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SUMMER PASTORAL EXPOSURE

Raymund Pasco

One of the most exciting programs of the college seminary is the summer pastoral exposure. This is the program where we seminarians are sent to different parishes to be immersed and be acquainted with the priestly life, the parish life, and the life of the different communities and people for a month. This is somewhat a hands-on training for us wherein we can see a glimpse into the

life of a parish priest and, in a way, experience it too.

But this year's summer pastoral exposure was somewhat different because of the national elections. We were made to involve ourselves in the activities and tasks of the Parish Pastoral Council on Responsible Voting (PPCRV). PPCRV is one of the means by which the Church educates people of their responsibilities to

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This is What I Wanted...

Enrico Ayson with Joven Gallardo

When all my bags were packed, when my mom and dad said they were ready to go, I wore my shirt, grabbed my backpack and put on my shoes, and for the last time, took a glance of my home as I will be entering a new one. On June 9, 2013, I was one of the 15 young men who entered the halls of Saint Vincent Ferrer Seminary and welcomed by the community of the High School Department. I am just an ordinary boy from the town of Tigbauan, Iloilo and yet there I was standing in a place where I believe I belong.

My name is Enrico Ayson, and I entered the seminary because I heard of it from my mother, my aunt, and some seminarians from our place. But what really made me decide to enter the seminary was not the influence of

my mother; it was my own choice.

As the doors opened, the welcoming ceremony prepared by the seminarians turned my frown upside down. Why? Because the welcome was filled with songs and dances and to top it all, two seniors made fun of themselves translating English to Hiligaynon and Hiligaynon to English. When the seniors formed a line while dancing, I saw each of our names written on a piece of paper in big letters. It took about three minutes until someone raised one with my name on it. Then and there I found my Buddy, my Manong J-em Bandada, a funny and great companion to be with. But as the first day went on, I was still adjusting, thinking to myself, "What

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Silence will Mute: The Opening

John Paul Triviño

I stepped in and there was silence. But the silence was not for long...

The cool wind gently passed through me as I opened the doors of the seminary and I recognized the occasional scent of dust and decaying wood embracing the entire

place. But in the face of its dustiness and oldness, there lies beneath it the cleanness, purity and order I somewhat cannot define and separate. As I expected, everybody was not around and no one had been here or so I thought. It

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SEMINARY SUNDAY

ANG KOLEKTA SA SINI NGA DOMINGO IGahalad SA ST. VINCENT FERRER SEMINARY

PANAN-AWAN SA MATA SANG DIOS

+Most Rev. Gerardo A. Alminaza D.D.

Duha ka bag-o gid lang nga hitabo ang ginapasalamatang kag ginakalipay ko: (1) ang *Educational Tour* sang *Staff* kag *Personnel* sang aton parokya didto sa Cebu kag Bohol sang nagligad nga Hunyo 10-12, kag (2) ang pagduaw ko sa pila ka mga panimalay nga katapo sang MKK sang aton parokya sa pagtambong sang ila faith sharing, pagmisa sa ila patay, o pagbendisyon sang ila masakiton, o sa pagsaulog sang ila monthly mass sa barangay.

Sa amon *Educational Tour*, nagapasalamat gid ako sa Dios kay amon gid nakit-an kag natilawan ang Iya kaayo kag kaalwan paagi sa mga tawo kag katilingban nga nag-abi-abi kag nag-amoma sa amon. *Divine Providence* abounds bisan diin kami magkadto! Wala gid Sia naga-untat sa pagpahayag sang Iya kaugalingon kag mensahe sa amon. Ginapananumdom

Niya kami sang isa ka importante nga leksiyon sa tagsa ka pagsaka namon sa bus nga amon ginsakyan sa Cebu kay mabasa gid namon ang nasulat didto sa dalagku nga mga letra: *"Together we can make things happen". How true!* Kon magiyahan lang tani kami permi sining hulubaton sa amon pag-alagad sa aton parokya!

Bisan sa Sagbayan *Peak* sa Bohol, ang Ginuo wala untat nga naga-ubay kag nagatudlo sa amon *if we care enough to pay attention*. Sa halambuyan sang kamot kon maglantaw kag mag-enjoy kami sang matahum nga *view* sang *Chocolate Hills*, nasulat ini nga makatalandog nga dinalan: *"When everything feels like an uphill struggle; just think of the view from the top."*

Divine Providence nagpatigayon nga may kahigayunan kami nga maka-

enjoy man sang matahum nga *view* sang Cebu *by night* kag in *broad daylight* gikan sa *sky lounge* kag *sky observatory* sang isa sa pinakamataas nga *45-storey Hotel and Towers* didto nga wala sing bayad. Paagi sa amon nakita gikan sa ibabaw, bisan pa nga ang iban sa amon daw ginaduyan kay ginahawa, ang Dios nagpalantaw man sa amon sang isa ka kamatuoran nga sa ibabaw kag sa mataas madamo sing makit-an kag malapad ang panan-awan.

