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**“Ah! The Flowers of May? They Spray
Their Fragrance, a Tribute to the
Omnipotence of God!”**

Fatima Image Comes to the Philippines

For the first time in Philippine church history, the image of Our Lady of Fatima came to Manila for a 20-hour visit.

The world-famous statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary which was on board its own 707 airplane, the Queen of the World, came from New Guinea accompanied by 200 pilgrims, passengers from all over the world.

The image arrived at the Manila International Airport at 4:30 p.m., Monday, April 9, and brought by a procession of devotees to the Rizal Park.

His Eminence Jaime Cardinal L. Sin, Archbishop of Manila, celebrated a Mass with hundreds of bishops and priests upon the image's arrival at the Park, at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., a candle-light procession accompanied the statue to the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Manila Cathedral), where a prayer vigil was held all night, starting at 9:00 p.m.

On March 24, 1984, after 67 years, a prophecy made by Our Lady of Fatima, was realized. The Holy Father led all bishops in the world in a collegial consecration of the world, of all nations and peoples to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in compliance with the request of Our Lady made at Fatima, as a precondition to world peace.

On April 9, 1984, a great honor and a special blessing were bestowed on our nation and the Filipino people. For the first time, the International Pilgrim statue of Our Lady visited the Philippines for one day. Her coming was significant because it proclaimed to the whole world the solemn and public collegial act of consecration of the Filipino nation to Our Lady on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception last December 8, 1983, and this consecration was renewed on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, on March 24, 1984, in union with the Holy Father and all the bishops of the world.

This miraculous Pilgrim Virgin was crowned by Pope Pius XII in 1946, and following a resolution of the International Catholic Action Congress, this statue of Our Lady of Fatima was carried processionally towards Russia. Wonders occurred along the way; doves, flying wild in the sky, came and rested at Her feet, and miraculous cures and conversions occurred.

The great Pope Pius XII had once spoken to a million pilgrims on the significance of Our Lady's Peace Flight: "Where the Pilgrim Virgin goes, there no longer exist antagonisms of nationality and race which divide; there are no longer divisions of frontiers, which separate; there are no longer interests, which separate Her children. All, in this moment, feel joy of being brothers. This spectacle of the Pilgrim Virgin, singularly impressive, gives rise to the most roseate hopes."

Today, as the Pilgrim Virgin travels throughout the world, she is received by hundreds of thousands wherever she goes with enthusiastic fervor: 400,000 in Bombay and half a million in Rome. Entrance into Poland was refused so a wire outline of the statue was carried in procession to the national shrine. The response of the Polish people was such that the Communist government sent an envoy to the United States with an invitation for the statue to visit Poland again.

One of the most famous incidents concerning this Pilgrim Virgin statue is related by Alessio in his new biography of Father Pio, who said in one of his broadcasts:

"Our hearts tremble for the arrival of his dear Mother (Mamma). Why does she come? Why does she visit her children? It is an act of love."

"Therefore, let us prepare ourselves by emptying our hearts of everything that is not of God, that does not come from God, that does not lead to God. This is the best welcome we can give to his Heavenly Mother. To hold back anything would not be worthy of a child before a dear Mother who comes to give all of herself..." (Padre Pio, August 2, 1959).

This rare opportunity came to us -- to manifest our devotion and love to the Mother of God and our own Mother, so our support and participation were invited in this historic visit. We were invited to come and join in the Penitential Procession and Marian Rally

In response to the invitation, the greatest number of our Faithful and devotees of the Immaculate Heart of Mary participated in so significant an event.

Our Lady came as an act of Love; we welcomed and received Her with all our love and fervor. -- FGT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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**TO BROTHER KNIGHTS:**

The Knights of Columbus in the Philippines has launched "the Plant for Life" project in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Natural Resources. The big project consists in a massive planting of vegetables, root crops and fruit trees in order to help solve our country's economic crisis.

Dubbed "Plant for Life" project, the massive nation-wide undertaking has begun mobilizing KC's of more than 60,000 members throughout the country with its 800 councils serving as "seed banks" for each community where they are respectively located.

As the Philippines Deputy of the Order in the Philippines, I have begun asking all the membership of our organization to set the example in their respective communities and begin the expansion of this project to areas where it may be found viable.

The local KC's in the provinces will coordinate their activities with the provincial offices and nurseries of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

A joint memorandum of agreement on the project is being formulated between the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines and the Ministries of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This memorandum will be sent out to all grand knights and to all district deputies all over the country for their information, guidance and implementation.

It may be of interest to know that various vegetable seeds have been distributed to six councils in Las Piñas and Parañaque in Metro Manila during the launching of the project recently to spearhead the massive nation-wide undertaking.

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Christian Formation of the Igorots

On the Feast of Epiphany, members of different religious organizations in Bontoc, Mountain Province, headed by the Knights of Columbus, were invited to attend in Betwagan, as witnesses, in a mass marriage of seven couples and as godparents in the mass baptism, also of their children. The barangay is sixteen kilometers from this capital town and to reach it one has to hike a distance of three kilometers from the national road crossing two rivers. With a Ford Fiera hired by our Parish Priest, Rev. Marcos P. Molitas, we started at 6:30 in the morning. Due to individual physical capabilities negotiating the foot trail, we arrived, not in groups but one after the other at the chapel, the last ones arriving some minutes after nine o'clock that same morning. Before the first man arrived the inhabitants were worried due to non-appearance of anyone and were only relieved when the last group showed up. Greetings, chatting with the crowd and rest for thirty minutes was observed; then, followed the Eucharistic Celebration celebrated by two Igorot priests, Rev. Joseph W. Requino as main celebrant and Rev. Marcos P. Molitas, assisting. Incidentally, both are members of the Order as Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain, respectively, of Father Leon Quintelir Council Nos. 4006. The author, as one of the witnesses, served as the altar boy.

From the opening hymn to the last reading, everything was as usual, normal and ordinary. The chapel overflowed to its capacity, we expected much noise but from the homily to the end of the marriage rites everyone was attentive, so much that we forgot for sometime our aching muscles. All these were because of the well understood, very touching and impressive ceremonies as a result of the adaptation of the native language in the liturgy and introduction of native arhae. The homily, instructions, questions, answers, prayers, etc., were done in the dialect spoken and well understood by the community. The usual white wedding veils were substituted with colorful native blankets. Instead of finger rings, gold ear rings were used and the arhae consisted of old silver coins. Blankets, ear rings and the coins were easily provided by the couples. Finger rings are not common nor used by the natives but gold ear rings are valued so much and available in the rural areas. Up to now, we find old men and women using them. These introductions are part of the approach in this parish to christianize our Igorots.

