

NEWSBITS  
OF THE  
GUANELLIANS  
IN THE  
PHILIPPINES



**A joyful  
expression  
gives great  
pleasure;  
good and  
happy  
people  
attract  
many  
people to  
them**



# The Servant of Charity



CELEBRATING LIFE AND LOVE

July 2010

## The Start of New Academic Year at our Guanella Center

### PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (PWD's)

As we have begun our New Academic Year at our Guanella Center I would like give a picture of our activities to the people who are collaborative and co-operative in our mission. On the 1st week of June, we began our Physical Therapy for our resident children; walk-in clients may join them for activities in this new Academic year. There are 20 beneficiaries who receive physical therapy rehabilitation at our Center regularly.



### SPED (Special Education)

On the same day as the Learning Program, SPED class also commenced. There were 13 pupils in the class of Mrs. Flordeliza Bumacod who is in-charge of non-graded school children with disabilities. Under this Program there are four students with autism, two children with Down syndrome, two children with Osteogenesis Imperfect, two MR, one mentally challenged, one with Cerebral Palsy and one with Speech delayed.

### Hearing and Speech Impairments



### LEARNING PROGRAM

With regard to Learning Program, the students underwent Entrance Exams, oral and written. After succeeding in Entrance Exam they enrolled for school last June 15. Total number of learning program students are 68, 38 of them are kindergarten and 30 in preparatory. In comparison to the total number of students last year which only reached 29 in both kindergarten and preparatory age, (2009-2010), this year garnered more students.



Under the Hearing and Speech Impairment Program of Mr Marvin Lava, there were 11 hearing and speech impaired students.

After sharing about our activities at our Center in this new Academic Year, I feel happy that our mission has been more flourishing and fostering. It is the blessing of God that has been vibrant in doing our mission at our Center. Therefore, let us keep praying to the Lord that he might bless all ways and steps that we take to edify and empower the under-privileged students at our Center.

- Fr. Antonisamy Selvaraj

**A HELPING HAND FROM UAP**



Our Guanella Center is fortunate to know the UAP-United Architects of the Philippines, an organization that has always been receptive of the needs of the Center's activities. The UAP, in particular, are interested about the Center's housing project for the families with disabled children. After a thorough assessment of the project, the UAP offered P 160,000 for the Center's housing project last June 25, 2010. The fund shall be used specifically for the construction of 2 houses for two families with disabled children.

Arch. Romy Totie David was the one who facilitated the Center to receive this financial support for the housing project. The Servants of Charity highly appreciate and thank the UAP for

having rendered their service through their financial aid. The Center assures them of their prayers.

- Fr. Antonisamy Selvaraj



Fr. Dong with Fr. David and other seminarians holding the cheque from the UAP

**SERVANTS OF CHARITY STAFF ATTEND RECOLLECTION**



The professional and non-professional staffs of the Servants of Charity in Quezon City held their annual recollection in preparation for the new mission year last June 25 and 26, 2010 in Tagaytay City. The said recollection was held at a private rest house converted into a place of prayer and solitude owned by the family of Lib Manzano- a friend of the Guanellians.

Fr. Eduardo Cerbito, SC and Fr. David Anburaj, SC accompanied the staffs in their spiritual journey that was facilitated upon by Sr. Lani Saligumba of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Yearly recollections, retreats and seminars are constantly provided to Guanellian staffs to nurture the

spiritual life and to deepen harmonious working relationships among people who serve as partners in the Guanellian mission and vocation.

-Cesar Estiller



Sr. Lanie, ACI with our GC staff during the Recollection

**AN INVITATION TO SERVICE**



It was like an experience of going to a mission. The house-to-house visits to the residents of the different areas surrounding the vicinity of the Servants of Charity in Quezon City by the Guanellian youths, altar servers and seminarians last June 27, 2010 had turned out to be both an "eye opener" and a very enriching experience for everyone.