Daw ano pa gid ayhan kasangkad sang panan-awan sang Dios sang sa aton! Sa akon pagduaw sang mga panimalay nga indi ko makita kon indi ko gid paghungdon, ginapakita man sang Dios sa akon ang masubo kag masakit nga dagway sang kapigaduhon kag ang bunga sang sala kag kahuyang sang tawo upod man ang kaayo kag katahum

sang pagtuo, pagbinuligay, kag pagkabalaka sa isa kag isa. Kon sa limitado kag tawhanon lang nga panglantaw, depressing ang iban ko nga nakita. Apang sa mata sang Dios kag pagtuo, puno sang kahulugan kag panghangkat.

Maathag sa akon inagihan kaupod sa mga pari kag *personnel* sang aton parokya nga ang Ginuo tampad kag mapinalanggaon nga nagapanglakaton kag nagapakig-upod sa aton, padayon nga nagatudlo kag nagadihon sa aton. Makita ta bala ang Iya mga kamot nga nagapanghikot sa likod sang tagsa ka hitabo sa aton kabuhi? Mabatian ta bala ang Iya tingog nga nagagiya sa aton? Malantaw ta bala ang tanan - maayo o malain, matahum o malaw-ay, masadya o masubo - sa mata sang Dios? Ano bala ang aton sabat? ☩

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was all silence and oldness, all serene and lifeless. The old building stood strong for years and became the witness of different generations passing by. It imprinted within its history, different names having their own unique stories, different lies and truths that were being shared and kept; and all these were engraved to the depth of its soul forever. Some will be remembered and some will be forgotten. Sadness crept unto me and I realized I already miss the place... a lot.

On my way home, after I appointed my enrollment, water started to pour down from the sky. It rained. I tried to recall and I remembered that it was quite a while since it last rained. Then like the thirsty land bequenched by the fresh rain, my sadness altered after I realized one thing - summer was ending. And unlike any other people who love the freedom on summer and hate the wetness of the rain, I continued walking under the cold rain - soaked and excited - knowing that summer is closing and another formation year is opening soon.

June 7. Summer has officially ended and another formation year has formally begun. It was just like yesterday since our last formation year ended; and now another formation year has just begun. But I could never deny the sad reality that all of us were not meant to stay here forever. No one

was an exception. No one could prevent it. Many had left already. Some will leave soon; and some, later. Sad it may seem, still we had to accept it. And though we had a slight increase of population in the community, unfortunately there was a decrease of number of enrollees this year. We only had 15 for the grade 7 and 11 for the pre-college. The sudden decrease may perhaps be a frightening trend happening for the previous years already; nonetheless, alarming it may seem, we could do nothing but to "... pray for the Lord of harvest to send more laborers to His vineyard," and to never give up on promoting the priestly and religious vocation. We should face these unexpected realities and never lose hope. Let us continue living by accepting and learning from the days gone by, looking forward and hoping for the days, yet to come and treasuring the present-day to the fullest. And speaking of the present day, it was June 7, and all of us were called to return to the seminary. Since it was the first day of another formation year, everybody was busy. All were working on their individual responsibilities: cleaning every corner, arranging things accordingly - all in preparation for the upcoming activities and events. I could hear all the noise from the working community and I could truly feel that summer was no longer in the air.

June 9. That day was just an ordinary day for all of



us. But for the chosen incoming grade 7 and pre-college students who decided to be formed as future priests, it had become the mark of a new beginning. A fresh beginning that would change their lives forever. It was an afternoon and everyone was there: families, friends, relatives and new faces were everywhere, new cars, new bags; a lot to memorize, to remember and to be familiar with. Different expressions and emotions were everywhere as well. Nothing could be hidden and denied. One moment there were smiles and laughter. Another moment, silence and tears. Soon warm embraces and meaningful kisses flooded the room as a symbol of love, friendship, and goodbye. But despite the guise of sadness in every eye of the newcomers, there rested an unexplainable indication of excitement and adventure, so strong and obvious no one can doubt. And the long afternoon came to an end as a new life begun.

