



PARISH BULLETIN

We Care Because We Pray

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

2020: Year of Ecumenism
Interreligious Dialogue
and Indigenous Peoples



May They Also Be One in Us: An Evening With Fr. Daniel Pilario, CM

In his talk, last January 24, Fr. Daniel Pilario CM, spoke on the theme, “Dialogue Towards Harmony,” wherein he invited the community to reflect on their perspectives towards people of other faiths. He shared that our Church today promotes a “spirit of dialogue” through the actions of Pope Francis and other Church leaders. The past years have seen significant acts of reconciliation and solidarity from Pope Francis with peoples of different cultures and expressions of Christianity, and even with those of other religions.

The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) theme for the year, “Ecumenism, Interreligious Dialogue, and Indigenous Peoples,” as well as the example of Pope Francis, invite us to examine our attitudes and relationships with those whose beliefs are different from ours and enter into dialogue with them. This spirit of dialogue calls us to recognize God as the light of all nations, and members of other religions and denominations as models of faith. In its Pastoral Letter, the CBCP draws inspiration from the scripture passage: “Father, just as You are in me and I am in You; may they also be one in us so that the world may believe that You have sent me.” (John 17:21)

Fr. Pilario explored this theme further by presenting different views people have towards other religions and denominations, and the forms of dialogue we can all engage in. Dialogue in these cases is not limited to verbal exchange but can and should include action too. Although interreligious dialogue is often relegated to academic and theological spaces, Fr. Pilario shared that real dialogue happens in the “rough grounds” – or in communities and the daily lives of people. To enter into genuine dialogue, Fr. Pilario



Photo Credit: Catholic News Agency

recommended developing the following attitudes: equality, sincerity, mutual trust, steadfastness and openness, humility and being self-critical, and respect and collaboration.

In entering into interreligious dialogue, we are called to shift our view of other faiths from “paths to wells.” Even until today, many view the different faiths as paths to God — different and separate though leading to the same destination. In his talk, Fr. Pilario challenged those present to begin thinking of faiths with the image of wells, where we recognize that we can draw from the wells of other faiths and learn more deeply about the great mystery of God from dialogue with others.

The talk, “Dialogue Towards Harmony,” is the first of a series organized by the Education Ministry. In the succeeding talks, the Parish community is invited to explore the theme of the CBCP further, and to take part in the spirit of dialogue alive in our Church today.

A World with Harmony, A World with Peace – According to Kids

2020 is the Year of “Ecumenism, Interreligious Dialogue, and Indigenous Peoples” in the Philippine Catholic Church. At the heart of this is “Dialogue Towards Harmony.” It is a theme that we believe even kids can get behind, so we asked the students of Magnifikids (an SSAP Liturgical celebration for kids 4 to 7 years old) to imagine a world with harmony and a world with peace. Here are what two of the students imagined and said about a world with harmony and peace. We will feature more in upcoming issues of the Parish Bulletin so stay tuned!

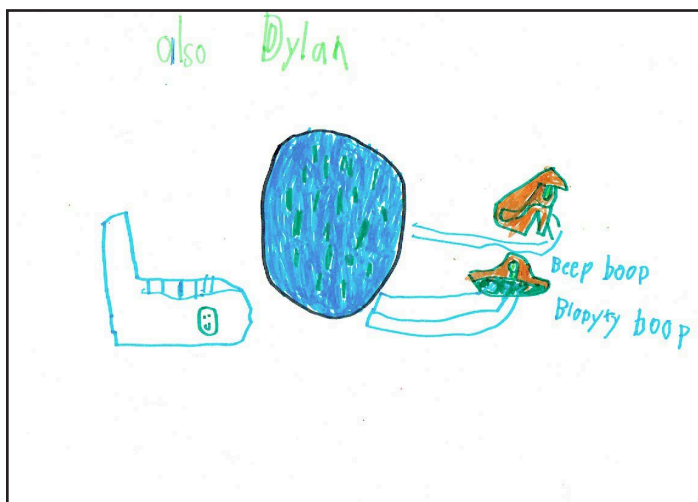
DYLAN, 7 years old soon

A world with harmony means helping friends do math questions, helping friends with homework, and helping friends train in soccer. A world with peace means no fighting. It is being happy with each other.



