

NEWSBITS
OF THE
GUANELLIANS
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The Servant of Charity



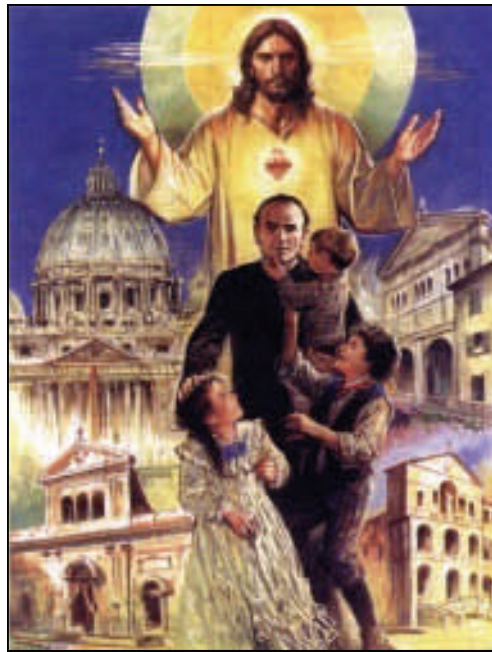
CELEBRATING LIFE AND LOVE

October 2010

"Flaming Sword"



*The Blessed
Virgin of
Divine
Providence
is our own
dearest
Mother, who
loves to be
called by this
title so as to
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help.*



"A flaming sword I wish to be in the holy ministry." so wrote Blessed Luis Guanella in formulating his plans on the eve of his priestly ordination, occurred May 26, 1866.

In the words "flaming sword", we can see a vibration of his childhood. There is also a clear prophetic vision springing from his religious experience and biblical studies.

As a child there was the custom among the mountaineers of the Alps where Father Luis grew up of turning large fires on the eve of the Assumption, even the tradition continues today.

A suitable place was prepared where children and young people spread among the pines and firs to collect firewood. Then, when it was night, in the presence of fathers and mothers, with songs and dances and prayers, the bonfire was lit in honor of the Virgin Mary.

While the glow of the flames appeared to fight the darkness of the night, all eyes were fascinated by the play of sparks and crackling of the firing consumed.

Now the memory so vivid of that fire was returning in his mind on the eve of his Priesthood. It becomes a fire of Pentecost, or echo of the Mount Horeb, where Moses was faced with a bush that burned but not consumed, and suddenly a sublime Voice called to him: 'Moses, Moses!', from where the adventure of Exodus began. Even Father Luis is called to live the mystery of ordination, which would lead him to become an ardent apostle of charity and Founder.

- Fr. Domenico Sagginario,



Placing our children in God's care



"I am the bread of life" - John 6:35

On the occasion of the Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary last September 8, we had a joyous celebration of first Holy Communion at our Guanella Center. Eight children received the First Holy Communion, four of which were special children. The children had an intensive preparation to receive the Lord for the first time. Mrs.

Marsha , Mrs.Vilma Ramos and our seminarians were the ones who conducted the First Communion training. The over all celebration was beautiful and very meaningful, that is to say, we had living Rosary before the Holy Mass with the children and their families and people connected to our Center participating in prayer. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, the Vice Provincial Superior, was the one who lead the living Rosary and he too was sharing his inspirational message on Mama Mary to our people at Guanella Center. The children, during the celebration, offered colorful roses to Mama Mary with a great enthusiasm. Soon after the Mass, the Certificates and religious articles were distributed to the children who had received the First Holy Communion. A delicious lunch was served after. The Holy Mass was presided by Fr. Eduardo Cerbito, SC and Fr. Selvaraj Antonisamy. Indeed, it was the day of spiritual nourishment for our children and all of us who attended this celebration. We the servants of charity are very grateful to God who, through our prayers, made this function more meaningful and spiritually enriching. We also would like to thank the people who had been involving and preparing enthusiastically for the smooth run of this Celebration of First Holy Communion.

- Fr. Selvaraj Antonisamy



Frs. Selvaraj and Dong giving first communion to the communicants at the Guanellian Court



Frs. Selvaraj and Dong giving the certificates to the first communicant

HRM Students outreaching our kids at Guanella Center



The HRM students from St.Paul University came to our Center last September 13 for an outreach program for 90 of the Center's preparatory school and special children. The students, numbering 30, taught the children some lessons on drawing, writing, singing and dancing. The said students also provided the children delicious refreshments.