June 15. After six days, we celebrated our annual acquaintance party where talents, uniqueness, and personalities in some place primarily unveiled and revealed. Newcomers were one by one formally introduced to the community and in return, we gave them our warmest welcome. This year's theme was "Juan De la Cruz," an adaptation to an inspiring teleserye of ABS-CBN about the power, boundaries, and meaning of love and freedom; and the

struggle in making choices. It simply shows us the three natures of man: the good, the evil, and the man struggling in between; and by that we got a wonderful lesson - "... evil is beyond the reach of no man. But man can never step beyond evil's reach. Not in this lifetime. But that does not mean that we are doomed to have a life of evil rather a lifetime struggle with evil..." That is why all of us should be a tagabantay first of ourselves and second of one another. And we should also always bear in mind that we are nothing without the grace from Boss. So by thanking him for the wonderful presence of each one and by asking His grace, we ended the meaningful party with a prayer.

I was awakened by the loud yet comforting sound of the rain one early morning. But as I opened my eyes, it soon stopped and I found the earth united with the sky. It was disturbing yet amazing to know that darkness somehow made everything one. However, sooner than I expected, while everybody was still in bed sleeping, my window slowly emerged from the shadows as the dawning light of the sun gradually consumed and mantled the dark sky. And I thought... soon, everything will reveal its beauty. Soon, silence will come to life.

I stepped out and there was still silence. But the silence was not for long. ☩

LOVE CONQUERS EVERYTHING

Julie Ann Blancaflor

May 27, 2013, adlaw sang Lunes. Natalana ang *JPYM General Assembly* kon sa diin magahiwat sang eleksyon para sa mga mangin bag-o nga *officers* sang *Jaro Parish Youth Ministry (JPYM)*. Isa ako sa mga nominado nga mangin *Youth Coordinator*. Tuod nga wala na ako nakibot nga mabal-an ina, kaso nagpangduwa-duwa ako antes sang eleksyon; nagkulang ako sa pagtuo.

Sang natapos ang pagbotohay kag amon na lang ni Cecil Nieves ngalan ang nabilin para sa posisyon, nagkanta kami sang *Come Holy Spirit* kag nag gabot ang pinakabata nga miyembro sang *JPYM* sang ngalan halin sa container. Ang magabutan nga ngalan amo ang mangin *Youth Coordinator*. Sang ginpakita ni Fr. Nat ang papel nga nagabutan, nakita ko ang akon ngalan. Sang amo sadto nga tion, daw matulo ang akon luha, wala ko kabalo

kon ngaa, basta kalain sang akon nabatyagan.

Sa sini nga hitabo, nagpanumdom kag nagpamalandong ako. Nagasimba ako kada hapon kag nagapangamuyo sa *Adoration Chapel*. Sang-una, isa lang ako ka-ordinaryo nga katapo sang *JPYM*. Kag madumduman ko pa nga nakahambal ako sa akon abyan nga sa pila ka adlaw gusto ko mangin isa sa mga lideres nga naga-facilitate kag naga-prepare sang mga *activities* para sa mga pamatan-on. Isa lang ako ka manogsat, ukon manogkanta sadto. Matuod gid nga ang Ginoo wala nagakatulog ukon nagapabungol-bungol kag subong ako na ang bag-o nga *Youth Coordinator* sang *JPYM*.

Sang natapos ang *General Youth Assembly*, padayon sa gihapon ang akon pagpangduwa-duwa kag kahadlok. Kahadlok nga basi indi ko masarangan ang ulobrahon



kag kahadlok nga basi indi ko ma meet ang expectations sa akon. Naga-estorya ako sa akon mga kaupdanang sa *youth ministry*, *charismatic*, kag mga abyan sa eskwelahan. Nagapangita ako sang mga rason kon ngaa ako ang napilian ukon ngaa amo na ni ang natabo?

Isa ka kaagahon, nagdamgo

ako nga gin-akigan ako kuno ni Fr. Nat kay sugo lang ako nga sugo sa mga kaupdanang ko. Pagmuklat sang akon mata, nagapangtalangison na ako sang hibi. Nagdiretso na ako pangamuyo samtang padayon nga nagahibi.

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Masunod ako sa IMO bisan diin KA makadto!

Albert Yanga

Samtang nagalakat si Jesus kaupod sanday Santiago kag Juan, may tawo nga nagsiling kay Jesus, "Masunod ako sa imo bisan diin ka makadto." Si Jesus nagsiling sa iya, "Ang mga singgalong may mga buho kag ang mga pispis sa kahanginan may mga pugad, pero ang Anak sang Tawo wala gid sing hiligdaan para sa iya ulo."

Kag nagsiling sia sa isa man ka tawo, "Magsunod ka sa akon." Apang nagsabat ang tawo, "Papauli-a anay ako sa paglubong sang akon amay." Si Jesus nagsiling sa iya, "Pabay-i ang mga patay sa paglubong sang ila mga minatay; pero lakat ka kag ibalita ang Ginharian sang Dios."