To the catechists who labored much to guide and instruct our unlettered brothers and sisters towards embracing the faith and strengthening christian families, our sincere congratulations and prayers that with this beginning Christian Communities will be formed.

— DIDACO G. LINGBANAN



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Elected Charter Officers of Sampaloc Assembly

A new Fourth Degree assembly was born on Sunday, April 22, 1984. Named the Sampaloc Assembly, 103 members from eight K of C councils in Sampaloc, gave their support and elected the charter officers. The elected charter officers of the proposed Sampaloc Assembly held at Our Lady of Loreto Parish, Sampaloc, Manila, sponsored by Council No. 4288, are as follows:

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SA AKING MGA KABABATA

Ni Dr. Jose Rizal

*Kapagka ang beya'y sadyang umiibig
 sa kanyang salitang kaloob ng langit,
 santang kalayaan nasa ding mesapit
 katulad ng ibong na sa himpapawid.*

*Pagka't ang salita'y isang kahatulan
 sa beyan, na neyo't mga kaharian,
 at ang isang tao'y katulad, kabagay
 ng alin mang likha noong kalayaan.*

*Ang hindi magmahal sa kanyang SALITA
 mahigit pa sa hayop at malansang isda,
 kaya ang narapat pagyayarning kusa
 na tulad sa inang tunay na negapala.*

*Ang wikang tagalog tulad din sa latin,
 sa ingles, kastila at salitang anghel,
 sa pegka't ang Poon maalam tumingin
 ang siyang nag-gawad, nagbigay sa etin.*

*Ang salita nati'y buwad din sa ibe
 na may affabeto at sariling letra,
 na kaya news'y dinatnan ng sigwa
 ang lunday sa lewa noon dakong una.*

--- oOo ---

Ang tulang nasa itaas ay alinulat ni Dr. JOSE RIZAL noong siya'y walong taon gulang. (Pulot sa munting aklatan ni Bro. MIGUEL B. GATCHALIAN).



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VARIETY AND VISION IN COUNCIL PROGRAMS

The vision for the growth of the Order in the Philippines was personified in one man -- Father George J. Willmann, S.J. -- who served as the first Philippines Deputy and held that position for 30 years.

Prior to World War II, the few Filipino Knights were socially prominent professionals, influential public officials and successful businessmen. They were relatively affluent and economically independent. They concentrated on the religious, social and civic objectives of the K of C. After World War II, the composition of the membership changed significantly.

Father Willmann viewed the Knights as a powerful instrument for the economic, moral and spiritual reconstruction of the war-devastated country. After regrouping the few remaining members of Manila Council No. 1000, he launched an intensive recruitment campaign. He encouraged recruiters to draw men from even the poorer sectors of society. He prodded key men in the major cities and towns all over the country to establish new councils. He instituted the practice of celebrating the Eucharist before council meetings. He organized -- under the auspices of local councils -- credit unions, cooperatives, vocational training centers for unskilled workers, recreational centers for youth, and job placement bureaus for unemployed brothers.

With the radical shift in the composition of post-war membership, the Knights in the Philippines began to re-emphasize the Order's mutual help objectives.

Father Willmann made sure that all K of C activities were geared to developing men as individuals and members of a community; to a continuing search for peace and justice; to building Christian communities. Inspired by the Order's principles of fraternity and charity, each Filipino Knight tries to be a brother to another and a neighbor to others, thus giving substance to the Scriptural injunction: "Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and those in prisons."

Take, for example, the ministry to the sick. The Knights in the Philippines operate more than 200 charitable medical and dental clinics. The latest clinic, started by Justice Romualdez Council No. 3171 in Tacloban City, is manned by volunteer physicians, dentists, nurses, and medical aides who treat 250 indigent patients per week from both the urban and the rural areas. The supply of medicines and drugs is donated by pharmaceutical manufacturers and charitable institutions.

Surigao Council No. 3418 in Surigao city manages a clinic whose main objective is the control of tuberculosis. With initial funding

coming from the Diocese of Surigao, the Order and the community at large, the clinic opened on March 18, 1978, with five patients. A physician visits the clinic regularly and supervises the overall progress of the project. The period of treatment is one to two years. The latest report shows the clinic had treated 57 TB patients.

In 1975, the Filipino Knights decided to establish a public medical service to be called "Project Hope." This service provides a battery of medical tests ranging from ECG and Blood Sugar Tests to Cholesterol Count and Blood typing. It is offered by the Knights for a modest fee of 50 pesos (about \$8 in U.S. funds). The K of C national committee on health services conducts these tests in cooperation with host councils. The electrocardiograms are evaluated by competent heart specialists while the laboratory tests are examined and analyzed by duly registered medical technologists.

"A million thanks to 'Project Hope.' I am grateful to you and your staff for saving my life as I could have been dead by now..." wrote one man. An examination had revealed that he had an abnormal ECG. He was rushed to a hospital in Manila, where the diagnosis showed a coronary heart disease. After a week of treatment and confinement in the intensive care unit of the hospital, the man was sent home for recovery.

To date, this project has served seven provinces. A total of 2,335 patients so far have availed themselves of the medical services.

Hand in hand with concern for the sick is care for the aged. Fatima Council No. 7101 in Mandaya City regularly visits the home for the aged in that locality. The members bring with them a physician to give medical treatment to the old folks, as well as reading materials and other personal items. Likewise, Saint Rita Council No. 4610 in Quezon City has adopted an institution for the aged, the Golden Acres Home, as the beneficiary of its charities. In this institution, the Knights also arranged for Mass every Sunday.

The economic uplift of the poor is also a major apostolate of the Order in the Philippines. In this connection, a full-time organizer for cooperative credit unions has been employed by the Office of the Philippines Deputy for more than 20 years. The late Augusto Mier organized and supervised 250 cooperative credit unions in various parts of the country. This work is now handled by Sister Rosita Fernandez, R.V.M. At present, there is a total of 365 K of C sponsored cooperative credit unions. The K of C national office has received many positive reactions to this

work.

