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Dear Friends and Benefactors....

by Father Patrick Summers

“And seeing the multitudes, he had compassion on them: because they were distressed, and lying like sheep that have no shepherd. Then he saith to his disciples, The harvest indeed is great, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into his harvest.” (St. Matthew 9)

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

As you can see by the cover, we cover our work in the Philippines in this issue of the APOSTLE. What can we say about this once great Catholic country? Those persons who have never visited these wonderful islands are often under the impression that this country is a fortress and bastion of the Catholic Faith. Unfortunately, this “impression” is no longer valid when speaking of the Philippines. Let us be fair, there are certainly many residual elements of Catholicism which are inter-woven into the fabric of Filipino daily life. One only needs to visit during the annual festival or a patron saint’s feast to see a vibrant devotion expressed by the Catholic population. It is quite something to walk in a procession with a beautiful statue of Our Lady throughout the streets of Manila and see how many Filipinos stop their work or shopping and come up to touch the statue and say a quick prayer to their Queen.

The traditional priests who work and live on these islands will be the first ones to admit the beautiful virtues in the

souls which the Catholic Faith produced for so many years in the past. But these same priests will also be the first ones to point out the great doctrinal and moral apostasy that has occurred in the Philippines over the last 60 years or so. It doesn’t take long to conclude that the majority of the Catholic population are in serious need of catechism, good moral teaching and the social teachings of Christ the King. For this great work, we have already seen the good efforts of the Legion of Mary and the Militia Immaculatæ alongside our priests and religious to catechize and spread the Faith through the help of the Mother of God. But there are still so many souls who are living and dying without the Divine Life of Grace in their souls...

Yes, as Our Lord said nearly 2000 years ago, the harvest is great, but the laborers are so few! We ask for your continued prayers and support for this great missionary work of our apostolate here in the Philippines. We need young men and young women to send to the harvest as well-formed religious priests, brothers and sisters.

May God reward your generosity a hundred-fold!

In Maria,

Fr. Patrick Summers



The SSPX Brothers profess their vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience in front His Excellency.



The Long and Narrow road that leads to Heaven!

FOR the last 4 years, Iloilo has made a pilgrimage from the Society's church in Jaro, Iloilo city, Our Lady of Consolation, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at the Novitiate of St. Bernard. A distance of 20km, walked on the Sunday between the Assumption and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. With the general intention of consoling our Holy Mother in heaven, the pilgrims begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and then walk in the Philippine sun, following the carosa of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (By the way, this is the same statue that drew down so many graces during the 2000km pilgrimage from south to north in 2017.) At the end, the consecration to the Immaculate heart of Mary is renewed in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The numbers steadily being around 300 pilgrims in these years, this last has seen a little decrease to 250.



Recently, we have added a Sacrada Familia ("Holy Family") village for visitors ... little bamboo houses with toilet / shower block.



“Not a walk in the Park, but in the Mountains.”

A PROBLEM we face world-wide is the loss of fatherhood, the absence of fathers, and its underlying strata, the loss of manhood altogether. And since the Priesthood carries the powers of remedying this terrible situation, which is far worse in the Philippines than it is in the USA, Priests find themselves trying to do what they can with boys, both in the US and abroad.

And so it was that Fr. Pfeiffer, Brother Aloysius, team-leader Jett Lu and a crew of 11 teen-aged boys under the aegis of the Militia Immaculatæ Brotherhood, began making their way, full-pack, across the Mountains of South Central Min-

danao. The idea was to walk 50mi in 3 days, distribute Miraculous Medals here and there, camp out wherever Providence provided a dry spot or level ground, and end with a small Mary’s Mission in the town of Makilala. Park trails such as are found everywhere in the US and Europe are not so common in the Philippines and so it was on normal roads that the boys made their way, said their rosaries and found the means to cook their food.

One day and about 15 km into the walk, the boys reached the small town of Arakan, above the Arakan valley, and protected by a Military outpost. Lunch spot was designated as the open covered-court Gym, and the boys were sent out in 2 groups for 15 minutes to distribute some Miracu-



lous medals, each with a banner of Our Lady or a banner of the MI as a sign of their spiritual work. Jovan Adang, 15 years old, was the banner bearer of group one on the north west side of the village. Being the banner bearer, and not actually knocking on doors or speaking to people, he was getting hot continually standing in the sun. So, naturally, he stepped away from his team just a bit, and off the road, to find a little shade. There, near a tree, suddenly, he felt the barrel of rifle pressed into his back below the nape of his neck and heard the voice of an old man ask: “Where are you all from?” “Gensan”, he replies, turning to look down the barrel of a gun. “What are you doing here?” Jovan replies, “Procession.” The old man grunts: “Fakes!” Jovan moves quickly away towards the crossroads leading back to the center of town and the man disappears.