Sa aton pagpangabuhin, madamo sing sakripisyo ang aton maagihan, madamo sing pagtilaw ang aton maaguman, apang diin gid bala kutob ang aton kabakod? Diin gid bala kutob ang aton pagtu-o? Sarang bala naton atubangon kag pas-anon ang Krus sa aton kabuhi? Sarang bala kita makasiling kay Jesus nga masunod ako sa imo bisan diin Ka makadto? Handa bala kita nga baya-an ang aton pinalangga sa kabuhi? Handa man bala kita nga baya-an ang tanan nga butang nga aton gintipigan? Handa bala kita



source: www.jesussite.com

nga mapatay?

Ang aton ugali sa pagluwas sang kaugalingon nagahatag sa aton sang kahadluk sa kamatayon, apang ang aton pagtuo nagatulod sa aton sa pagtan-aw sa pihak sang ganhaan sang kabuhi. Balaan ang kamatayon, kaupod ini sang bugay sang kabuhi. Indi gid naton malikawan ang kamatuoran nga kita mapatay, masubo matuod ang pagbulagay, ilabi na gid kon wala na sing kahigayunan nga magkit-anay pa. Tungod sang aton takus nga pagpalingga mabudlay batunon ang pagtaliwan sang aton

pinalangga sa kabuhi. Kon kaisa aton matalupangdan nga may ara nagahigugma-anay nga indi gid mabuhin nga wala na ang iya ginahigugma. Daw makasiling man kita nga masunod kita sa ila, apang sarang ka man bala nga mapatay para makaupod sa imo pinalangga? Wala gid kita kahadlukan kon kita mapatay, ang dapat lang kahadlukan amo ang kamatayon sa sala. Ang kamatayon sa grasya amo ang dapat naton handumon kag hatagan sing daku nga kabilinggan. Daw ano kasakit para sa Ginoo kon ang isa sang Iya mga anak mapatay sa sala!

Daw wala lang niya ginhatagan sing bili ang pag-antos, kasakit kag kamatayon ni Jesus sa Krus, nga wala sia makabangon sa sala upod sa pagkabanhaw sang aton Manluluwas!

Kon aton paminsaron sa aton pagtaliwan, isa lang ang istaran sang aton lawas - ang sementeryo. Dapat indi ginakahadlukan ang patyo sanglit ini aton dapat tatapon sang maayo kay sa aton pagtaliwan ini lang gid ang duog nga aton padulongan. Sa sini nga sitwasyon makasiling man kita nga masunod kita sa ila, nauna lang gid sila. Gani, ang tanan nga butang dapat gid naton handaan, handa kita sa tanan nga pagtilaw, sa pag-antus, sa kasakit, kag bisan sa kamatayon. Kung kita handa na sa pag-atubang sang tanan, kita makasiling kay Jesus nga 'maupod ako sa imo bisan diin ka makadto'.

Gani, kon ang dalan masi-ok kag wala sing pat-od nga padulongan, indi magbalikid, lipati ang mga nagliligad, pabayai ang mga nabilin, ituon ang kaugalingon sing bug-os sa pagsunod kay Kristo tubtub sa katubtuban! Ikaw, handa ka bala?

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am I going to do here? What am I supposed to do? Can I survive?" I knew that I would feel sad because my life here means a life distant from my family. However, on my first night, I did not cry because of homesickness or loneliness. Instead I slept like a baby guarded by my guardian angel.

It was 6:00 in the morning when I woke up and took a bath, brushed my teeth, changed my clothes, and sat on my bed, adoring the silence. I felt comfortable despite the new environment. They, the higher years, said that today would be the start of the Annual Retreat. As the bell rang for prayers, we all went to the chapel and said our prayers. I knelt down, prayed



to God and thanked Him for all the little and big things He has done in my life.

For the next three days Fr. Bong, our Prefect of Discipline, led us to a retreat separate from the community and unlike any retreat I experienced in the past. We were mostly out of the seminary visiting churches, praying to saints we only came to know about through Fr. Bong, visiting the Sisters in

Carmel, visiting some priests in their parishes who happily gave us merienda, and even the Archbishop who spent a lot of time talking with us. In these three days with Fr. Bong I came to enjoy the company of my classmates and I also came to know more about the Lord and the saints and the priests, and the Sisters too in the different churches and convents.