From one parish priest:

"This is just to thank you for the services of Sr. Rosita Fernandez, R.V.M., in the name of the Knights of Columbus, rendered to my people. They also want to thank you for sending her to Gasan. She came to Gasan with Eloida Cayabyab Aug. 27. And since then, we have done many, many things."

From a local businessman:

"Thank you very much for sending us Miss Boide Cayabyab. She has done a lot for our cooperative, especially in the training of our managerial staff."

To augment the income of poor barrio farmers, one council in Tanauan, Batangas, has launched an animal dispersal project. They consign a cow to each beneficiary of the project.

Under this program the recipient obliged to donate to the council the cow's first female calf which, in turn, is given to another beneficiary. In addition, this council annually gives awards to farmers who excel in rice, corn and food production.

The out-of-school youth is also a major concern of the Order in the Philippines. Nichols Council No. 6069 in Villamor Air Base, Peasey City, started a vocational training program for unskilled out-of-school youths. Pooling the resources and expertise of their members, the council has been sponsoring vocational courses, such as automotive mechanics for male students and telephone switchboard operation for female students. The council also assists the new graduates in securing employment. With their newly-acquired skills, the scores of youngsters have become gainfully employed.

In some remote rural communities, the availability of potable water and the sanitary disposal of wastes are major problems. With this in mind, the Pecto de Sagre Council No. 7036 in New Washington, Aklan, organized the local community in 1980 to drill deep wells and construct sanitary restrooms. To date, the council has constructed 21 public restrooms and completed 165 deep wells. The Council and the community established the "New Washington Bayanihan Foundation, Inc." to operate and manage the project on a continuing basis.

The apostolate for prisoners is a special activity of the Philippine Knights. Many councils render a variety of services to prisoners, such as legal counsel, medical and dental assistance, providing entertainment and recreation facilities, reading materials, food and clothes, and arrangement for celebration of the Eucharist inside the jails. These councils also

look after the welfare of prisoners' families.

Most councils in the Philippines are community-oriented, but their activities go far beyond the confines of their parishes or council headquarters. Single-handedly or in collaboration with Government agencies and/or other organizations, local Knights always have lent a hand in community projects and undertakings.

Bishop McSorley Council No. 4562 in Jolo, Sulu, undertook the concrete fencing of the town cemetery. Its construction started after the local Knights were able to raise the necessary funds. They still continue soliciting donations from the community of Jolo and neighboring towns for maintaining the project.

At Lebek, Sultan Kudarat, Queenship of Mary Council No. 7488 conducted a blood typing for most of the townspeople to match blood types of recipients and donors in the event of need. The council felt this was more feasible than setting up and maintaining a blood bank.

The Tuguegarao Knights of Council No. 3704 felt that the cost of funeral services in their locality was rather high. There was only one mortuary in the town. These Knights believed that they could provide this needed service to the community at a substantially lower cost. They pooled their resources and put together "Christian Funeral Services, Inc." The Council and 66 members subscribed to the stock of this corporation. Today, they own a two-story building with three chapels and four funeral coaches on land leased for 99 years from the Diocese of Tuguegarao. While the corporation provides its services to the community at very reasonable cost, it quite often provides free services and free coffins to the indigent.

Motorists living in SSS Village, Marikina, Metro Manila and adjoining villages in this municipality had one common problem during the rainy season. They had to pass through a creek that swells after a 15-minute downpour to waist-high flood-waters. The creek becomes unpassable, especially for light vehicles. To provide a lasting solution for this perennial problem, the St. Paul of the Cross Council No. 6681 in SSS Village spearheaded the construction of a concrete bridge, measuring 36 meters long by 10 meters wide, with 1.5 meters sidewalks on either side and with a capacity load of 20 tons. In collaboration with municipal officials and Daughters of Mary Immaculate, the local Knights succeeded in raising the needed funds for this project, which was started in August, 1982 and completed in October.

Youth work is a favorite activity of councils in the Philippines. Through the Columbian Squires' Circles, Catholic Youth Organization units or their direct dealings with youth, immeasurable contributions to youth development have been chalked up by the K of C councils. There are 321 Columbian Squires'

Circles in the Philippines, with a total membership of 8,500 young men. Likewise, there are 58 active CYO units with a total membership of 3,000.

Regional leadership training seminars are held for youth leaders by the K of C national office.

As in other societies, Filipino youth fall prey to drug pushers. The local councils have fought this poison in society. Working with police and school authorities as well as physicians, local councils conduct seminars on drug abuse. Recently about 600 high-school students from Quezon City attended a three-day symposium on drug abuse prevention and control sponsored by the Santo Domingo Council No. 6459 in Quezon City. Likewise, Binabagan Council No. 3708 in Binabagan, Negros Occidental, recently also sponsored a seminar on drug dangers for the youth in that community.

Jaime Cardinal Sin, Archbishop of Manila and national chaplain of the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines, has observed that many of the wives of Knights are deeply involved in the work of the Order. He felt that, while some of them are members of other civic and religious organizations, they should be organized into a sorority to support the programs of the Knights and the Philippine Church more effectively. In 1978, they established the Daughters of Mary Immaculate a sorority of Catholic women, most of whom are wives of Knights.

As with most Orientals, Filipinos consider family bonds to be something sacred. These bonds extend bilaterally not only to blood relatives but to relatives by marriage as well. With the rapid urbanization of many communities, these bonds often are strained to the breaking point.

There in the country today vociferous groups who preach free love, live-ins, divorce, abortion and even euthanasia. While the Knights often have confronted these anti-family preachers with some success, they have been working quietly to reinforce Filipino family bonds through symposia and seminars on family life, Cans conferences, marriage encounter sessions, marriage counseling, Christian family planning, parent-child/gram dialogues, sex education for adolescents, and validation of marriages. *Vivente de Veris*, K of C national director of family activities, has been orchestrating the activities of Philippine councils in strengthening family ties and enriching family life. At a recent family life seminar, Arturo D. Tayag of Malabon Council No. 3691 remarked, "I realize my weakness as a family man, and the seminar made me feel stronger. I have learned that family life should be understood in all its fullness."

