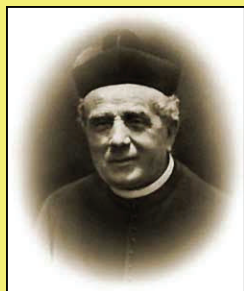


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“All our experience of faith and of service has charity as its center, lived in filial surrender to God and in evangelical compassion toward the poor .”



The Servant of Charity



CELEBRATING LIFE AND LOVE

NOVEMBER 2009

Twin event at GUANELLA Center-Legazpi



The celebration of the feast of our Blessed Founder this year had some momentous events that transpired in the Legazpi community. Last October 4, 2009, a day after the "Dinner for a Cause" event, an equally meaningful twin event took place- the Thanksgiving Mass of Rev. Fr. Anthony Durairaj, SDC and the grand feast of Nuestra Senora Del Buen Viaje.

The solemn Thanksgiving Eucharist of Fr. Durairaj, the center's newly ordained Guanellian priest from India and who has been a missionary in Colombia, was preceded by a prayerful and well-attended procession carrying the image of Mary around Barangay Bogtong in Legazpi City where Harong Kan Sagrada Familia, the Guanellian-run Shelter Home for Persons with Physical Disabilities is situated.

Fr. Durairaj, who spent his year of regency in Legazpi City had opted to say his Thanksgiving Mass in Legazpi after his ordination in India and before he leaves for his mission post again in Latin America as his way of expressing his gratitude to the community and the people of God in Legazpi. After the



Holy Mass, a blessing of all public and private vehicles was made by all Guanellian priests in attendance as part of the Feast of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage whose image is enshrined in a grotto in front of the property of the Servants of Charity here in Legazpi.

If you wish to be a volunteer or benefactor of our residents with physical disabilities at Servants of Charity Legazpi, you may contact Fr. Benson at 0918-632-2357

GUANELLA FEAST DAY 2009

The day of prayer, song, dance, and food sharing made the Annual Guanella Feast an event to remember. The Guanella Feast Day with this year's theme as *"Priesthood: a fiery sword in the holy mission"* was held at the Guanella Covered Court last October 25, 2009 and was attended by a thousand visitors from the area and a few invited guests from our partner organizations. The celebration was solemnized by a Eucharistic Celebration officiated by



Bishop Benjamin Almoneda, DD from the Diocese of Daet and concelebrated by Fr. Benny Villote and Fr. Thomas Rayen. The sacrament of confirmation was also bestowed upon a special treasure, Fernando Minao during the celebration. A simple lunch was served after the mass.

After the celebration of the mass, an array number of songs, dances, other presentations as well as games and raffles made the day special and animated.



Our visitors from Golden Acres Elderly Home

SERVANTS OF CHARITY SINGING CONTEST 2009

The Servants of Charity are always supportive in terms of enhancing the talents of the youth. In this light, the center organized a special singing competition in view of its Fast Day. The said competition, which was held last October 17, 2009 and headed by Sem. Alfie Matulac, all began with a prayer song. Both the youth and the adults partook in this competition which as organized primarily by the GYM under the supervision and guidance of Fr. Charlton. Apart from the singing competition, a set of games were also played wherein winners took home prizes along with the winners of the singing competition.



Participants of the Singing Contest 2009

A Celebration of Friendship & Generosity



For our Guanellian community in Legazpi City, the month-long celebration that culminated last October 24, the feast of our Blessed Founder opened up with an evening marked with tremendous act of goodwill and friendship among our benefactors, friends, fellow religious and clergy of the Diocese of Legazpi.

The "Dinner for a Cause" last October 3, 2009 that was sponsored by our community with a noble aim of generating more funds for our mission apostolate in Legazpi was graced by the presence of Bishop Lucilo Quiambao- our Apostolic Administrator and some leading members of the academe, clergy, the religious and business sectors had a modest monetary result yet a memorable night to remember.

A program, prior to the dinner proper, showcased the rich and colorful Bicol heritage and was presented by staffs and various groups that were recipients of the Guanellian ministries in Legazpi City including the shelter home residents, the youth and the special children.



Special children performing during the event.