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Readings for the WEEK

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1 Kgs 19:16, 19-21
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Gal 5:1, 13-18
Lk 9:51-62

Thursday, July 4

Gn 22:1-19
Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Mt 9:1-8
M of Elizabeth of Portugal, married woman, Queen

Monday, July 1

Gn 18:16-33
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 2

Gn 19:15-29
Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 3

Eph 2:19-22
Ps 117:1, 2
Jn 20:24-29
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Friday, July 5

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67
Ps 106:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
Mt 9:9-13

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:: Gospel Reflection

Ang Pulong Nangin Tawo

Ebanghelyo subong nga Domingo, Hunyo 30, 2013

Ang Ebanghelyo: Lucas 9: 51-62

⁵¹Sang malapit na lang ang mga inadlaw nga si Jesus pagadalhon sa langit, nagpamat-od sia sa pagkadto sa Jerusalem. ⁵²May mga ginsugo sia sa pagkadto sing una sa isa ka baryo sang Samaria sa pag-aman sang tanan para sa iya. ⁵³Pero ang mga tawo didto indi magbaton sa iya tungod kay nasat-uman gid nila nga ang iya tuyo amo ang pagkadto sa Jerusalem. ⁵⁴Sang pagkahibalo sini sang mga gintuton-an nga si Santiago kag si Juan, nagsiling sila kay Jesus, "Ginoo, luyag mo bala nga magpangayo kami sang kalayo

gikan sa langit kag sunogon sila?" a ⁵⁵Si Jesus nagbalikid kag nagsaway sa ila, b ⁵⁶kag nagpadayon sila sa isa na man ka baryo.

⁵⁷Sang nagapadayon sila sa paglakat, may isa ka tawo nga nagsiling kay Jesus, "Maupod ako sa imo bisan diin ka magkadto."

⁵⁸Si Jesus nagsiling sa iya, "Ang mga singgalong may mga buho, kag ang mga pispis may mga pugad, pero ang Anak sang Tawo wala gid sing hiligdaan kag palahuwayan." ⁵⁹Nagsiling si Jesus sa isa na man ka tawo, "Upod ka sa akon."

Pero ang tawo nagsiling, "Ginoo, tugoti anay ako sa pagpauli kag paglubong sang akon amay."

⁶⁰Si Jesus nagsabat, "Pabay-i ang mga patay sa paglubong sang ila mga minatay. Lakat ka kag ibantala ang Ginharian sang Dios."

⁶¹Ang isa pa gid ka tawo nagsiling, "Maupod ako sa imo, Ginoo, pero tugoti ako anay sa pagpaalam sa akon panimalay."

⁶²Si Jesus nagsiling sa iya, "Ang tawo nga nagaarado kag nagabulobalikid wala sing pulos sa Ginharian sang Dios." 🕯

Pamalandong

Ang aton ebanghelyo nagasaysay sang mga nanarisari nga pagpang-alang-alang sa aton pagsunod kay Kristo. May ara nga nagpang-alang-alang tungod sang madamo nga mga gina-ulikdan sa panimalay. Wala ini nagakahulugan nga indi mo pagtatapon ang imo mga ginikanan sa ila katigulangan. Sa baylo, ginapakita sa aton ni Jesus nga ang panimalay mahimo nga mangin sablag sa aton pag-alagad sa Ginoo. Masami namon ini masumalang nga kahimtangan diri sa seminaryo - mga ginikanan nga nagapamalabag sa bokasyon sang ila kabataan ukon mga seminarista nga tungod sang ila kabalaka sa ila panimalay mapilitan nga magguwa sa seminaryo.

May mga ginikanan man nga kulang ang ila pagsuporta sa bokasyon sang ila kabataan. Kag tungod wala sing encouragement, wala sing maayo nga konseho nga makapabakod sang ila desisyon, madali man mahaylo ang ila kabataan.

Matuod gid ang ginasiling nga ang bokasyon sa pagkapari hilikuton sang bug-os nga katilingban ukon parokya kag indi lang iya sang bata. Ilabi na gid sa sini nga panahon kon sa diin tam-an na gid kabaskog ang sekularismo kag materyalismo,



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ang bata dali madala sa mga pagpanghaylo sang manggad kag sang relasyon nga nagapadulong sa pagtukod sang panimalay; ano pa nabudlayan man ining mga pamatan-on nga makasabat sing pat-ud.

Kon kaisa may iban man nga nahadlok mag-commit. Gani maayo gid nga yara ang katilingban nga nagasuporta sa ila indi lamang sa pinansyal nga aspeto sang ila pormasyon, kundi ilabi na gid ang ila resolve, ang kabakod sang ila kabubut-on nga mag-alagad kag maghalad sang ila kabuhi sa Dios.

Gani, sa sining "Seminary Sunday" sang parokya, ginapadumdum kita indi lamang sa pagsunod sa panawagan sang Ginoo nga may mabakod nga kabubut-on, kundi ginapadumdum man kita sang aton mga katungdanan nga

sakdagon ang mga kabataan nga nakabatyang nga sila ginatawag sang Dios sa pagkapari.