Meanwhile, Fr. Pfeiffer meets a soldier who puts him through a series of questions as to their doings and so on. It gradually becomes apparent that the strange looks of people that had been met along the road, and their universal disbelief that a Priest would be taking a casual walk in the mountains for training boys, betrays the fact that they think the group of young men is actually a group of Communist insurgents coming down out of the mountains for suspicious reasons. In fact, it is well known to the Philippine Military that certain social activist Priests are pro-Communist and revolutionary in their apostolate. It is little wonder that the training group of young men under the guidance of a Priest is mentally associated with a lawless element.

Alas, the civilized world around the world is rapidly advancing to its destruction. Its restora-

tion in Christ is its only hope. The restoration of manhood in Christ is one necessary step. In the Philippines the Militia Immaculatæ Brotherhood is one attempt at this restoration. With more Jett Lu team leaders, and more teen-aged boys hitting the trails to discover their natural voca-



Even the Long and Narrow Road has its rest areas!

tions, the restoration of Christ moves forward one Kilometer at a time.

The last days of the trip were without incident, although a few boys needed a ride to avoid over-heating, and finding them when they were dropped in the wrong place too far away introduced a few complications. But all arrived safe and sound in Makilala. There, a beautiful spiritual bouquet was offered to Our Lady in the form of an evening Mary’s Mission. 19 Knights of the MIs from the area renewed their enrollments, 9 new Knights were enrolled and some 50 people attended Mary’s Mission Mass celebrated in the Parish Gym of the Parish Church of Makilala.

This camp represented the first attempt at training young men in their manhood under the spirituality of the Militia Immaculatæ, and many more, God-willing, will follow. Ave Maria!



Dear Friends and Benefactors of the beloved Asian Missions,




I HAVE the great honor to present our school. It is a beautiful little story much the same as many SSPX schools. A group of dedicated and generous faithful requested from the prior to found a school to protect the faith and virtues of their children. The good prior gave the number 15 as the bare minimum as required to form our school. Since then, by Divine Providence we have quadrupled in number. It was officially recognized by the department of Education ten years ago this year.

From outward appearances, our school truly looks as a home and inwardly it is operated like a family. We have several of our faculty who have tried their vocations and decided to serve the Church and SSPX in our school. It is most necessary to have a traditional Catholic staff for the formation of our youth who will be the next generation of priests and parents here in SSPX Philippines. We have been very blessed to have such wonderful and dedicated teachers in helping with the sanctification of students, families and forming future vocations and leaders for the Philippines.

What sets apart our school from other schools

is that we insist on the daily attendance to the Holy Mass and the daily Holy Rosary for our dear teachers and students. We bring them again and again to the fountain of grace and have Our Lady guide and protect us.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,
Fr. P. Fortin

A familiar face! Mr. Rafael Faustino (now 3rd year Seminarian at Holy Cross), a graduate of OLVCS is our first vocation to come from Our school. God willing, many will follow him from OLVCS! All of our former students have gone on to study at the major universities and God willing will contribute to society by becoming Traditional Catholic Leaders in government, business, law and medicine.

WHY WE NEED SPONSORSHIP

The Statutes of the Society states that *“schools, truly free and unfettered, able to bestow on youth a thoroughly Christian education, shall be fostered and, if need be, founded by the members of the Society. From these will come vocations and Christian homes.”*

(Statutes III, 4).

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

OUR situation in terms of needs is not so unique but all the same pressing. We need your kind and generous prayers and sacrifices. Materially, our school grounds are very beautiful and adequate and there is need for only minor improvements. We lack funds for operational expenses. Won't you please assist for what is missing? For our part we have redoubled our prayers to Joseph and will doing various fundraisers. Your gift helps bridge the gap between the cost of educating a child, and the tuition amount, which thereby allows us to provide the highest quality Catholic education for our students. We ask for your kind assistance to reach our goal of 45 USD per month for our students.



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WHEN JESUS VISITS MY SOUL

WHEN Jesus visits my soul, I prepare for it, and I find these things most helpful for me when doing so. First, I would examine my conscience for any sins that I need to confess before receiving our Lord. Then, I would place my heart and mind unto Him, realizing that He is who saved us from sin, and pray sincere acts of Faith, Hope, and Love. After giving Christ all the adoration and honor He deserves, I shall then leave all doubts behind, climb up the communion rail, and receive Him with an open heart, thinking of Him, and only Him.