The people of Brgy Road, Pingkian, St. Joseph and San Roque gave a warm welcome to each mission teams and responded with deep sense of receptivity. The purpose of the home visit was to invite people to attend the regular Sunday Mass at the Guanella Center and to inform the residents of the various ongoing lay formation programs and services offered by Servants of Charity. To wit: The

Guanellian Youth Ministry (GYM), Elderly Ministry for senior citizens, Knights of the Altar (KOA), Catechesis and Oratorio for grade school kids, Lectors and Commentators, and Usherettes and Collectors for Liturgical Celebrations. The home visit made the Guanellian youth, altar servers and seminarians realize their pastoral commitment as a Church to be immersed in the life situations of their people especially the poor, so that in turn they may find a home and a place in the Church.

-Cesar Estiller



Seminarian Alfie Matulac, inviting children to attend the mass every Sunday.

**GYM Core Group Induction**



Last June 22, 2010, the Guanellian Youth Ministry (GYM) inducted the GYM Core Group. A communion was preceded by an induction ceremony, presenting the chosen members of the core group which was concluded by the usual oath taking and a prayer. Our very own Rev. Fr. **Charlton Viray, SC** and Rev. Fr. **Domenico Sagenario, SC** are present during the induction. The Guanellian Youth Ministry, one of the ministries of the Servants of Charity for the young people, aims to guide the youth to have a strong foundation when it comes to their relationship with the Lord so as to equate and channel this

relationship to the people. Primarily this ministry does not focus only on uplifting the spirituality of our young people but it also covers the human aspect of formation. Young people are the hope of the nation, possibly even the future leaders someday, that is why in the ministry for the youth offer opportunity for the young people to be effective leaders and to hone their leadership capacity.

- Alfie Matulac



Our Guanellian Youth after the Induction of their New Elected Officers of GYM Core Group

**Saturday Enrichment with Sr. Ma. Socorro Garachico, CM**



It was the 26th day of June when the Servants of Charity finally begun its monthly Saturday Enrichment for the seminarians. The said Saturday Enrichment seminar was made possible by Sr. Socorro Garachico of the Carmelite Missionaries, who is a catechist for no less than 46 years (...and still counting!). Sr. Socorro discussed the importance and objective of catechism, as well as the selfless mission of a catechist. Her extensive knowledge and experience in catechism have given the seminarians enlightenment, so that they'd be able to share

that light to those who are in the shadows of God's grace. Sr. Socorro ended the lecture by giving the seminarians the format on how to prepare an effective lesson plan for catechism. Sr. Severina of SCG, together with four aspirant members also joined the seminar.

- Vincent Ladines



Participants listening to Sr. Socorro's sharing

**Bread for the Journey**

The word community has many connotations, some positive, some negative. Community can make us think of a safe togetherness, shared meals, common goals, and joyful celebrations. It also can call forth images of sectarian exclusivity, in-group language, self-satisfied isolation, and romantic naiveté. However, community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another. Community is the fruit of our capacity to make the interests of others more important than our own (see Philippians 2:4). The question, therefore, is not "How can we make community?" but "How can we develop and nurture giving hearts?"

- Henri Neuwen



# THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

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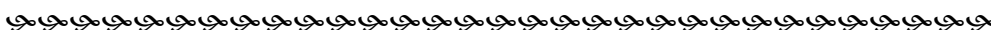
*Celebrating  
God's love in  
the footsteps of  
Blessed Louis  
Guanella*



Raffy, our special child with Sr. Camela of  
Caristas Sisters (SCG)

The Guanellian Family celebrated the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus last June 11, 2010, which was also the day which marks the conclusion the Year of the Priest in the liturgical calendar which makes the day a significant festivity for every Christians, most especially for Guanellians. The feast was concluded in the Servants of Charity chapel by celebrating an evening mass which was headed by Fr. **Domenico Sagnario, SC**. The sisters from the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence and Carmelite Missionaries also came to take a part in celebrating the Lord's most compassionate love for us.

- Vincent Ladines



### WE ENVISION:

A WORLD SANS BARRIER AND FRONTIER...  
A WORLD THAT NESTLES LOVE AND CARE...  
A HOME WHERE LIFE, HOPE AND DREAM ARE NURTURED...



Rising from the horizon of the Servants of Charity in Quezon City is the **ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SHELTER HOME** that will accommo-

date a bigger number of abandoned special children.

You can make a **DIFFERENCE** in other people's lives...  
By sharing our **DREAM**, our **MISSION** and our **VOCATION**.

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