Pamangkot:

1. Ano ang sarang ko mahimo agod nga madamo nga mga pamatan-on ang magapili sa pagsunod sa panawagan sang Ginoo sa pagkapari kag pagkamadre diri sa akon katilingban?

2. Luwas sa pinansyal nga pagsuporta, ano pa ang sarang mahimo sang akon gagmay nga katilingban agod ma-encourage ang mga seminarista nga mag pari sa pila ka adlaw?

3. Ano ayhan ang kabahin ko sa ila pormasyon agod nga sila indi lang magmangin pari kundi maayo kag balaan nga mga pari? 🕯

Msgr. Alejandro P. Esperancilla

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society (specifically during elections), not only on their duties as citizens but, above all, as Christians. In the PPCRV, we were involved in giving talks and seminars on the sanctity of the vote, poll-watching, putting up voters' assistance desks, and many more. Our aim in the PPCRV is "CHAMP" – to work for Clean, Honest, Accountable, Meaningful and Peaceful Elections.

The seminarians were grouped in three's or four's and were assigned to different clusters of parishes called vicariates. For the first timers, this year's summer pastoral exposure was really exciting although accompanied with doubts, questions and curiosity. Even if filled with challenging tasks, as a whole it was enjoyable.

One reason is that PPCRV pastoral exposure is a very unique experience we undergo once or twice in our seminary years. Besides, it is undeniably a challenging and work-filled compared to the usual summer pastoral program. Some had to go to far flung places they have never been before - and alone at that! Some of us also said they were very nervous in giving lectures and talks to people who were older than them. Some worked straight from eight in the morning to seven in the evening just to go to barangays to conduct the voters' education. Others stayed up late in the evening and even until the wee hours of

morning to get things done.

A lot of us had to do things we have never done before: processing application forms, conducting lectures and training, gathering Election Returns, making negotiations and dealing with professionals, specifically the Board of Election Inspectors, and a lot more.

Some had to invite people they have never met before and asked them to volunteer for PPCRV. There was some hesitancy for many of us asking people to volunteer. We thought then that, like us, they would rather relax in the convenience of their homes and become uninvolved in the election process. But then, we were amazed at how people just kept on coming to volunteer themselves even without incentives. This was also, for many of us, a source of strength when we were working with people who would equal (if not surpass) our sacrifices and doing so joyfully at that.

On the other hand, our summer pastoral exposure was not only about elections. We also enjoyed staying in the parish and seeing its real situation: the different kinds of people we have to deal with, the schedules, the tasks at hand, the situation of the parish and the communities around, and a lot more – a real first-hand experience of what we have to deal with when we become priests.

Serving in the mass is something that we shouldn't



forget! Majority of us were serving in the daily masses, some even served all masses – an opportunity we all grabbed because basically it is one of the most concrete things that we could do in order to help the priest and the parish. We also enjoyed talking to other people especially those in the convent and the church. Some of them would ask about our seminary life and our vocation stories. Others would ask us questions related to serving the mass, about the parts of the mass, and many other questions, not to forget, "Te Bro, ma-pari ka gid man?"

Moreover we also enjoyed staying with the priests - some of them would go out with us and treat us to dinner. Some would share their experiences to us when they were seminarians, and some even asked us to stay even after the summer immersion was over, and yes, some of them asked us to come back whenever we have time or whenever we want to!

Other than these experiences, realizations and happenings, we were also blessed with new acquaintances in the parishes, the convents, and the communities – friends who are there not only to bond and enjoy with us but also to help us in our vocation. For instance, some of us were given tasks by the priests then suddenly we would be surprised that others would ask – "Bro, din ta maubra? Ano dala-on ta? Te ubrahon ta adto

subong?" without us asking for their help or even without the priest's request! We were just surprised with their initiative and were wondering what motivates or pushes them to do this. We were really blessed with people like them. All of us really gained a lot of new friends, friends who would help us and hang out with us even though we have just met them. And we have also learned a lot from their lives and experiences.

We also realized that a lot of people really expect great things from us. A lot of them would ask questions from us and the funny thing was, sometimes we ourselves didn't even know the answer! We also realized that a lot of people have little idea about seminary life and would curiously ask, "Naga-ano kamo didto man, ano gina-ubra ninyo? Puro lang na didto pangadi? Ano man? Explain bi?" These kind of questions really make us smile and these are the types of questions that we would eagerly and gladly answer – somehow, a kind of vocation campaign.

