

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. SIXTO ANTONIO, noted Physician, orator of peerless appeal to the masses, farmer, true friend of humble "taos" of the street, and simple barrio folks, among whom he is considered a healer of physical and spiritual ailments, was born in Bambang Pasig, Rizal, on April 6, 1891. He was the youngest son of the spouses Leocadio Antonio and Rafaela Jose, now deceased.

He received his early education in the Ateneo de Manila, where he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Then he transferred to the University of Santo Tomas where he was conferred the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery with high honors.

His political career began in 1922, when he was elected municipal councilor of his home town; the next election he was elected vice-president. He was thereafter chosen Municipal President by the electorate, and twice reelected for said office in two consecutive elections. In 1937, he was elected Member of the Provincial Board of Rizal. After his term of office, he retired temporarily from politics, and accepted the appointment as Provincial Supervisor of Puericulture Centers in the province of Rizal. He was holding such position when the Pacific War broke out in 1941.

He was interned by the Japanese military authorities in Fort Santiago from July 3rd to September 30th, 1942. Upon his release, he devoted most of his time to the underground activities.

Admirer as he was, since his childhood, of Don Q's noble gallantry, he could not resist the call of dame Politics during the presidential campaign in 1946, and displaying the banner of the newly organized party, he went against the traditional windmill of invincibility of the party then in power. He won in the joust, and was declared VINCITOR by the cheering crowd. In recognition of his undisputable leadership in his province, he was appointed Governor of Rizal by His Excellency, President Manuel A. Roxas. In such position he is showing at present, with honor and distinction, his executive ability, bringing at the same time the government closer to the people.

His leadership was ratified by his people in the last elections for local offices, by giving him an overwhelming majority over his opponent Nacionalista candidate.

He is now at the summit of honor and prestige, but... he lost forever the love and care of the most faithful woman he ever had in his life. His beloved wife, Mrs. Genovera de Antonio, passed away on June 19, 1947 leaving him as everlasting token of their mutual love, two sons, Benjamin, now a practicing physician, and Felix, a law school graduate.

Hail the Leader.....