Servant of Charity



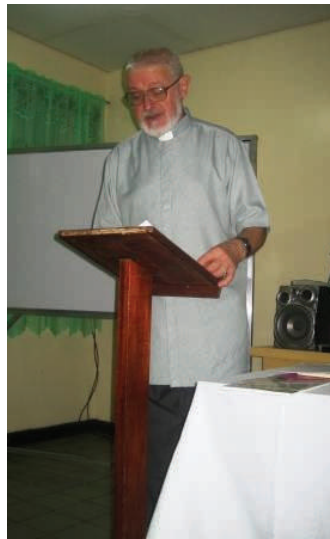
CELEBRATING LIFE AND LOVE

February 2011

DAY OF RECOLLECTION



*“Kindle
flames of
Divine
Love in
your
heart
and in
your
will.”*



Fr. Paul Oggioni, SdC, one of the pioneer missionaries of Guanellians in the Philippines sharing his ideas and experiences about the Spirituality of the Founder, soon-to-be-saint, Blessed Luigi Guanella.

Last February 5, 2011, our Guanellian Family, the Quezon City community of the Servants of Charity with Fr. Paul Oggioni, SdC who is currently assigned in the United States and one of the founding missionaries of the Guanellian mission in the Philippines led the community into the day of prayer and fellowship.

The Reflection day started with the Eucharist and a highly-spirited conference focused on the Spirituality and Prayer Life of our soon-to-be-canonized Saint and founder – Blessed Louis Guanella. Fr. Paul who was on a short visit to our Quezon City and Legazpi Communities revealed in his recollection talk, the treasures and legacies of the beautiful and rich life of our saintly founder. A community adoration and confession followed in the afternoon that ended with a Vespers. We thank Fr. Paul for his meaningful accompaniment and welcome him back to our country.

Cesar Estiller



Reaching out to the underprivileged kids



The High School Students from the College of San Augustin had their outreach program with our kids at our Center on January 7 and 14, 2011. The students were led by the college dean. They facilitated the kids with their different schedules of activities. Some of their key activities were storytelling, drawings and teaching. Aside from these activities, they also facilitated them to bring out their inner talents such as singing, danc-

ing and so on. Meanwhile, they shared some snacks which they had brought from their college. It was so amazing that most of the kids were so happy staying with the high school students of San Augustin. The teachers of the kids, Mrs. Marsha Cruz and Mr. Louis Llamas had collaborated with the students in conducting this program. In sharing this experience, we also expressed our appreciation to the administration of San Augustin for choosing our Center for their outreach program. May God bless and keep safe all those who contributed to this activity at our Guanella Center. *(Fr. Antonysamy Selvaraj, SdC)*



The students of San Augustin facilitated different activities for our Learning Program.

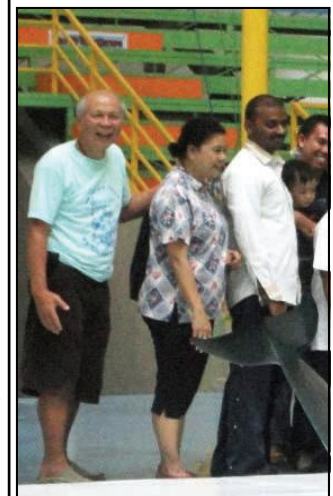
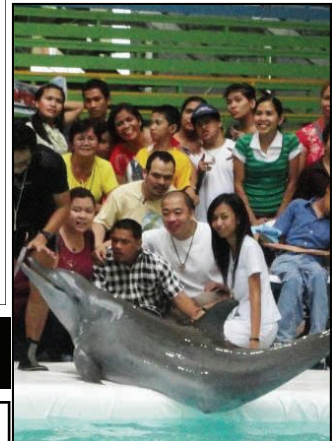
Dolphin Show



It is natural that sometimes the sea gets in to the town or the people get drown in to the sea. Both these incidents are very dangerous, you can't enjoy these occasions. But when we see some sea animals amidst us doing some extraordinary things, we get lost in it. It happened in Manila. There was a

Dolphin Show in Manila where all of our special children, along with some priests were brought to, with the help of our co-operator Kuya Jun Hizon and his family. It was really a nice show which entertained our specials. We thank God for his providential care through many generous people.

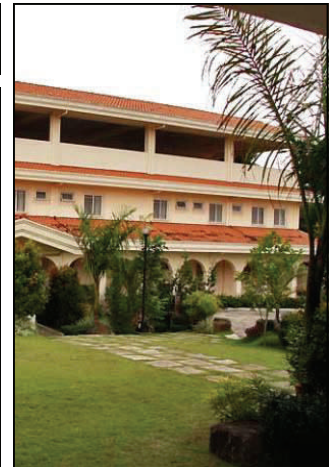
Fr. Jerin Presenna SdC



Kuya Jun and Ate Alice with their daughter Valery shared their blessings with our special children under the program of the Guanella Center .