Summer pastoral exposure are indeed great and unforgettable experiences for us seminarians: the lessons learned, the inspirations, the friends, the priests, the people, the happenings, the realizations, the moments, and the memories. These are things that we could really bring with us as we go on with the formation. 🕯



MGA PAHIBALO

SCHOLA CANDELARIA

Ang Schola Candelaria nagapanawagan sa mga bata nga nagapang-edaron sang 9 tubtob 12 años nga luyag mangin katapu sang nasambit nga choir nga may ara sila ginahiwat nga audition sa Parish Hall 1 kada Biernes kag Sabado sa alas 6:30 sa gab-i.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTRY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga mga katapo sang *Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* sang aton parokya nga ginhalin ang inyo seminar sa Hulyo 6, Sabado, halin alas 8:00 sa aga tubtob alas 4:00 sa hapon sa *Parish Hall 1*. Ang pagpasakop sini nga *seminar* isa ka *requirement* sang inyo *renewal* bilang *Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ginapahibalo man sa tanan nga katapo sang *Music Ministry* sang aton parokya nga may natalana nga pormasyon sa Hulyo 6, Sabado, halin sa alas 8:00 sa aga tubtob alas 4:00 sa hapon sa *Parish Hall 1*.

MISA PRO POPULO

July 7	Brgy. Benedicto	Mrs. Sofia Lopez
July 14	Bry. Tabuc Suba-Propor	Mrs. Alyn Biare
July 21	Brgy. Democracia	Mrs. Mary Ann de Amboy
July 28	Brgy. Simon Ledesma	Mrs. Alicia Fidela

ORAS NG PAROKYA

July 3	Brgy. Bakhaw	July 24	Brgy. San Vicente
July 10	Brgy. San Roque	July 31	Brgy. Tabuc Suba-Ilaya
July 17	Brgy. Benedicto		

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ang nagapamalabag sa akon nga batunon ko ang responsibilidad. Isa na dira ang pagsugod ko uobra kag subong man, wala na ako sing *close friend* sa *council*. Kay wala naman si Nang Shane Nathalie Espolong kag Christchan Galagate nga mga upod ko sadto sa tanan nga kabudlayan kag pagtubo halin sa pagsugod namon serbisyo sa JPYM. Pero nagapasalamat ako sa gihapon sa ila kay damo gid ako sing natun-an.

Sa padayon ko nga pagpamalandong, padayon man nga gabalik-balik sa akon panumduman kag tagipuso-on ang pamangkot nga "Paano na lang ang

pagpalangga ko sa Ginoo?" Ang pagpalangga ko sa Ginoo amo ang nagapanginbabaw kag nagadaog sa akon mga pagpangduwaduwa kag pagkabalaka kon bala masarangan ko ang dako nga responsibilidad nga gintalana sa akon. Nakabugtaw man ako nga gaku sa Ginoo kag hambal niya ako man pinalangga niya nga bata.

Wala ako sing dapat kahadlokang kag pangduwaduwan kay indi gid ako sang Dios pagpabay-an. Sa mga pinalangga sang Ginoo nga mga kaupdanan ko sa *youth council*, wala sang imposible kon kita nagabuligay kag nagapalangga-anay. *Love conquers everything!* 🕯



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Our retreat ended with the Holy Mass on Wednesday, June 12. In the seminary, Wednesdays are visiting days. This is the time of the week where the parents could go and visit their sons. I was about to play basketball. I wore my shoes and ran down, excited to play one of my favorite games. Just as I stepped foot on the basketball court, I heard my name announced that I had a visitor. I saw my family sitting on a bench waiting for me. I waved at them signaling that I'll go to them after a little while. As I kept on playing I thought that I was being rude because they came all the way here to visit me and I could not even say hello. So I ran upstairs, freshened up a bit and went to them. No wonder they had this thing called "Visiting Time." It really helped me discover the true meaning of spending time with family.

During the weekend, the seminarians were all working as they prepared for one of the biggest events in the formation year, the welcoming of the new seminarians. My classmates and I were tasked to prepare

for the acquaintance party wherein we will show our talents. But before the party, we first gathered in the chapel for our Evening Prayer. The theme was "Walk with Me" symbolizing the start of our journey together as brothers. There, also, the community welcomed us in prayer, formally receiving us, their younger brothers, in the one big seminary family.

Then after the prayers we all went down for dinner and for the grand program themed after the television series "Juan de la Cruz." Each of us were told to act like Juan de la Cruz, and like my other classmates, I felt a bit nervous, as each of us, wearing red shirt with sword in hand, fought the attacking demons. After the demons fell to the ground, I raised my sword in triumph and happily introduced myself to the roaring crowd who welcomed me like a brother.