Filipino knights view Church activity as any activity which would promote development of the People of God in and through current

structures of the Philippine Church. While the Knights are involved deeply in traditional Church activities, such as assisting priests in liturgical and paraliturgical services or organizing and conducting catechetical and Christian formation sessions in public schools, they also have actively undertaken the promotion and support of vocations to the priesthood. Not only do many councils and Knights support local seminaries, but they also set up in 1977 a special fund as gift to the then Philippines Deputy, Father George J. Willmann, S.J., on his 80th birthday. The fund will be used for theological studies of financially handicapped seminarians. The fund is held in trust by the office of the Philippines Deputy and managed by the national secretary. Known as the "Father George J. Willmann Fund for Seminarians," it has supported to date 40 seminarians, four of whom have been ordained priests.

Realize the need for the continuing development of those already ordained, the Knights in the Philippines initiated a fund campaign in 1981 to support graduate studies in Rome in the ecclesiastical disciplines for selected priests and chaplains.

The local funds generated to finance the continuing development of priests will be earmarked for more modest study grants in pastoral work at the East Asian Pastoral Institute, the Loyola House of Studies, the University of Santo Tomas, or other Catholic universities and institutes in the Philippines. The local funds will be called the "Father George J. Willmann Fund for Priests."

Since 1976, the councils in Metropolitan Manila have been sponsoring presentation of a radio drama series over radio Veritas which can be heard throughout the Philippine archipelago and beyond. Each episode of this series aims at inculcating belief in Divine Providence and love of country and fellowman.

To enable more people to learn about the Catholic Faith, the Knights in the Philippines also continue the Catholic Correspondence Course for the public. Under the patronage of the K of C national office, the program is managed by seminarians from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila as part of their apostolate.

It is these and many other activities which have led to the constantly rising prestige and influence of the Philippine Knights and an annual membership growth of 10%. A decade ago, Jan. 1, 1973, the Philippine membership stood at 21,750. On Jan. 1, 1983, the official total was 48,789, a percentage increase of 124.32.

— Magr. FRANCISCO G. TANTOGO, Jr.
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Cardinal Sin's Homily For Soriano

Following is the homily delivered by His Eminence Jaime Cardinal Sin at the requiem mass for Andres Soriano Jr. at St. Andrew's church in Bel-Air, Makati, Metro Manila:

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We are gathered here this afternoon to pray for and pay our last respects to a man who was near and dear to all of us, a man who, in one way or another, touched our life in a very significant way. He died Monday, March 19, 3,000 miles and two continents away.

Andres Soriano Jr.'s life may have ended in Madrid, but it began right here. It was here that he was born almost 58 years ago, here that he grew up, here that he grew in wisdom and in experience. Here, finally, where he grew in love for the thousands of men and women who belong to the San Miguel family.

Many members of that family are right here in this church; thousands more are tuned in on this broadcast. All of them, each in his own way, are saying goodbye to their beloved Mr. Andy.

I find something very revealing in that name -- Mr. Andy -- by which he is known within the giant conglomerate that he headed. I imagine that his associates wanted to address him as Don Andres. His position in the company, his impressive credentials and his imposing presence certainly made him deserving of that form of address. But, over the loving son, he did not wish to usurp the title that had been reserved for his revered father.

He could so easily have been addressed as Mr. Soriano. But he was a friendly man, and Mr. Soriano sounded too stiff, too formal. On the other hand, Andy would have been too familiar. And so it became Mr. Andy, a cognomen that had the right blending of respect and affection.

For that was how he was regarded in San Miguel, with respect and with affection.

Mr. Andy has been laid in his final resting place in Madrid. Since none of us was able to say goodbye to him with our physical presence at his interment, we must now content ourselves with recalling our most vivid, our fondest memories of the man.

My own memories go back a little over three years ago during the visit here of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. It was at Radio Veritas when the Pope handed out the trophies to the winners of the Catholic Mass Media Awards. The Holy Father had seen fit to confer on Mr. Andy a special award, a recognition of his contributions to the church in the field of mass media.

and merit was increasingly recognized and rewarded.

His was the decision to make San Miguel unexplored fields: to the development of hybrid corn, to aquaculture, even particularly in the breeding of prawns. Because of his vision and wisdom, there would have been no limits to the horizons that San Miguel would have opened, the frontiers that it would have pushed back.

But, now Mr. Andy is dead.

He was struck down by an unkind fate before he could do everything he wanted to do for his beloved San Miguel and for the thousands who worked for him. But the good Lord, it was clear, had other plans for him. He wanted Mr. Andy with him, by His side.

It is only natural, my dear friends, that you should mourn his passing. You would not be human if you did not. There is a sadness in your heart for him, and there is an anguish that is biting into your living flesh.

But I say to you: if you love him, then you should dispel the sadness and forget the anguish. You should, instead, be happy for him. For, where Mr. Andy is now, in the bosom of our Father in heaven and close to our Blessed Mother to whom he was devoted and whom he made San Miguel's patroness, he is happy and at peace, beyond suffering and beyond pain.

My dear brothers and sisters I repeat: it is only natural that you should be sad that Mr. Andy has left our midst. But let me tell you this: he will not enjoy the rest and the peace that he deserves if you continue to mourn for him. If you truly loved him -- and I have no doubt that you did -- then you must release him to our Father. With all your heart, give him back to his Creator; with all your soul, entrust him to the loving care of our Blessed Mother.

Only if you do this can you show how much you really love him. So I say again: let go -- and let God. Let God, in His infinite love and mercy, open His arms to him in a warm and comforting embrace.

God bless you all.

I remember how happy Mr. Andy was at receiving the award from the hands of the Holy Father himself. But I remember, too, how reluctant he was at first to receive it. With a modesty so typical of him, Mr. Andy thought he was not deserving.

But, more than anybody else, I knew how much Mr. Andy had deserved it. In fact, it was I who had asked the Pope to give it to him. There was no doubt at all about my own happiness in seeing the Pope accede to my request.

Ever since last Monday, when I first heard the tragic news of his death, I have had occasion to talk to a lot of people who had known Mr. Andy very well. Everyone I talked to -- businessmen, journalist, educators, San Miguel Corp. officials and employees -- had something nice to say of him. As I listened to the litany of praises, I could not help thinking: How wrong Shakespeare was when he said that "the good that man do is oft interred with their bones!"