A journey into Solitude

The experience of entering into a quiet space and allowing oneself to be simply overwhelmed by the mystery of the love of God can be both transforming and formative. Thus, our beautiful experience of solitude and prayer at the monastery of the Augustinian Contemplative Nuns was truly a pilgrimage into the core of our interior life where the presence of God dwells. With Fr. Domenico Sagginario, Fr. Charlton Viray and myself with three seminarians, our group trekked the mountainous trail of San Jose, Del Monte, Bulacan in the early morning of January 30, 2011 to set a day of prayer, solitude and discernment in the monastery nestled on top of a panoramic mountain. The whole day experience of entering into the womb of silence ushered our group in an encounter with oneself and with God. And the experience of coming down from the mountain at sunset, our group deeply felt from our core that something within was formed and transformed. We thank Sem. Adornaldo Jacob for accompanying and driving us to our journey into solitude. Cesar Estiller

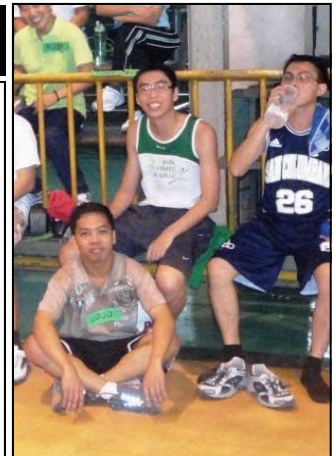


This is the Augustinian Contemplative Nuns Monastery in Del Monte, Bulacan where the Priests and seminarians had their day of prayer

Sports Feast

Formation means not only spiritual but also physical. There is a proverb which says, "If there is a wall you can paint on it". This saying is being realized these days. Every Friday, our postulants go for modular class where they encounter other postulants from various congregations. In their modular class, they discuss about various topics which would help them to grow in their vocation. The organization decided to have a sport fest for them. So, all the postulants gathered at De La Salle Green Hills Formation house on Jan 16th, 2011. The whole day was filled with various games which helped them to grow in team spirit and self confidence. At the end, all of them desired to gather again for another sports fest.

- Sem. Jojo Bendecio



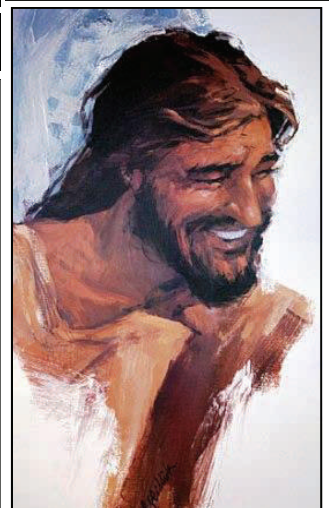
Sem. Jojo with other seminarians during the Sport feast

CHOOSING JOY

Joy is what makes life worth living, but for many joys seems hard to find. They complain that their lives are sorrowful and depressing. What then brings the joy we so much desire? Are some people just lucky, while others have run out of luck? Strange as it may sound, we can choose joy. Two people can be part of the same event, but one may choose to live it quite differently than the other. One may choose to trust that what happened, painful as it may be, holds a promise. The other may choose despair and be destroyed by it.

What makes us human is precisely this freedom of choice.

(Henri Nouwen)



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*Celebrating
God's love in
the footsteps of
Blessed Louis
Guanella*



A Big gratitude from the instruments of the Providence



Last January 27, 2011 we received a donation of new blankets, pillows and beds from our generous benefactor Mrs. Zenaida Tantoco and from her friends. It was an immense blessing from the Providence through our generous benefactors who became instruments of God's love. The whole Guanellian community was very thankful for their generosity and big heart to our special children. It is a big reminder to all of us that God is continuously working with us in a very special way through

His extended hands among our generous benefactors and friends. Thank you and more blessings! (Sem. Gilbert Bea)



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**And be an
angel of hope
to God's poor**

Guanella Home for Special Children

**WHEN YOU
BECOME A
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- The seminary community and our special children will pray for you every-day.
- Your special intention will be remembered in our prayers.
- A special Mass will be offered for you on your Birthday.
- A special tribute will be given to you on our Day for Benefactors
- You will have the opportunity to help not only the poor but also those who offer and dedicate their lives in helping the poor.

Thank you very much!