Right now, I am enjoying life here. I am studying well, playing my favorite sports, working hard and praying to God, thanking Him for everything. This is what I have always wanted! 🕯



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JUNE 23, 2013

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JUNE 2013

BIRTHDAY

23 Fr. Noe Lozada
27 Fr. Jose Cresente Amparo
25 Fr. Elmo Cary Montaña
30 Fr. Quirino Palma

ORDINATION

Silver Anniversary

28 Rev. Fr. Romeo Roberto P. Palencia (1988)

28 Fr. Ronald Bretaña, 1999

28 Fr. Gregorio Porras, 1999

NECROLOGY

24 Msgr. Ramon Pamplona

26 Fr. Jose Edgar Serag

MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 30, 2013

05:00 a.m. +Tessie G. Bernales by Golez Family
06:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass of Cynthia T. Solas
08:00 a.m. MISA PRO-POPULO
09:30 a.m. +Leon & Ney Tajanlangit, Serafin & Victoria Mallare, Alfredo & Corazon Hugo, Encarnacion & Maria Clara Gonzaga, Eduardo Nuguit, Augustus Bacabac & Luz Tajanlangit by Alice T. Mallare
12:00 n.n. Thanksgiving Mass of Our Lady of Candles Prayer Community
03:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass of Ma. Theresa J. Bartolo, Ma. Zhar Lenna J. Armishaw & Feliciano Japitana
04:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass of Rogelio Florete, Sr. & Family; Alberto Yanga & Hollero Family; Eva Corsino & Family; Ofelia Jalandoni; Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Garrido & Family; Ninfa Baylen & Family; Ma. Grace Evangelista & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Felicitio Cabrera Jr. & Children; Fe Marina Siacon & Children; Jelly Yap & Children; Michelle Ann Cordero & Family; Joylyn, Joseph, Val Yap & Family; Alma Blanca & Family; Aesha & Anthony Fabrigar; Joje Grace Yap & Family; Joselito Dedelesn & Ligaya Gamboa; Evangeline Tamayo & Marilyn Los Bañes; Vicentacion & Timoteo Donaire; Betty, Anthony & Thomas Lau
06:00 p.m. Death Anniversary of Norma Enabore Lopez by Violeta B. Enabore
07:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass of Rosette B. Tayongtong & Family

JULY 01, 2013 MONDAY

05:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass of Antonio & Kathy Piamonte by Piamonte Family
06:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass of Juliet T. Solas
06:30 a.m. MISA REQUIEM
12:15 p.m. +Paterno Dichupa, Sr. by Dichupa & Blanca Families
05:30 p.m. +Elpedio Sr. & Jr., Felicidad, Eluminada & Josephine Corsino by Artelino & Arlene Cumayas

JULY 02, 2013 TUESDAY

05:30 a.m. +Griberito R. Piñosa by Luceño Family
06:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass of Rogelio & Imelda Florete
06:30 a.m. +Celso, Ester & Honorio Guevara, Bibiana, Triño Artuz Sr. & Jr. & Loudes Cabanayan by Guevara & Artuz Families
12:15 p.m. +Louie Espino, III by Mr. & Mrs. Rogelio Florete, Sr. & Family
05:30 p.m. +Antonio Fernandez, Felix Sr. & Milagros Jardiolin, Rosario, Juan, Danilo & Wilson Chavez & All Souls in Purgatory by Gemma Jardiolin

JULY 03, 2013 WEDNESDAY

05:30 a.m. +Nenita Olivares Rabino by Oton High School Batch 1982
06:00 a.m. Special Intention of Michael Anthony Yu
06:30 a.m. +Hermogenes Eayte by Eayte Family
12:15 p.m. +Ramon Uychochde Espinosa by Tabladillo Family
05:30 p.m. Mass Intention of Adorers of the Holy Trinity

JULY 04, 2013 THURSDAY

05:30 a.m. +Corazon Alcazar by Lambunao National High School, Teachers & Employees Assn.
06:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass of Edrin P. Dapudong & Rhea S. Pinuela
06:30 a.m. +Federico, Dolores, Paula, Teofila & Antonio by Renato Mecnas
12:15 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass of Elen Salazar, Matthew Elijah Tabangcura, Rey, Emma & Virgilia Mapa
05:30 p.m. +Louella Mandario by Bergitta Mandario & Family

JULY 05, 2013 FRIDAY

05:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Intention of Juliet Solas
06:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Intention of Marilyn Salazar
06:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Intention of Rena Penecilla
12:15 p.m. +Marina, Ben, Josephine, Yvonne, Maphy & Nonito by Liz A. Mecnas
05:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Intention of Apostleship of Prayer

JULY 06, 2013 SATURDAY

05:30 a.m. Death Anniversary of Felix J. Jardiolin, Sr. by Michael & Gemma Jardiolin
06:00 a.m. +Hermogenes Cainap by Phoebe Cainap & Children
06:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass of Theotokos Prayer Mission, Our Lady of Candles Prayer Community Chapter
05:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass of Cofradia dela Nuestra Señora dela Candelaria