DANIEL, 6 years old

A world with peace means no battles. No one is doing anything bad. A world with harmony has zombies and ghosts because they don't do anything. They just walk around and float around.



Happy Birthday, Father Reu!

By Rosy Adriano

Last January 31st, the Parish came together to celebrate our beloved Parish Priest Father Reu Galoy's 50th birthday! It was a night filled with love, laughter, music, and reminiscing about the wonderful life Father Reu has had so far.

It was attended by parishioners and representatives of the various ministries of the Parish. Everyone was all smiles as they entered the venue! Parishioners were happy to see one another and were excited to greet Father Reu, a happy birthday. Everyone patiently waited for their turn, as Father Reu seemed never to be alone that night. Everyone wanted a selfie with him!

The festivities were hosted by JJ Yulo, and he made sure everyone had a great time. The night started with a sumptuous dinner. During dinner, fellow Franciscans and representatives from the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and the Parish Office gave speeches. They gave us a glimpse of how Father Reu is a servant of God, not just through his words but through his actions. JJ also introduced a video presentation. Featured were messages from his Mom, the Parish office staff, family, friends abroad, and foster families from his World Youth Day experience. Seeing the video presentation made everyone realize that Father Reu spreads God's love, not just in our Parish but all over the world!

What is a party without performances? The first performers of the night were the Antiochers, who serenaded everyone with their rendition of the popular Broadway song, *Seasons of Love*. You could hear the audience singing along the entire time.



The second performers were the Youth of San Antonio, together with Father Reu himself, dancing to the Spanish worship song, *Espiritu Ven*. Phones were up in the air to record the performance as it is a rare occasion seeing Father Reu dance! The last performance of the night came from the members of the PPC, with support from the Antiochers, singing *At the Beginning*.



The night ended with Father Reu giving a heartfelt thank you speech. He mentioned how he lost some family members before they turned 50, so when he woke up on the day of his 50th birthday, he felt truly blessed. He shared his simple dreams, saying that he is a *probinsyano* at heart. He mentioned how thankful he is that the Parish extends their support to his causes and to the Franciscan Order. He closed his speech by reminding everyone in the room that all the love and challenges we face are part of God's plan. Happy birthday again, Father Reu! May God bless you even more!

Thanksgiving for Our Beloved Cardinal

“God, we may not always understand, but in faith, we know God is good... God’s designs are not our designs. Sometimes God’s designs disrupt our plans, but we say ‘I believe God is good,’” said Cardinal Tagle during the Thanksgiving Mass at the Manila Cathedral, last Monday, January 27.



Photo Credit: CBCP News

Bishops, priests, and laypeople – including some representatives from our Parish – joined the Mass to give thanks for the gift of Cardinal Tagle’s service to the Archdiocese and for his new assignment in the larger Church. During his homily, Cardinal Tagle spoke about how the Scriptures teach us to always give thanks to God, especially for gathering the people as a family of faith. He reminded the community to thank God “for the calling that we have received not just individually but as one community to witness His Gospel.”

Manila Auxiliary Bishop Broderick Pabillo led the Congregation in praying over Cardinal Tagle as he knelt in front of the Church’s sanctuary. “Every departure, every separation, brings pain. But if we look at it on the other side, we in the Archdiocese of Manila have been very much privileged in the eight years you have been with us. We have been privileged that you have been our shepherd,” Bishop Pabillo said on behalf of the community.

Last December, Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Tagle as the new Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, the Vatican department responsible for the spread of the Catholic faith throughout the world. This office is one of nine Congregations in the Vatican. It is responsible for overseeing the missions in the dioceses of Asia, Africa, and Oceania, which constitute a third of the dioceses of the Catholic Church.

Cardinal Tagle is the second Asian prelate to serve as head of the Congregation, following Cardinal Ivan Dias of India.

Cardinal Tagle was made Cardinal in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI. Before serving as Archbishop of Manila, he served as Bishop of the Diocese of Imus, Cavite, for ten years. He is also the president of Caritas Internationalis.



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Feeling at Home with Little Angels

By Cat Wong

It was his pleading, crying eyes that caught my attention. It was an instant connection.

