

love as we await Christ's coming.

Sacred Heart Parish Boundaries

This is the canonical jurisdiction of Sacred Heart Parish.



PS.: Makro now is Save More.

History of the Shrine

The Beginning

On 1971, the family of the late Atty. Rodolfo N. Pelaez and Mrs. Elsa P. Pelaez built a church as devotees of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Originally, the church was built as a chapel of Liceo University. The church was under the care of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Carmen, Cagayan de Oro City. On December 2, 1973, the Deed of Donation Intervivos, comprising eight lots and a Church located at RER Subdivisions, Kauswagan, was signed by the Donors, Atty. and Mrs. Rodolfo and Elsa Pelaez and the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro of the Roman Catholic Church represented by Most. Rev. Archbishop Patrick H. Cronin, MSSC, DD, Archbishop of Cagayan de Oro, the Donee.

On June 21, 1974, Most. Rev. Patrick Cronin, MSSC, DD. blessed and inaugurated the Sacred Heart Chapel. An inscription on a plaque placed at the right side of the entrance of the church reads: This chapel is dedicated to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS from Whom all blessings flow, and to Whom all hearts are drawn. In loving memory of SRA. DOÑA PAZ NERI SAN JOSE, mother of, ATTY. AND MRS. RODOLFO N. PELAEZ dated June 8, 1974. In 1979, the Sacred Heart Church was erected into a Parish. The first parish priest installed was Rev. Fr. Rizalino Pascua, SJ.

The Archdiocesan Shrine of the Holy Eucharist

The Canon law defines the term shrine as “a church or other sacred place which with the approval of local Ordinary, is by reason of special devotion frequented by the faithful as

pilgrims." At shrines the means of salvation are to be more abundantly made available to the faithful: by sedulous proclamation of the word of God, by suitable encouragement of liturgical life, especially by the celebration of the Eucharist and penance, and by the fostering of approved forms of popular devotion. (Canon 1234.1) The Archdiocesan Shrine of the Holy Eucharist (ASHE) is a parochial shrine. As a parochial shrine, it is the center for worthy and exemplary celebration of the Holy Eucharist; the liturgy of the sacrament of Penance should faithfully observe the norm. Unlike other shrines where only the sacraments of Eucharist and Penance are allowed to be celebrated, the ASHE, being a parish church, is sanctioned to celebrate Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and other parochial functions. As a shrine, creative art forms, from music to sculpture to architecture, are promoted by ASHE. By emphasizing the Holy Eucharist artistically, the Faithfull's reverence and veneration to Our Lord is heightened. It conferred to the faithful the love of Christ through the various forms of ingenious depictions. Essentially, it perpetuated the Christian experience of faith.

The Dream of a Eucharistic Shrine

The Most Rev. Patrick H. Cronin, SSCME, DD, the 2nd Archbishop of Cagayan de Oro, dreamed of a shrine of the Eucharist in the Archdiocese. When Msgr. Cronin approached the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in Sta. Cruz Church, Manila during the 1970's, he was inspired to establish a shrine of the Eucharist in the archdiocese he is serving. He invited the Blessed Sacrament Fathers and Brothers to come to his diocese to help make his dream a reality. Due to a lack of personnel, the Fathers and Brothers were not able to positively respond to the invitation. However, Msgr. Cronin maintained contact with them. And by then, he preferred the Sacred Heart Parish Church in RER Drive Subdivision in Brgy. Kauswagan as the site of the dreamed shrine.

The Archdiocese and the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament

Thru the years, communications between the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro and the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament have been dynamic. When the Congregation in the Philippines became an independent province in 1993, thru its first Filipino provincial superior, Fr. Nory P. Vasquez, S.S.S., the exchange concerning the plan was revived. Msgr. Cronin's successor, the Most Rev. Jesus B. Tuquib, DD, STD, who also shared the same dream of putting up a shrine of the Eucharist, readily welcomed the SSS. At the archbishop's invitation, the Congregation came and stayed at Brgy. Consolacion to fulfill a canonical requirement of immersion for 2 years of any religious congregation establishing a foundation in a diocese. Here, they were tasked to take care of Nuestra Señora Virgen del Rosario Chapel while awaiting for the Sacred Heart Church at RER Drive Subdivision to be turned over to them by the Archdiocese and be made a shrine. Meanwhile, this was delayed since the Sacred Heart Parish Church must be transferred to another church within the parish boundaries. And so, in 1995, Eco-Church in Kauswagan proper was constructed for this purpose. The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacred Heart Chapel. On April 28, 2002, the parochial seat of Sacred Heart Parish was finally moved to the Eco-Church. The former parish church was now relegated into a chapel. On February 2, 2003, when all the canonical requirements were met, the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, headed by Fr. Mark del Rosario, SSS, at long last, occupied the Sacred Heart Chapel. The chapel was then renamed as Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Sacred Heart denoting its purpose to initiate it into a site of the shrine. By then the SSS community started to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with much meaning and love, and the Liturgy of the Hours, especially the Morning and the Evening Prayers, with the people. The SSS community also started the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the

Altar of the Celebration every afternoon and the Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday evening.

The Archdiocesan Shrine of the Holy Eucharist

Through the dynamic pastorship of Fr. Joel Lasutaz, SSS, who came in October 2005 to serve God's people, the community was inspired to fill their hungers on the Holy Eucharist. His determination has moved everyone to promote a life of loving Jesus who is actively, really present in the Eucharist. Moreover, its communal devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus lead them to love Jesus' beating heart in this august Sacrament of Love; for the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the Holy Eucharist itself. Consultations with the Archdiocesan Council and Archbishop Ledesma were pastorally done in response to certain needs. Though canonical requirements of establishing a shrine were not imposed, on August 2, 2008, with the Decree of Canonical Erection of the new Sacred Heart Parish signed by the Archbishop of Cagayan de Oro, the Most Rev. Antonio J. Ledesma, SJ, DD, the parish church was also granted the designation as the Archdiocesan Shrine of the Holy Eucharist.

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Change of Name to Santuario Eucaristico

December 9, 2012 marked another historical event, the renaming of the Archdiocesan Shrine of the Holy Eucharist was renewed to Santuario Eucaristico. Abp. Ledesma approved its renaming. With the new name Santuario Eucaristico, people now can easily remember the name. They can now call this by just one word "Santuario." It is most appropriate because Santuario connotes the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Santuario in English is sanctuary which is a refuge for sinners where Jesus welcomes, forgives and comforts them.

The change of name into Santuario Eucaristico does not change its status as the Archdiocesan Shrine of the Holy Eucharist in the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro.