

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Celebrates 6th Feast with Mass Baptism

Happy Fiesta! Last May 12, 2018, we had our Fiesta Celebration and Mass Baptism of 3 children in honor of the Feast of the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, the Patron of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Zone 1B Calamansi Drive, Carmen.

The 6th year fiesta celebration started with the enthronement of the Image of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus to the chapel led by Areopagita Recabo and our Parish Apostleship of Prayer team. Then followed the Fiesta Eucharistic Celebration presided by Fr. Froilan Renato A. Briones, SSS assisted by Br. Ian Michael C. Abad, SSS where we had the Mass Baptism of three (3) children. It was indeed a festive and meaningful celebration in honoring Mother Mary under the title of "Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament."

Congratulations to our Chapel Workers and Volunteers, Parish Apostleship of Prayer Team and Jen Bacurnay, our Catechist for a successful fiesta celebration. May the Lord bless your chapel through the intercession of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us.

Santuario CFLA Conducted its 1st Parochial Value Orientation Seminar

Our Parish Christian Family and Life Apostolate (CFLA) conducted its 1st Value Orientation Seminar in partnership with the Archdiocesan VOS Facilitators last April 27-29 and May 4-6 2018 with 20 participants from different ministries in our parish.

Value Orientation Seminar is a process seminar that value, emotional, psychological and spiritual energy that lies at the root or core of every person. Born with inherent spiritual task each has to learn to use the personal power responsively, wisely and lovingly. It is a process of value formation in search of God in human life.

This year, we had our **1st parochial Value Orientation Seminar** hosted by the parish and facilitated by the Archdiocese VOS facilitators led by the Archdiocesan VOS Coordinator, Mrs. Lucia A. Laroga at the parish formation center. The seminar had two (2) phases, Phase 1 was conducted last **April 27-29, 2018** and Phase 2 last **May 4-6 2018**. The seminar had 20 participants from different ministries and organization of the parish. The participants were encouraged to journey in a self-reflective mood in search of truth and answer to important questions in life. Throughout Phase 1 and 2, we had 13 sessions given by our VOS Facilitators and guest speakers including Fr. Froilan Briones, SSS, our rector and parish priest and Fr. Garry Igot, SSJV, the Archdiocesan CFLA Director. They also presided the masses during phases. In Phase 1, they had Orientation and Grouping and series of sessions from our VOS facilitators. During the Phase 2, they had Social Night with Group Presentation and Evening Reflection. By the end of Phase 2, they had an activity called

Encounter with Jesus, Tearing and Burying of False Values and a Closing Liturgy.

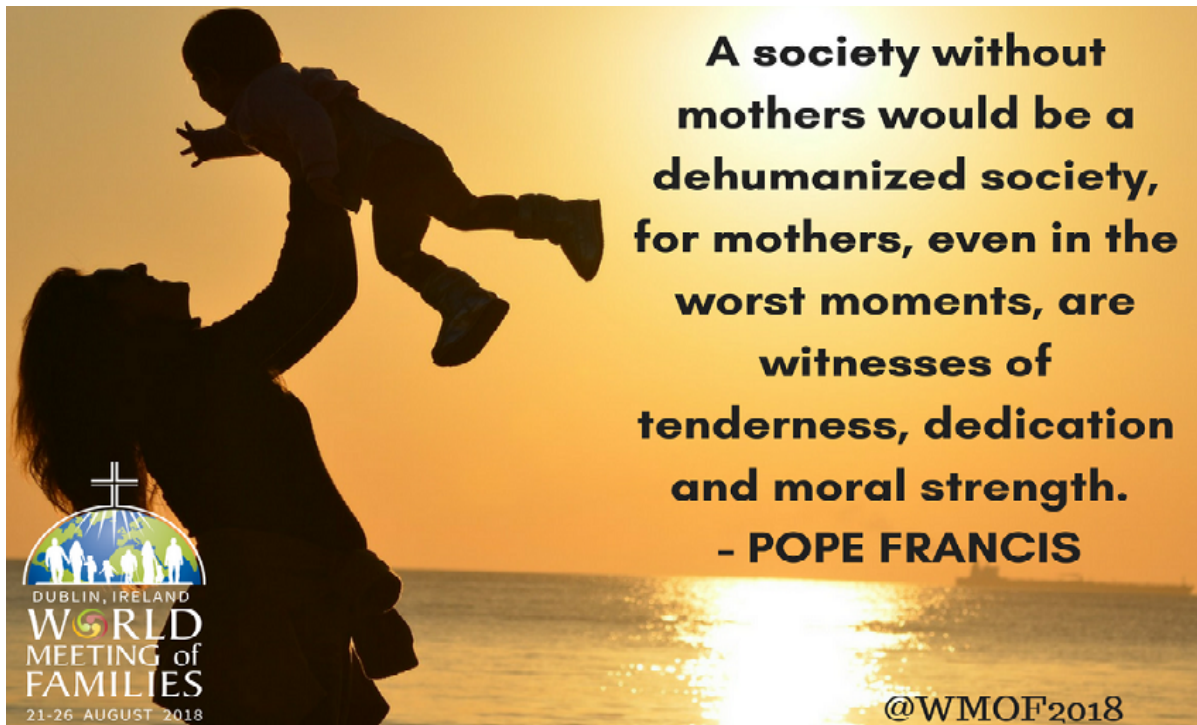
The seminar itself paves way to a deeper relationship with all the participants as they share their life experiences and learn from one another, especially for the married couples. They became a support system of each other knowing that they are not alone in this journey towards attaining quality life from deep sense of Christian values, interiorizing inner convection and living the attitudes, ideas and values of Christ to become a "Whole Person " with respect to love and life.