This was how R (not disclosing his name) and I met at Home for the Angels in Manila. The instant I carried him in my arms, he stopped crying. For the whole afternoon, he wanted my full attention, and I caved in.

It was such a funny scene to witness how awkward my Faith in Action (FIA) sisters and I were, when we first interacted with the children. But soon, our hearts melted, and things fell into place. It ended up being an afternoon of chaotic bliss – of playing, chasing around, laughing, wailing, singing, and baby talk.

Children are precious, innocent, honest, and free-spirited! And the children we met remain selfless and loving despite being abandoned by their parents.

Our FIA Ministry plans to go back to Home for the Angels for follow-up visits. Thank you to the Home for the Angels staff

for the welcome orientation and information on the foster care and adoption process of the children. Hopefully, in the future visits, there would be more FIA single adults 35 and above who would share their time, love, and joy with these children.

Aside from outreach activities, FIA also holds regular Bible Study sessions with our Parish Priest, Fr. Reu Galoy. For more details, please inquire at (0917) 803-8808 or at the Parish Office.



KNOW YOUR SAINTS

Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise is the Patron Saint of wool combers, wild animals, and those who suffer from throat disease. He is often depicted holding two crossed candles in his hand, or in a cave with wild animals. His feast is celebrated on February 3rd. What is his story, and what can we learn from him?

Blaise was born in Sebastea, Armenia (today's Sivas, Turkey) to a family of nobility, and was educated in the Christian faith. He was said to be a physician who had miraculous healing powers – notably for helping people who had objects stuck in their throats – before he became a Bishop. Although the Edict of Toleration in AD 311 granted



freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, persecution of Christians continued for years after. This forced Blaise to flee and live in a cave in solitude and prayer.

There are many tales and legends about Blaise's miracles. One such story was that he made friends with wild animals. In the story, a group of hunters

found him in a cave, kneeling in prayer and surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears who appeared to be patiently waiting. Another well-known story supposedly took place when he was being brought to prison. A woman whose son had a fishbone lodged in his throat stopped him. At Blaise's command, the fishbone was dislodged and the child was able to cough up the bone.

Blaise died a martyr in Sebastea, Armenia in AD 316, when he refused to renounce his Faith. At first, he was beaten, then was suspended from a tree, and his flesh torn with iron combs. Finally, he was beheaded.

Starting the 16th century, the ceremony of the blessing of St. Blaise began. In it, two candles are consecrated and crossed before the congregation, and a blessing is given by touching the throat of a person with the two crossed candles. Alternatively, a wick that is consecrated in oil is put in contact with the throat of the sick.

We don't really know which of the many stories about Saint Blaise are fact or fiction. But the more important point to ponder is: Saint Blaise is an example of someone who gave himself entirely to the service of God. How can we be more like him?

Sources: franciscanmedia.org, britannica.org, and catholic.org

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes February 11



'World Day of the Sick' Mass
at 7:30 am at the Main Church
(by the Healthcare Ministry)

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
Healing Mass and Anointing
of the Sick at 5:00 pm at the Grotto

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Harmonious Dialogue Through Indigenous and Folk Dances & Songs

**February 25, 2020, Tuesday
at 6:30 pm
Parish Center**

Burning and Blessing of Palms
for Ash Wednesday follows
at 9:00 pm

Everyone is invited!



Schedule of Liturgical Activities

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

6:15 am, 7:30 am (with Morning Prayers
at 7:00 am except on First Saturdays),
12:15 pm, Anticipated: 4:30 pm, 6:00 pm

- Fatima Prayer of Adoration and Reparation after the 6:15 am, 7:30 am, and 12:15 Masses
- First Five Saturdays for the Reparation of Sins Committed Against the Immaculate Heart of Mary (February - June, August - December) at the 6:15 am, 7:30 am, and 12:15 pm Masses with meditation and recitation of the Holy Rosary 30 minutes before the Mass

Sunday

6:30 am (Tagalog), 7:45 am, 9:00 am,
10:30 am, 12:00 nn, 4:30 pm, 6:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE IN SURROUNDING VILLAGES:

Dasmarinas Village Clubhouse:
Saturday, 6:00 pm – Anticipated Mass

(North) Forbes Park Pavillion:
Sunday, 11:00 am

Urdaneta Village Friendship Hall:
Sunday, 7:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday

