

# 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.