Once I received our Lord, I would give thanks. I would give Him a moment of prayer, and I shall not be distracted by anything else. I would feel the joy of Him being in me, Him being the only one I want and the only one I need. I would renew my love and loyalty to Him as my Lord and my God. Then I will be filled with confidence and will give to Him my love for all the days to come.

Whenever I receive the Holy Eucharist, our Lord helps me to be good. He makes me feel as if He is my master and I shall be subjected to Him as His servant. He makes me feel as if I am driving down a path and He is the guide who teaches me the way. He inspired me to obey Him, for it makes me resentful of hurting Him. He is my model who shows me the virtues of living. He is my savior who rescues me from the dangers of sin. He is my shepherd who gives me everything that I need, and that I lack nothing.

Yuki Kondo, Grade 8



FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES

One day one of our young students (age 8) came to me and said “Father! I need to speak to you! Its really important!” I said “Yes of course, I am ready. I will listen!” He said, “I am so sad!” I asked “Why are you not happy, my son?” He then astonished me by saying “My parents don’t really know Jesus, because they don’t pray to Momma Mary. They never pray the Rosary! If they don’t know the Mother then how can they know the Son.” I said “I see why you are so sad. You are correct. But we can ask Momma Mary to help them to see and to change so that you can pray the Holy Rosary as a Family together one day.” The young student mentioned is not Catholic but desires so much to be baptized and to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion.

WHILE the Oblate community was preparing for the ceremony with a week of spiritual retreat in the countryside, preached by Father Demornex, a few good souls were dedicated to beautifying the priory. A roof was installed, because we are still in the rainy season, a new ground painting, plants, flowers and the restoration of the church benches gave a resplendent aspect to the priory of Saint Joseph for the arrival of Bishop Tissier de Mallerais.



His Excellency gives the blessed veil to the 2 new Oblate Novices. Deo Gratias!



After a visit to India, the Bishop came to Davao City for the sisters' oblation ceremony on Sunday, September 15, and confirmations the next day. Surrounded by Father Timothy Pfeiffer (Prior), and Father Peter Fortin (Principal of Our Lady of Victories School), Monsignor received the perpetual oblation of a French sister, and gave the veil and religious habit to two Filipino postulants. The two novices were then given their religious names: Sister Maria Pia and Sister Mary Stephanie.

After the ceremony, a festive meal was served to

all the participants: Father Wailliez, who accompanied Bishop Tissier de Mallerais on this trip, our benefactors and friends, some relatives, and the children of the priory who were preparing their confirmation. The entry of two young girls into religion was certainly an event that made them think before they themselves received the anointing of Christ's soldiers.

In the words of His Excellency, the two novices



are now preparing for religious life among the Oblates, offering their joys, sorrows and trials in union with the sacrifice of Our Lady Co-redemptrix, standing at the foot of the Cross.

One year after its approval, the Novitiate community of Our Lady of Sorrows consists of two postulants, seven novices (one Chinese and one Polish) and five Oblate sisters. Deo gratias and Mariæ!



Newly professed nuns cutting their cakes during the celebration.

Enjoy this charming pre-Christian story of Creation from the Philippine Islands...

In the beginning, the great god *Kabunian* decided that he was lonely. He came up with the idea of shaping a man out of clay that he could bring to life and talk to. He would then be able to put man in charge of the other beings on the Earth every now and then. He decided that he would make the clay man look like himself.

He took some clay from the Earth, molded it into the shape of a man, and then placed it inside his oven. While he waited for the clay man to solidify, he toured the Earth and amused himself, but alas, *Kabunian* lost all track of time.

When he remembered that he had left something in the oven longer than was ought, his first clay man was all burnt already. It was **black** as coal all over and its hair curled tightly from the heat. *Kabunian* thought it a grand creation anyway, and therefore breathed life into it. But it was not yet the kind of man he wanted at the start.

So, *Kabunian*, decided to give it another try. He

placed his second clay man into the oven. But this time, *Kabunian* became so eager to see what would come out, and he brought the clay man out while it was not yet fully baked. The second clay man was so **pale** that now we would call it raw, but it was solid enough. *Kabunian* liked it well, and he then breathed life into it. But it was still not yet the kind of man he wanted at the start.

At his third and final try, *Kabunian* resolved to be careful. He guarded the time while his third clay man baked to perfection. When his clay man was finally drawn from the oven it was a perfect **brown**, its hair was straight and dark, and there was laughter in its cheeks.

Kabunian loved this third clay man, and happily breathed life into it.

But in the end *Kabunian* came to love the three Races of Man equally. He began to encourage the three Races to get along - for the truth is they had all come from the same clay and are therefore brothers.




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