6:15 am, 7:30 am (with Morning Prayers
at 7:00 am), 12:00 nn, 6:00 pm

- Recitation of the Holy Rosary before every Mass, except on Tuesdays
- Divine Mercy Chaplet after every Mass on Tuesday
- Novena to St. Anthony and Exposition of St. Anthony's Relic after all Masses on Tuesday
- Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 8:00 am and after the 6:00 pm Mass
- Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after all Masses on Friday except on First Friday
- First Friday Holy Hour: 8:00 am, 11:45 am and after the 6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSION

Monday . Wednesday . Friday

7:15 am - 7:45 am, 12:00 nn - 12:30 pm
5:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Saturday

7:15 am - 7:45 am, 12:00 nn - 12:30 pm
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

For special Confession, please call
the parish office

FOR THE SICK

Please call the parish office for
anointing of the sick or when a
parishioner is bedridden and wishes
to receive Holy Communion.

CBCP GUIDELINES & "ORATIO" ON 2019 NOVEL CORONA VIRUS

Praying the "Oratio"

Parishes are urged to pray for those who suffer to be restored to full health & for the rest of us to be spared from infection

Reviewing info from DOH

For updated press releases and FAQs on how to prevent the spread of the virus, go to the DOH website (<https://www.doh.gov.ph/2019-nCoV>)

Recommended Parishioner behaviors

- Communion in the hand
- No holding hands while singing/praying "Our Father" and no shaking of hands during the Sign of Peace

Suggestions for the Church

- Regular checking & changing of Holy Water from Holy Water Fonts
- Protective cloth on the grills of the confessionals

Source: CBCP letter from Rev. Fr. Marvin S. Mejia (Secretary-General) on January 29, 2020; Please check Parish bulletin and announcements boards for full details.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES

ORATIO IMPERATA



God our Father,
We come to You in our need
To ask Your protection against the 2019 N-Corona Virus,
That has claimed lives and has affected many.

We pray for Your grace
For the people tasked with studying the nature and cause
Of this virus and its disease
And of stemming the tide of its transmission.
Guide the hands and minds of medical experts
That they may minister to the sick
With competence and compassion,
And of those government and private agencies
That must find cure and solution to this epidemic.

We pray for those afflicted
May they be restored to health soon.

Grant us the grace
To work for the good of all
And to help those in need.

Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mary Help of all Christians, pray for us.
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.
St. Rock, pray for us.
St. Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us.
St. Pedro Calungsod, pray for us.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Further to the CBCP letter below, the faithful are invited to pray the PasaLord prayer everyday at 12pm, for peace, unity, and prosperity in our country.

Circular No. 20-04

January 28, 2020

TO ALL THE BISHOPS AND DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATORS

Your Eminences, Your Excellencies and Reverend Administrators,

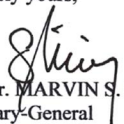
Re: PasaLord Movement

Acting upon the instruction of Abp. Romulo G. Valles, CBCP President, we are forwarding you a letter from PasaLord, a movement composed of Filipinos of various faiths and denominations to intercede for peace, unity and prosperity in our country, asking the CBCP to join them in a synchronized prayer on February 6, 2020 at 12:00 noon, in keeping with the Senate's proclamation of a day set aside each year for such prayer (Senate Res No 1002 National Prayer for Peace).

This is for your information and consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Rev. Fr. MARVIN S. MEJIA
Secretary-General

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**SYNCHRONIZED PRAYER
FOR OUR COUNTRY**

Feb. 6, 2020 at 12:00 NN
and everyday

Prayer for Peace in the Philippines

Almighty God, in Your mercy and compassion, forgive our sins and the sins of our people. Look with favor upon us as we pray for our country, the Philippines.

Bless our leaders with wisdom, integrity, truthfulness and righteousness.

Uphold our families and keep our children safe. Help us be upright and moral citizens, living together peacefully, with sincerity, loving-kindness, acceptance, tolerance and forgiveness.

Protect us from foreign invasion and destructive influences, and defend us from acts of lawlessness, terrorism and war.

Grant our country peace, unity and prosperity, and bring about the transformation of our nation so that we may be Your light to Asia and the world. Amen.

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