It was under Mr. Andy's inspired leadership that San Miguel Corp. ascended to its present position of unchallenged preeminence. It was through him that innovative management concepts were introduced. It was he who gave full emphasis to San Miguel's greatest natural resource -- the men and women who were giving of themselves, their energies and their loyalty, to the company. Under his aegis, human resources development became a beautiful reality. A new breed of managers emerged, decentralization became the norm,

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SK PAÑO PASSES AWAY TO THE GREAT BEYOND

Sir Knight Nestor Cruz Paño, PGK, FDD, of San Rafael Council No. 5124, Balut, Tondo, Manila, died on Monday, April 9, 1984, it was announced, with deep sorrow, by the officers and members of the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines.

Bro. Paño lay in state at his residence on 187 Nava Street, Balut, Tondo, Manila. A necrological service was held on Friday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m., jointly by the San Rafael Council No. 5124 and Padre Burgos Assembly of the Fourth Degree, at the San Rafael Parish Church.

Interment was at the Manila Memorial Park in Parañaque, Metro Manila, on Saturday, April 14, 1984, after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at San Rafael Church.

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K of C NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE LAUNCHES MULTI- PRONGED PROGRAM

The National Youth Committee of the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines recently launched a multi-pronged program to uplift and up-grade the leadership qualities of the youth of the country. Realizing that this Columbian Year of the CYO is premised on RECOGNITION OF THE YOUTH, these activities will lead to preparing our youth to be worthy citizens of tomorrow.

The different sub-committees have lined-up their different programs of activities for the Columbian Year 1984-85. The Catholic Youth Organization will involve itself with more rosary rallies, youth encounters, retreats, recollections, symposia on love, courtship, sex, marriage and CYO Newsletter publications. The Christian Leadership Formation will conduct a leadership training seminar for the youth, so that every constituting Council in the country will have to plan and conduct seminars in their respective areas. Meanwhile, the Columbian Squires Circle of the Philippines, adopting the Slogan "A Columbian Squires Circle For Each Council", is now well prepared to implement the national thrust in youth, among them are the following: the promotion of more circles, the Counsellors' training, Spiritual, Civic-cultural and Social involvement. Recently, the Squires and the Squirettes held a 15-event trackfest in a one-day affair at the U.S.T. campus and supervised by the U.S.T. College Council No. 7894. On Drug Abuse, a Newsletter is ready for publication. They have formed a ready team and its machineries will conduct anti-drug abuse seminars. An Education Kit will be prepared and distributed to all Regional Youth Directors, who in turn, will be mobilized to campaign against drug addiction. The National Sports sub-committee also announced that it will conduct a nationwide sports tournament to be participated in by all councils, not only in Metro Manila but also in the provinces. This is timely for the summer vacation wherein millions of youth may be able to join and participate in the sports fest. The Chairman on

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CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION FIRST NATIONAL

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PROGRAM OF

THEME: "CYO 1984: A NEW B

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1984

- 7:30 a.m. - Registration
- 9:00 a.m. - Opening of Exhibits, UPCF Auditorium
- 10:00 a.m. - Opening of Sportsfest, UPLB Parade Ground
- 12:00 n.n. - Lunch
- 4:00 p.m. - Opening Concelebrated Mass
MOST REV. PABLO N. BANTIGUE, D.D.
Bishop of San Pablo
Principal Celebrant

5:00 p.m. - Opening of Ceremonies, UPLB Auditorium

1. Entrance of Colors
(delegations bring their unit banners)
2. National Anthem
3. Formal Opening of the Convention by the National President
4. Roll Call
5. Welcome Remarks by the Mayor of Los Baños, Laguna
6. State of the Organization Address by the National President
7. Introduction of the Keynote Speaker.
8. Speech - MOST REV. JOSE T. SANCHEZ, D.D.
Archbishop of Nueva Segovia (Vigan)
Chairman, Episcopal Commission on Lay Apostolate
9. Recessional

7:00 p.m. - Dinner, UPLB Canteen

- Acquaintance and Socials
- Cultural Presentation of Units

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1984

6:30 a.m. - Morning Praise and Mass, UPCF Auditorium
RT. REV. MSGR. FRANCISCO G. TANTOCO, JR.
National Chaplain, CYO

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast, UPCR Canteen

8:30 a.m. - Second Plenary Session, UPCF Auditorium

1. Introduction of Guest Speaker
2. Speech - RT. REV. MSGR. FRANCISCO G. TANTOCO, JR.
National Chaplain, CYO

9:45 a.m. - Break

10:15 a.m. - Workshop Briefings, UPCF Auditorium

10:30 a.m. - Workshops on The CYO Spirituality and Nature
(Simultaneous - small groups)

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ACTIVITIES

EGINNING, A NEW HOPE"

- 12:30 p.m. - Luncheon with Entertainment
2:00 p.m. - Third Plenary Session:
Deliberations on the Proposed revised
CYO Constitution and By-Laws
(snacks will be served in the hall)
- Workshops on the Bude of Adult Counsellors in the Youth Apostolate
 - Workshop 1 - The Unit Advisers
 - Workshop 2 - The Unit Chaplain
 - Workshop 3 - The CYO Promoters (KC BYCs, GKs, DDs)
- 5:00 p.m. - Demonstration of CYO Initiations with actual candidates
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner, UPLB Canteen
- Socials with the winners of the Search for Mr. & Miss CYO 1984
 - Giving of Special Awards

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1984

- 6:00 a.m. - Morning Praise
7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, UPCF Canteen
8:00 a.m. - Third Plenary Session - Adoption of Workshop Resolutions
9:00 a.m. - Break
10:00 a.m. - Closing Concelebrated Mass, UPLB Auditorium
MOST REV. JOSE C. SORRA, D.D.
Bishop of Virac
Chairman, CBCP Youth Committee
(within the mass)
1. Ratification and Signing of New CYO Constitution and By-Laws
 2. Oath-taking of National & Unit Officers
 3. Presentation of Unit Charters
- 12:00 n.n. - Luncheon, UPLB Canteen
- Closing Ceremonies, UPLB Canteen
1. National Anthem
 2. Formal Closing of the Convention by the National President
 3. Closing Prayer
 4. Closing Hymn
- 2:00 p.m. - Tour of UP, Los Baños

K of C Top Families of 1983 1984 CHOSEN AT BIENNIAL CONVENTION

During the national biennial convention of the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines held in Beoolod City, Negros Occidental on April 28, 29, 30 and May 1, 1984, one of the features of the big event was the selection of the top K of C Families of the Columbian Year 1983-1984 by a committee composed of Philippines Deputy Mardonio R. Santos, Chairman; and Assistant Philippines Deputy for Metro Manila and Southern Luzon Laura M. Cruz, National Secretary Msgr. Francisco G. Tantoco, Jr., and National Director of Family Activities Vicente A. de Vera, Members.