- Fr. Selvaraj Antonisamy

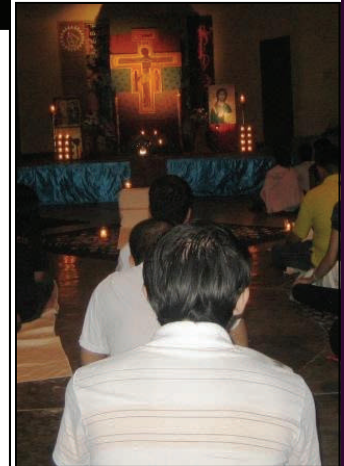


Fr. Dong with the HRM students from St. Paul University facilitating the activity for the Learning Program and special children at the Guanella Center.

TAIZE

A night of solemn prayers and songs called “Taize” were shared by our Guanellian youth together with two other youth groups from St. Joseph and San Isidro Labrador Parish. This was held at the Guanella Center last September 25, 2010. The said event aimed to foster a deeper and meaningful encounter with the Lord through prayers, reading of the gospel, reflection and chanting. Our very own Fr. Dominico Saguenario initiated the opening prayer and shared his insight about how significant prayer is in our lives particularly for the young people. After the solemn activity, the Guanellian youth got an opportunity to mingle and make friends with the members of other youth groups who attended the said event. It also opens the door for our young people to unite together in serving and glorifying the Lord.

- Sem. Alfie Matulac



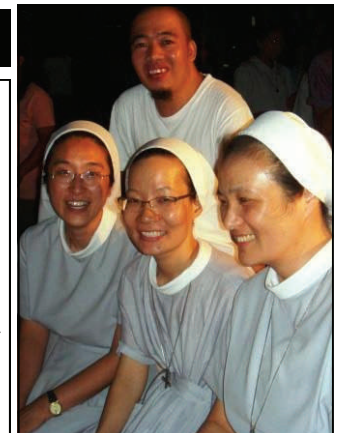
Our seminarians with the youth participants from Guanella, San Isidro and St. Joseph Youth Ministry

Guanellian Youth Ministry’s Level-up Concert ‘10



“The Guanellian Youth have leveled up their performances,”— This is the echoing remarks of the people who watched them during the Guanellian Youth Ministry’s “The level-up Concert 10” which was held on the night of September 25, 2010 at the Guanellian covered court. It is the outcome of the youth’s commitment to glorify the Lord through their talents. The youth, prior to the concert itself, spent hours of planning and practicing to make the said event well crafted and successful. We at the Guanellian Youth Ministry wish to give our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helps us in making our Level-up concert a success.

- Sem. Alfie Matulac



Sem. Ador with the Caristas Sisters watching the concert of the Guanellian Youth

MINISTER OF THE WORD HOLD INVESTITURE

The members of the Lectors and Commentators (Lecom) Guanellian Liturgical Ministry held their investiture ceremony during the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration last September 26, 2010. Fr. Eduardo Cerbito, SdC the main celebrant had administered the rite while Fr. Domenico Sagginario, SdC invested the insignia of the cross to the “Ministers of the Word”. A total of 18 members heeded the call to serve the church in the Lay Liturgical Ministry of the Servants of Charity in Quezon City. A new uniform was designed for the Lectors and Commentators and a day recollection was held prior to the investiture ceremony. Novice Cesar Estiller heads this year’s Ministry of the Word while Fr. Antonisamy Selvaraj, SdC serves as Spiritual Director.

- Bro. Cesar Estiller



Frs. Dong, Jerin and Mimi giving the blessings to our Ministers of the Word of God

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



Always a Child at Heart



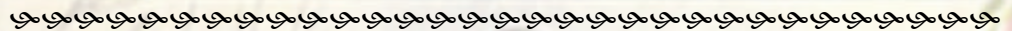
He has learn to utter only 2 words "Ate" and "Mama", words that perhaps speak of his longing for nurture from a feminine figure: a mother. His young body bears numerous scars, a testament of long years of abuse and neglect.

Now at 19, Danilo Lonzaga, Jr., fondly called Danny by our community in the Servants of Charity is a bubbly and playful person who loves to finch anyone who comes to visit our Shelter Home for Abandoned Special Children as his way of warming up of getting people's attention. Born with a case of Global Development Delay (GDD) from an extremely indigent family in Las Piñas City, he possesses a mental and psychological age of only 5 years and 2 months old. Nonetheless, in the 6 years he spent with our community, Danny has fully

developed his social skills as well as his personal and home management independency. He regularly attends to his twice a week occupational therapy session and socialization program at Guanella Center.

For sure, Danny will always remain a child at heart in our eyes, but his childlike innocence and profoundly warm personality reminds us of what are essentials in life and necessary values for the Kingdom.

- Bro. Cesar Estiller



Vocation Seminar

*Every Second Weekend of the Month
(Saturday 8am to Sunday 7pm)*

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| October | 09-10 |
| November | 13-14 |
| December | 11-12 |

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| February | 12-13 |
| March | 12-13 |

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