Congratulations to our Parish Christian Family and Life Apostolate (CFLA) for a successful 1st Value Orientation Seminar in our parish!

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[A Beautiful Testimony About Mothers by Pope Francis](#)

We celebrate Mother's Day here in the Philippines on Sunday, May 13



A beautiful testimony about mothers by Pope Francis shared in one of his General Audience addresses.

Every human person owes his or her life to a mother, and almost always owes much of what follows in life, both human and spiritual formation, to her. Yet, despite being highly lauded from a symbolic point of view – many poems, many beautiful things said poetically of her – the mother is rarely listened to or helped in daily life, rarely considered central to society in her role. Rather, often the readiness of mothers to make sacrifices for their children is taken advantage of so as to “save” on social spending.

It also happens that in Christian communities the mother is not always held in the right regard, she is barely heard. Yet the centre of the life of the Church is the Mother of Jesus. Perhaps mothers, ready to sacrifice so much for their children and often for others as well, ought to be listened to more. We should understand more about their daily struggle to be efficient at work and attentive and affectionate in the family; we should better grasp what they aspire to in order to express the best and most authentic fruits of their emancipation. A mother with her children always has problems,

always work. I remember there were five of us children at home, and while one was doing one thing, the other wanted to do another, and our poor mama went back and forth from one's side to another, but she was happy. She gave us so much.

Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centred individualism. "Individual" means "what cannot be divided". Mothers, instead, "divide" themselves, from the moment they bear a child to give him to the world and help him grow. It is they, mothers, who most hate war, which kills their children. Many times I have thought of those mothers who receive the letter: "I inform you that your son has fallen in defense of his homeland...". The poor women! How a mother suffers! It is they who testify to the beauty of life. Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero said that mothers experience a "maternal martyrdom". In the homily for the funeral of a priest assassinated by death squads, he said, recalling the Second Vatican Council: "We must be ready to die for our faith, even if the Lord does not grant us this honour... Giving one's life does not only mean being killed; giving one's life, having the spirit of a martyr, it is in giving in duty, in silence, in prayer, in honest fulfilment of his duty; in that silence of daily life; giving one's life little by little. Yes, like it is given by a mother, who without fear and with the simplicity of the maternal martyrdom, conceives a child in her womb, gives birth to him, nurses him, helps them grow and cares for them with affection. She gives her life. That's martyrdom". End quote. Yes, being a mother doesn't only mean bringing a child to the world, but it is also a life choice. What does a mother choose, what is the life choice of a mother? The life choice of a mother is the choice to give life. And this is great, this is beautiful.

A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength. Mothers often pass on the deepest sense of religious practice: in a human being's

life, the value of faith is inscribed in the first prayers, the first acts of devotion that a child learns. It is a message that believing mothers are able to pass on without much explanation: these come later, but the seed of faith is those early precious moments. Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth. And the Church is mother, with all of this, she is our mother! We are not orphans, we have a mother! Our Lady, mother Church, is our mom. We are not orphans, we are children of the Church, we are children of Our Lady, and we are children of our mothers.

Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world. And to you, beloved Church, thank you, thank you for being mother. And to you, Mary, Mother of God, thank you for letting us see Jesus. And thank you for all the mammas present here: let us salute them with a round of applause!