The following K of C Families were adjudged the winners, and each Family thus chosen was awarded a Plaque by the Philippines Deputy, as follows:

K of C Family of the Year 1983-1984 - Family of Bro. Alejandro Juden, Sr., Council No. 4268, Muñoz, Nueva Ecija;

First Runner-Up - Family of Bro. Proceso Arones, Council No. 3771, Dagupan City, Pangasinan;

Second Runner-Up - Family of Bro. Jose Sebastian, Council No. 6775, Cruz na Dean, San Rafael, Bulacan;

Honorable Mention - Family of Bro. Laurcano S. Galles, Council No. 5361, Lavezares, Northern Samar.

Honorable Mention - Family of Bro. Juan L. Cabina, Council No. 6359, Bayugen, Agusan del Sur.

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K of C NATIONAL YOUTH

Community Scouting reported the circularization of detailed implementing guidelines to interested Councils who will form a Community Scouting Unit in their respective areas. Finally, the sub-committee on Scholarship and Student Loans continues to support the scholarship program designed to help children of indigent families, and synchronization of activities with other youth organization.

In a similar development, SK Mardonio R. Santos, Philippines Deputy of the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines, informed the National Youth Committee that the Philippines jurisdiction is very much ahead as far as youth work is concerned, compared with the other jurisdictions of the K of C. Bro. Santos further announced that should Supreme Knight, Virgil C. Dechant pursue his forthcoming visit to the Philippines on April 25 to May 3, 1984, the National Youth Committee should prepare a very good project for the youth, specially one in line with Drug Abuse Prevention wherein the Supreme Knight will personally attend.

The National Youth Committee is headed by DD SK Colonel Ritalino F. Lacuna and has for its sub-chairmen Sir Knights Jerome J. Cruz, Catholic Youth Organization; Jacinto C. Ferrer, Columbian Squires; Milton Slekman, Drug Abuse; Regino B. Jante, Christian Leadership Formation; Larry Nucum, Sports; Manuel Y. Dingcong, Jr., Community Scouting; N.A. Litaco, Scholarship and Student Loans; Eduardo Lotigio, Executive Secretary; and Ricardo M. de la Rosa, Jr., Publicity.

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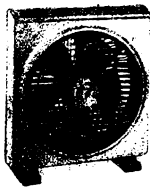
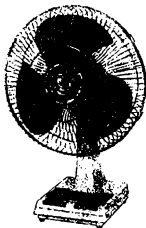
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If the Lord Does not Build

"The quality most needed in American politics today is honesty." The well-known Redemptorist moral theologian, Francis J. Connell, began an address with these words on May 22, 1949, more than thirty years ago. Have things improved since then? A few years back, one United States senator and seven congressmen were under investigation on charges of accepting bribes.

Is the United States peculiar in the existence of dishonesty among government employees? Not so long ago, the papers carried news of the attempt to fumigate the redoubtable London "bobbies" by importing men from the countryside, under the strange persuasion that country people would be more honest! The echoes of the Tanaka-Lockheed scandal have hardly died down. As for the Philippines, if we may believe the newspapers, it is axiomatic that the BIR and Customs are shot through with dishonesty.

Nor is this something new in governments. Thucydides, the Greek historian (400 BC) attributed the fall of the Greek cities to the fact that it was impossible to distinguish between those who perpetrated crimes and those who were supposed to prevent them. Thomas More wrote in *Utopia* (1516); "When I consider all those commonwealths which nowadays everywhere do flourish, I can perceive nothing but a conspiracy of rich men procuring their own commodities under the name and title of the Commonwealth."

So, we may extend Connell's words to a wider canvas and see dishonesty as a kind of occupational disease of government service.

There must be some reason for this. Perhaps, the basic reason (supposing original sin) is that men

tend to think of the state as a non-ens, amorphous, a mental construct. People who would not dream of stealing from a fellowman, can steal from the state without a qualm because they feel they are not stealing from anybody, the state is nobody!

Add to this that the emolument received in government service is generally below that which the incumbent really needs to live decently. In fact, the suspicion may be entertained that the salary received is not expected to be all the incumbent will get! And there is the added problem that government officials are often exposed to demands from fellow citizens precisely in view of their office.

A Spanish official, Governor Juan Niño de Tavora, referring to this unrewarding character of government service wrote several centuries ago: "My six years in the Philippines have brought me only the loss of the twenty thousand pesos that were my wife's dowry." This loss was, he implied, attributable to the fact that he was honest in his government service. He said! "Que si se ha de servir al Rey con puntualidad y vivir Cristianamente es difícil adquirir mucha hacienda." "If one is to serve his king exactly and live like a Christian, it is difficult to acquire much wealth."

So, what is the remedy? Multiply checks and watchers and audits? But the question always arises: "Who will watch the watchers?" If the evil is so widespread, it also vitiates the very remedies applied to cure it. An Indian swami commented on the West's political efforts: "You cannot perform a good operation with a dirty knife."

There are some rare characters who will be held to an honest course by sheer esteem of virtue. But they are rare. George Washington, in a much quoted passage from his Farewell Address, said that there are some who will adhere to virtue from

sheer conviction, but he added: "it is idle to expect widespread civic virtue in the absence of religion."

John F. Kennedy wrote a book called *Profiles of Courage*. In it, he describes the careers of various American politicians who were remarkable for brave stands in the face of great pressure. Not all of these men were motivated by love of virtue. Some were simply bull-headed, but some were motivated by religious convictions.

One of the earliest was John Quincy Adams. Kennedy thinks that Adams gathered more honors into his career than any American before or since. Adams wrote in his diary:

"My political prospects are declining. . . with the certainty of being restored to the situation of a private citizen. In the meantime, I implore the Spirit from whom every good gift descends to enable me to render essential service to my country, and that I may never be governed in my public conduct by any consideration than that of duty."

