

NEWSBITS  
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# The Servant of Charity

CELEBRATING LIFE AND LOVE

January 2011

## REMEMBERING: A JOURNEY TO GRATITUDE



*“The Lord  
looks at you  
with sighs  
of love,  
event deeper  
that those of  
a father  
who counts  
the heart-  
beats of his  
sleeping  
child.”*



Fr. Luigi and Fr. Battista gave the certificate of appreciation to our generous benefactors who joined us in our journey in building the new home for our special children.



Bishop Francisco De Leon presided the Inauguration of our New Shelter Home for the Special Children.

As we enter the threshold of another year filled with beaming hope and genuine promises, we also look back at the year that was with immense gratitude and constant remembering. For indeed, in retrospect, our journey in 2010 as a congregation bore the many sparks of LIFE, LOVE and LIGHT of God that certainly impel and summon us to prayer, discernment and gratitude.

We saw in the year 2010 the rising from our horizon of our new Guanella Home for Special Children. The new branch that bud forth from our “tree of charity” will constantly reminds us of the providence of God burning in the hearts of many generous people. So as a grace-filled year closes and another year unfold, before us, we, the Guanellians in the Philippines wishes to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all our benefactors, lay co-operators and friends for sharing in our humble taste of CARING, LOVING and WALKING with the poor and God’s special people.

*MARAMING SALAMAT PO SA INYONG LAHAT!*

- Bro. Cesar Estiller



## The Joy of Christmas among kids



Beneficiaries of our Sponsorship Program during the Christmas Party.

On December 17 we had a special Christmas Party for our Learning Program kids at the Center. There had been a variety of programs in which the kids were so happy in exhibiting their talents. The opening prayer was prayed by Mrs. Arcilla, the LP parent followed by opening remarks addressed by Fr. Selvaraj. He had welcomed and encouraged everyone in the gathering.

In particular, he was appreciating the magnanimous heart of Dr. Ibañez who has been sponsoring our learning program children for their study as well as for their bright future. After that there had been a variety of performances performed by our kinds in creative manner with joy. And then, the awardees were given awards followed by exchange of gifts and snacks. Then Dr. Ibañez gave his Christmas message in which he had been emphasizing the love for God and his children. Emcee of the program were Mrs. Caballero & Mrs. Palange, LP parents. Finally the Christmas Party came to an end with the Final Blessings by Fr. Selvaraj.

- Fr. Antonisamy Selvaraj



Fr. Selvaraj with the children during gift giving.



Dr. Ibañez gave his Christmas wishes to the beneficiaries.

## Christmas Party



The birth of Christ brought Good News to the poor, Joy to Mother Mary and redemption to humanity. We also feel the same when we celebrated our suppose Christmas party with our staff. It brought Good News, Joy and made us to believe in our redemption too. This is the day on which all the teachers became students, grown up became small babies. We had party games, dance, singing and sharing of gifts with our staff. It made us to feel that we are all one family under the guidance and protection of Bl. Louis Guanella.

- Fr. Jerin Presenna



Ate Pearl and Kuya Jaime, our staff in the Guanella Center enjoyed the game of Trip to Jerusalem.

## World Disabled Day



Fr. JJerin (Center) with our special children during the celebration of the Handicapped day

The Diocese of Novaliches in Manila celebrated the World Disable Day on Dec 11, Saturday, 2010. Almost 1500 differently abled persons participated in this program. The day started with the Holy Eucharist. It was full of different activities for the special people which made them realize that they can also do many things differently. We had lot of funs to entertain our special people. They gave one plastic mask to every institution and asked us to paint it differently. At last every one of us presented, for our surprise, we got 3rd prize. The day was worth spending with the special people.

- Fr. Jerin Presenna

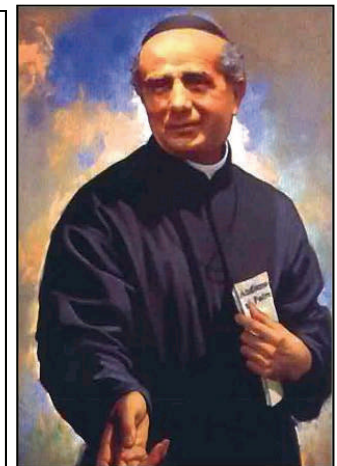


Emman, one of our special children posed before the image of our Blessed Mother.

## From Life to Light

Marking the birth and baptismal day of our soon-to-be-saint founder – Blessed Luis Guanella (December 19 and 20 respectively), the Guanellians in the Philippines celebrated the two-day event with a solemn common prayer, dinner fellowship and a Holy Eucharist simultaneously celebrated in union with the whole Guanellian Community around the world. The festive mood of the celebrations blended with the joyous trappings of the holiday season as the Servants of Charity, the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence and Lay Cooperators honoured the humble journey of their saintly founder from the dawn of his life to his birth into the radiant light in Christ. The 168th commemoration of his birth and baptism highlighted the congregation's spiritual preparation that will lead to the day of his canonization somewhere within this year 2011.

- Bro. Cesar Estiller



## Yearning for Perfect Love

When we act out of loneliness our actions easily become violent. The tragedy is that much violence comes from a demand for love. When loneliness drives our search for love, kissing easily leads to biting, caressing to hitting, looking tenderly to looking suspiciously, listening to overhearing, and surrender to rape. The human heart yearns for love: love without conditions, limitations, or restrictions. But no human being is capable of offering such love, and each time we demand it we set ourselves on the road to violence.

How then can we live nonviolent lives? We must start by realizing that our restless hearts, yearning for perfect love, can only find that love through communion with the One who created them. (Henri Nouwen)



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



## Vocation Seminar

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

**2011**

January 08-09

February 12-13

March 12-13

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angel of hope  
to God's poor**

*Guanella Home for Special Children*

## WHEN YOU BECOME A SPONSOR

- The seminary community and our special children will pray for you everyday.
- 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!