– Pope Francis

We would like to greet you a very Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers!

May God bless all mothers!

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Pag-ampo alang sa Piniliay sa Barangay

Ginoo among Dios,
mianhi kami nimo sa okasyon sa umaabot na Piniliay sa Barangay.

Diha kang Kristo, gitagaan mo kami og modelo sa usa ka sulugoon nga naghilad sa iyang kinabuhi alang sa iyang mga karnero.

Hatagi kami sa kaalam sa pagpili sa mga babaye ug lalaki nga kinsa magserbisyo alang sa kamatuoran, hustisya, ug pagtuboy sa dignidad sa tawo.

Lamdagi ang among mga hunahuna ug kasingkasing – aron makakita kami og magbalantay nga naay kasingkasing sama sa imong Anak na magbantay sa among mga barangay.

Tudloi kami sa paagi ni Kristo sa pagtan-aw sa mga tawo – aron makahatag kami og tingog sa mga kabus, sa mga walay gahum, sa mga gibiyaan, ug sa mga dinaugdaug.

Ug sa katapusan, hatagi kami sa gasa sa pag-ila – aron maangkon namo ang maalamong paggamit sa gasa sa pagpili isip pagpahayag sa among tinguha alang sa kalinaw ug paghigugma sa among isigkatawo.

Kini among gipangayo pinaagi ni Kristo na among Ginoo. Amen.

Maria, Rayna sa Kalinaw, *i-ampo mo kami*.

San Lorenzo Ruiz ug San Pedro Calungsod, *i-ampo ninyo kami*.

San Miguel ug mga Santos nga Angheles, *bantayan kami*.

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Prayer for the Barangay Elections

Lord God,
we come to you as the Barangay Elections approaches.

In Christ, you have given us the model
of a servant who lays his life down for his sheep.
Give us the wisdom to elect women and men
who will work for truth, justice, and
the upliftment of human dignity.

We ask you to enlighten our minds and hearts –
so that we may search for Shepherds after your Son's heart
to watch over our barangays.

Teach us Christ's way of looking at people –
so that we will be able to give a voice
to the poor, the powerless, the abandoned, and the oppressed.

And finally, grant us the gift of discernment –
so that we may wisely exercise the gift of suffrage
as an expression of our desire for peace
and love for neighbor.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Mary, Queen of Peace, *pray for us.*
Saints Lorenzo Ruiz and Pedro Calungsod, *pray for us.*
Saint Michael and all Holy Angels, *watch over us.*

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St. Jerome Vicariate 24 Hours for the Lord Initiative

As the Vicariate of St. Jerome prepares for the upcoming Holy Week 2018, a “24 Hours for the Lord” initiative was conducted last March 9-10, 2018 hosted by Santuario Eucaristico – Sacred Heart Parish.

In the 2018 Lenten Message of His Holiness Pope Francis, he invited the entire Church community to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration through a “**24 Hours for the Lord**” initiative which is inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, “With you is forgiveness” and was declared to be conducted from Friday, March 9 to Saturday, March 10, 2018.



Through a joint effort, the St. Jerome Vicariate of the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro had its 24 Hours for the Lord initiative last March 9-10, 2018 hosted by Santuario Eucaristico – Sacred Heart Parish. It began Friday morning, March 9, with the 6:00am Mass and conclude on Saturday morning, March 10, with the 6:00am Mass. In between the regular masses, we had Eucharistic Adoration, with priests from the vicariate namely: Fr. Muriel A. Uy, SSS, Fr. Clifford B. Barrios, SSS, Fr. Fermin Tan Jr., SSJV, Fr. Daniel D. Coronel, and SSJV, Msgr. Cirilo L. Isnani, PC, STL, available for confession throughout the days and night.

During the initiative, a Parish Lenten Recollection attended by more than a hundred parishioners and visitors was also conducted after the 6:00pm Mass by our Shrine Rector and Parish Priest, Fr. Froilan Renato A. Briones, SSS who gave an introduction and reflection about Lent inspired by the 2018 Lenten Message of Pope Francis which sums up to Forgiveness as a gift and strength from God. That this Lenten season, may we may we learn to forgive with love.

According to Pope Francis, “Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.” Let us ask for the grace not to tire of asking forgiveness, because He never tires of forgiving. Let us remember to spend our 365 days with the Lord’s love and mercy.