So, the anti-dote to dishonesty in government is religion. Common sense bears this out. Those men in the Philippines who have distinguished themselves by their integrity, men like Norberto Romualdez and Gregorio Araneta, to mention just two who are dead, were men of deep spiritual convictions.

Douglas MacArthur said after the defeat of Japan: "The problem of modern man is basically theological; there must be a recrudescence of the spiritual if we are to save the material." Psalm 127 says more or less the same thing: "If the Lord does not build the house, the work of the builders is useless; if the Lord does not protect the city, it does no good for the entries to stand guard."

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"Birthday" COMMUNION

By Rev. PAUL E.M. SHEEHAN, S.J.

Q. 1. Is the ruling about NOT receiving holy communion while one is in a state of mortal sin ABSOLUTE? Are there no exceptions? This question is being asked because I was once told by a priest that when an occasion arises (birthday, wedding or death anniversary, etc.) and one desires so much to receive Holy Communion in honor of the occasion, one may do so, even when in a state of mortal sin, provided that he goes to confession at the earliest possible opportunity after such eucharistic reception.

A. 1. Yes, the ruling about NOT receiving holy communion while one is in a state mortal sin is ABSOLUTE. There are no exceptions. When the special occasion arises, if one is not prepared by confessing all serious sins beforehand in Confession, then make a spiritual communion. This is an ardent desire to receive Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist even though one is alienated from Christ by serious sin. Together with this desire to receive Christ should be the firm determination to be properly reconciled to Him by the sincere confession of all serious sins before receiving Him in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

The Church of Jesus Christ is especially clear and particular about what is necessary to receive Holy Communion worthy as follows:

1. To be able to distinguish the Eucharist from ordinary bread. 2. To be free from mortal sin. 3. To have a right intention. 4. To obey the Church's laws on fasting before Holy Communion.

Pope John Paul II in 1981 reminded all Christians that "the norm taught by St. Paul and by Council of Trent, according to which the worthy reception of the Eucharist must be preceded by the Confession of sins when one is conscious of mortal sin, is and always will be in force in the Church. (Catechism of Catholic Doctrine - Msgr. Alfredo S. Reyes - p. 185)

A final suggestion is to have the foresight to plan one's necessary Confession ahead of time since the birthday, etc. does not come unexpectedly.

To receive Holy Communion unworthily, that is, in a state of mortal sin, with full knowledge, is a most grievous sacrifice, which is the profanation of the Body of Blood of Jesus Christ.

Q. 2. How can we improve the relationship between parents and children? Many children now have less respect for their parents. Parents have little or none at all religious concern for their children. Some well-to-do parents think that love is showering the children with money and other material things.

A. 2. Your questions has been one of my main concerns during the past twenty years or so. Whenever I am assigned to conduct missions in the different cities and provinces of the archipelago, whether to parents or children, I try to arrange for at least one joint meeting with parents and children. The name given to this activity has been FILIPINO FAMILY FORUM. One of the first I remember was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council of Batangas City was back in 1960!

Years of experience in conducting these Family Forums have resulted in summing up the whole parents/children relationship like a ladder with seven/rungs or steps. Beginning at the bottom of the ladder, the first step is EFFORT. The second step is TIME. The third step is ASSOCIATION. The fourth step is COMMUNICATION. The fifth step is UNDERSTANDING. The sixth step is LOVE. And the seventh and top step is PEACE & HARMONY.

It is quite sad how many parents exert the greatest effort and spend so much of their time on all their other activities (business, entertainment, sports, etc.) but they never get around to taking the first two steps to get off the ground in family relationships.

The third step is important - Association. But it takes effort to spend the time associating with each other in the family. Unless there is enough personal association there an never be sufficient communication. (After one forum, a family decided to have their own at home once a month). The communication gap begins to narrow and better understanding between parents and children begins to develop after Union of minds and hearts, i.e.

Finally, by the 6th step there's better Union of minds and hearts. i.e. Love which leads to Peace and Harmony. (Write to the column if you are interested in the Filipino Forum - P.S., S.J.)

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KNIGHTS IN ACTION

COUNCIL NO. 3748 Daet, Camarines Norte

Anniversary Day was a red day for the now 200 or more officers and members of the Daet Council No. 3748. This was because, according to Grand Knight Carlos O. Yu, the occasion was the 32nd year when this Council came into existence.

It has been learned, however, that before this became a Council, it was first founded as a Center attached to Manila Council No. 1000. As a fitting tribute for the said affair, the Officers of the Council held a Formation (Second) and a Knighthood (Third) exemplifications. These twin affairs were held in "recognition of the 50 brothers desirous to be advanced to further honors".

The events, according to Recorder SK Braulio P. Zafeta, started with a Thanksgiving Mass at 7:00 a.m. at the Daet Cathedral. Breakfast and lunch were also served.

As an anniversary offering of the 32nd Foundation Day, a whole-day Christian Formation Course was opened to all first-Degree brothers at the Daet KC Club House and 14 participated. The 1st group (St. Mark) was headed by Bro. Col. Marcelino Ambrosio (ret.) with Bro. Rogelio Chavez with Bro. Mayor Silvestre Borne of Imelda, Bro. Pedro Gacho and Bro. Lazaro Morales. The 3rd group was headed by Bro. Dist. Highway Engr. Vitaliano Ubaldo with Bro. Jesus Allaga and Bro. Jose Rafael. The 4th group (St. Matthew), was headed by Bro. Dann Evasco with Bro. Engr. Ernesto Velante, Bro. Efran Mago and Bro. Dario Aboga.

The lecturers were Bro. Francis Aquino, Bro. Dr. Renato Turiano, Bro. Dr. Lito Buena, Bro. Job Ferrar, DGK Henry Herrera and Bro. Hon. Judge Jose D. Pejarillo.

— Mar A. Serrano

COUNCIL NO. 4073 San Jose City, Nueva Ecija

Council No. 4073 of San Jose City, N.E. under the leadership of Past Grand Knights Dr. Ebeuterio R. Violago, has provided free Medical Services and Medicines to Indigent Patients every Sunday at San Jose City throughout 1983-1984.

The Medical Staff is composed of Dr. Ben Reyes, GK Dr. Ebeuterio R. Violago, Dr. Domingo S. Ramos, Dr. Aniceto S. Tomas, Dr. Porfirio Vergara, Dr. Roberto S. Santos, Dr. Diminador Navarro, and Dr. Susana R. Violago, representing CVWL and Felipe V. Remos and Jose A. Reyes, Medical Aides.



COUNCIL NO. 4552 - Photo above shows consecrated Mass of Bishop Francis J. McSorley Council No. 4552 and Rev. Father Emile Bolduc Council No. 8181 on the occasion of their joint celebration of the 24th anniversary of the Former and Installation of the new Officers of the latter.

COUNCIL NO. 4638 Puerto Princesa, Cebu City

To cope with the growing needs for medical services and nutrition requirements of the indigents in Puerto Princesa, Cebu City, Our Lady of Lourdes Council No. 4638 inaugurated recently a modest charity medical clinic and nutrition center as part of their community activities. The clinic is manned by Bro. Juan B. Aquino, Jr. and Bro. Juan Y. Maderazo as project chairman and co-chairman, respectively.

In less than a year, this project has gained wide support not only from the council's membership but also from other affluent and civic-minded citizenry of Puerto Princesa. In his latest report, Grand Knight Jose R. Nuñez confirmed that the indigent patients being treated and provided with medicines is now averaging 200 monthly. "Lectures on proper nutrition and health care have also been regularly conducted for all these patients and parents with malnourished children", GK Nuñez added.

Despite limited monthly budget of only 500.00 the voluntary services of ten doctors, five registered nurses and scores-of aides coming from the ranks of the local Knights spell the viability and success of the project. Dr. Tiburcio M. Padilla, KC district deputy, is one of the volunteer physicians and benefactors of this project.

COUNCIL NO. 6080

Tandang Sora, Project 6, Quezon City

Some 164 residents of Golden Acres, the Home of the Aged in Bago Bantay, were recipients of four sacks of rice and two sacks of sugar donated recently by the Knights of Columbus, Tandang Sora Council No. 6080, Project 6, Quezon City.

The council, in its traditional gift-giving project the past several years for the indigent families living in Project 6, has shifted its activities to the aged and the youth inmates of QC Molave Youth Home, a project of QC Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court.

The youth inmates were also treated to a breakfast after hearing mass who afterwards received clothes from the council.

The donation was turned over by the council headed by Grand Knight Apolinar de Leon through Mrs. Aurora Mauricio, head social worker.

Members of the council present during the simple ceremonies held at Golden Acres were Sir Knights Leandro S. Bacud, Cesar Cruz, Carlos R. Rances, Sr., Crescencio Alonzo, Humberto Llamas, Rafael T. Tiongson, Tomas Maseda, and Rolando G. Romero.

— Bro. Rod O. Francia



COUNCIL NO. 6185 - The National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Valenzuela, M.M., maintains a mortuary fund, known as the Jose J. Tecson Memorial Mortuary Fund whereby financial assistance to the bereaved families of its members are extended. During the regular meeting of the council held recently, Mrs. Soledad A. Aguirre, wife of the late S.K. Fabio L. Aguirre, together with their breakfast meeting, after which the financial aid was extended to them. In the picture above, Mrs. Aguirre receiving a check from G.K. Ernie A. Rosal in the presence of S.K. Jimmy Vecino, Treasurer.



COUNCIL NO. 6219
Tabuk, Kalinga-Apayao - The Loyola Council No. 6219 recently observed Christopher Columbus Day with awarding of trophies and prizes to the winners of the inter-secondary schools sports festival at Bulanao; Basketball and volleyball exhibition games were also played between the Holy Name Society and the KC teams after the awarding ceremony. In the picture above, District Deputy Juan G. Daogas awarded the trophies and prizes to the team leaders, assisted by Grand Knight Jose Joven, St. William's Academy bagged the championship trophy donated by Mayor Adeline Rodriguez of Quezon City. - Diego L. Lucas



COUNCIL NO. 6300 - Shown above are the officers and members of the Sariaya Council No. 6300, in Sariaya, Quezon, together with the winners in the Essay Writing Contest on Pro-Life, held recently.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

COUNCIL NO. 6502
San Jose, Mindoro Oriental

Headed by Grand Knight Francisco Aello, the Mina de Oro Council No. 6502 in San Jose, Oriental Mindoro, has launched its socio-economic and educational programs.

The number of classes for nursery, kindergarten and preparatory school will be increased, and there will be more scholarship for indigents. The kindergarten has over 100 pupils under three school teachers. The administrative committee is chaired by Bro. Abelardo Sevilla under Bro. Ruben Mendoza, school administrator. Both are supervised by Rev. Mariano Alcorisa, SVD, parish priest and council chaplain.

COUNCIL NO. 7711
Noro, Upi, Maguindanao

It was a big day for the San Isidro Council No. 7711, Noro, Upi, Maguindanao, that when on day was celebrated the foundation of the council. A Mess was held at 6:30 AM at the San Isidro Parish Church with Chaplain and Parish Priest Rev. Armand G. Clabaut, OMI officiating. All 4th Degree knights wore their full regalia while others with their usual white berong tagalog and black pants. After the mess, the knights and their wives were gathered at the San Isidro Social Hall where breakfast was tendered by the members whose birthday falls on the anniversary. An impromptu program followed which were participated by the Upi Squirrels with Bro. Rasil M. Gardosa, Youth Director of the Council, and the Catholic Women's League (CWL) Upl Chapter, which introduced different parlor games for the knights and visitors. Prizes were given to winners of the different games.

Sir Knight Conrado Y. Mondares, Sr., Grand Knight of the Council, in his anniversary speech appealed to the members for their full support and cooperation, because it is only by their support and cooperation that our mission to knighthood will gain success.

Sir Knight Cipriano A. Ninta, District Deputy, of Cotabato City, said in his inspiration talk, that we should unite and strengthen knighthood in UPI. He also stressed that our goal as a knight is for service to God Church, and Community.

-C.Y. Mondares, Sr.
Grand Knight



PHOTO ABOVE SHOWS THE STATUE OF THE ANGEL IN THE THIRD APPARITION AT LOCA DO CABECO; IN FATIMA, PORTUGAL, where the three children LUCIA, JACINTA and FRANCISCO received their communion.

In the above picture, shown at the foreground, is Bro. Miguel B. Gatchalian with wife Sis. Victorina and daughter Ma. Consuelo, a physician, who accompanied the couple in their trip abroad.

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