



NEWS from COMMUNITIES

MONTALBAN: In our Assembly strategic plan, the “Prayer Center” in Montalban was supposed to begin being open for use in December 2017. However, only a month after Ayds, Tessie and Maribel settled down into their new community, the parishioners of the one-year old parish of San Jose where we belong, asked to use the facilities for their Parish Renewal Experience (PREX). Previously they had been using public school classrooms on weekends. On July 6-8, the first group to use the multi-purpose hall were 39 participants and about 20 parish leaders and staff. They were so delighted with the place and premises that they scheduled another seminar for the formation of their liturgical leaders on July 29th.

A grant from the 2017 Mother House Solidarity Fund is financing the preparation of the multipurpose hall as a prayer/spirituality center. The fund covers knocking down of partitions, repainting, repairs, cutting of trees, purchase of tables, sound system, LCD projector, etc. The District is shouldering additional toilets; drainage, repairs and improvements of the “New Wing” and Panuluyan, to provide more spaces for our intent to implement the Chapter call “to create silence.”

SMSF celebrated the 10th anniversary of Sampaguita, the mothers’ sewing and cross stitching group that produces bags and cards for various uses, especially for the Sacred Heart schools in Japan. Special guests were SaikoKobari, Kyoko--sensei, Yuka Arita and Mieko Uno, who all support the income-generating project on the Japan side.

SAMAR: In July the partnerships of SHIFT with the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) and Consuelo Foundation went into operation. ATI is the extension and training arm of the Department of Agriculture, mandated to train agricultural extension workers and their beneficiaries. Consuelo Foundation, on the other hand, is dedicated to the prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation of children, women and families. It is partnering with SHIFT for the repair of houses destroyed by previous typhoons, the increase of livelihood opportunities for women and their families, and assistance in building the covered walk for the Sacred Heart Learning Center in the Sacred Heart Training Center.

A lot of repairs are also being undertaken on the roof of our convent and the female volunteers’ quarters, rewiring of the buildings, repair of the fence, windows and grilles.

A matter of pride of the women’s newly established sewing group is that the conference bags of the Association of Major Religious Superiors’ biennial convention were ordered from them.



MINISTRY TO RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS

Sol Navidad: Apart from Sol's regular teaching in La Salle (both undergraduate and graduate level), Loyola Scholl of Theology and the Institute of Formation and Religious Studies (IFRS), Sol gave a two-day integration workshop to the Juniors of the Augustinian Sisters of our Lady of Consolation (ASOLC) held in their congregational center in Santolan (May 9-10); 3-day classes (June 7-9) on the Bible and Formation to the SSpS congregation's International Training of Formators held in BF Homes, Quezon City; and a Seminar-Workshop on 'Pedagogy in Teaching Scriptures' to all the Religious Education Teachers of CICM Schools in the country for their updating in Theology and Scriptures at Maryhill School of Theology in Q.C. last July 4.

Her upcoming commitments include a two-day seminar-workshop (August 25-26) on the Scriptural Foundation of Formation to Formators and Asian Local Leaders taking the Accompaniment Program at IFRS. And on Dec. 1-13, Sol will co-facilitate the General Chapter of the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation at the Villa Consuelo Retreat House in Novaliches.

Joy Luz: Last June 12-16, Joy facilitated the Marie Auxiliatrice congregation's Extended General Council Meeting on Formation at the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Novaliches; in July 3-7, she helped the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) formulate their Province's Six-Year Strategic Plan; and in July 17-21 she gave the Chevalier Tri-Congregational Formation Course at St. Scholastica's Spirituality Center in Tagaytay.

In the next months ahead, Joy will be in Taipei on Sept. 12-30: she attends the School Board meeting on Sept. 15, and gives the retreat to the Columbans belonging to the Taiwan Mission Unit on Sept. 18-27. After the previously mentioned meeting in Seoul of the Duchesne Project-China, Joy returns to the Philippines briefly, then goes for the Duchesne Project – Taiwan meeting in Taipei from Oct. 21 to 28.

THE ASIAN PTV MEETING IN THE PHILIPPINES

We thank the Spirit and all who helped with their service or prayers, for the successful ASIANZ PTV Meeting that was hosted by the Philippine District from Aug. 1-10, 2017. We are especially thankful for our efficient and cheerful support staff Gife, Claire, Judith and Jinnet who helped make the PTVs feel comfortably at home.



Formators Ayds Sua-an, Chang Kyung Ah, and Sol Navidad (back, left to right) with the Asian PTVs. The Steering Committee consisted of the formators and a representative from the PTVs per day. The PTVs also took turns facilitating each day.

More photos can be found in the RSCJ web, and the attached photo coverage prepared by Ayds.

Much love,

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