MY GUANELLA EXPERIENCE by Louella Suque

Growing up in a Catholic household and having been educated in a Lasallian institution, an institution that advocates charity for the impoverished, charitable deeds has always been a part of my life. My mother has been a volunteer doctor for the Servants of Charity and her contribution to the Guanella community has inspired me to do the same. Last summer, I planned a series of art lessons for the less-fortunate youths under the wing of the Guanellan brothers and gathered my friends from the De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde School of Design and Arts. On the first day of the classes, it was a joy to meet the pre-school children and the teenagers and know their stories and dreams through their art.

The Servants of Charity and the youth-members of my art class never fail to say thank you on each of my missions. However, I have to thank them more for the kind reception, trust and most importantly the important life lessons of gratitude and kindness that they unknowingly taught me during my outreach. To thank them and to celebrate the success of our summer art classes, we organized a little get-together during the final day of the outreach with a small exhibit of the youth participants' artworks, games, gifts and refreshments. I vow to continue my charity work with the Servants of Charity because the experience keeps me grounded, thankful and most importantly, closer to God and is community.



Family Day 2009

A day of family gathering, games, and cheers was experienced by our various program beneficiaries at the Guanella Center. The Family Day is a Guanellian tradition annually on the month of October where families are invited to share and partake a day's rest and enjoyment with the parents, children, and grandparents. It was surely a day to behold with a session on strengthening relationships for the parents, a film showing for Persons with Disabilities, a catechism class for grade school children and a sharing session for the youth. A series of fun games kept the ground and covered court alive, while the luncheon picnic, a family packed lunch and a potluck from group of families, enlivened the afternoon.

At the end of the day, selected families with complete number of members and who came to the feast earlier than most of the participants were given tokens of appreciation.

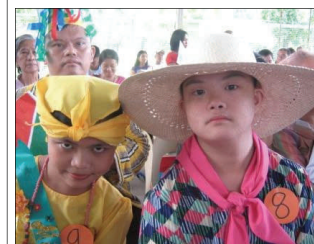


UNITED NATIONS CELEBRATED AT GUANELLA CENTER

The Persons with Disabilities and the Learning Program Pre-School children celebrated the United Nations Day last October 19, 2009 at the Guanella Center covered court. The program started with a short parade of nations from the Centerville subdivision covered court to the Guanella Covered court. There were 19 nations represented by the children and persons with disabilities. The activity aimed to foster awareness on the importance of the pact between nations towards peace, social justice and protection of human rights.

The program started with an opening prayer which was a sign language interpretation of the song "The Prayer". The National Anthem was then sung led by the representative of the Philippine nation from the Learning Program. Afterwards, an opening remark was made by Bro. Antonysam Selvarasu. The Kindergarten and Preparatory level Learning Program children presented a modern dance, while the Shelter Boys did a dance showdown. The Hearing Impaired class did their share by rendering a ballet dance number.

The Program was capped with the announcement of the Best in Costume and Best Representation of Nation Awards. From the Learning Program, Kimberly Aguilar representing Spain and her escort, Jay Sho Nonaka, won the Mr. and Ms. United Nation. From the Special Treasures, Vince Quilatan and Jahara Latip won the Mr. and Ms. United Nations. The program was concluded with refreshments for the program participants.



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BE OUR MISSION PARTNER



The growing number of indigent and disabled children entrusted by the Lord to our care make us seek and welcome any help and expression of solidarity.

If you are interested in sharing our mission as a cooperator or benefactor, you may write, call or visit our address.

*To our dear COOPERATORS and BENEFACTORS
Maraming Salamat Po! Our thanks and prayers to each and everyone*

Celebration of Hearts at Servants of Charity

On the amazing moment of our Founder Feast Day on October 24, 2009, Guanellian Sisters, co-operators, staff and the community members gathered around the altar of the Lord to celebrate the Feast Day in community level with family spirit. The Holy Mass was presided by Rev. Fr. Domenico Saginario. Rev. Fr. Saginario has been leading the community novena for the past nine days with full of Founder's thoughts. At the culmination of the Novena, on our Feast Day, Fr. Domenico gave the homily which called all of us "to be a fiery sword in the Holy Ministry of the Lord". During the mass, the special intention was offered for the betterment of our congregation all over the world and the mass came to an end with the solem blessings of Fr. Domenico. After the Eucharistic Celebration, the community had their fraternal Agape in the refectory. Indeed, it was a stupendous occasion in which everyone shared their love in the light of our Founder Blessed Louis Guanella.



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