



Meet the New Parish Pastoral Council for 2016-2019

Christ the King Greenmeadows parish priest Fr. Bong Tupino announced the new Parish Pastoral Council line-up that will assist him for the rest of his second, and last, three-year tour of duty at CTK. The new PPC set will take over from the previous set of officers beginning July 1, 2016 and will carry through up to June 30, 2019. Since Fr. Bong is expected to be replaced by June 2018, the rationale is for the new team to stay in place for the first twelve months of the new term to maintain some continuity and allow the next parish leader some



Above, Head Lay Coordinator couple Bert and Marie Anne Santos

breathing room before having to select his own PPC officers and ministry heads.

Selected by Fr. Bong as Head Lay Coordinator couple is the husband and wife team of **Bert and Marie Anne Santos**. Assistant Lay Coordinator couple is **Henry and Joyce Tañedo**. Secretary couple is **David and Fely Ong** while Treasurer couple is **Bing and Elise del Rosario**. Also included in the PPC executive committee is the head couple for the Stewardship Committee, **Ben and Linda Famador**. Although the Famadors had asked to be replaced already, Fr. Bong had requested them to stay on for one more year, after which they will assist Fr. Bong with the Diocese's Stewardship thrust, which had been entrusted to him by Bishop Ongtioco.

The new Ministry Heads include:

- **Peter and Leila Banico** as head couple for the Worship Ministry
- **Mila Bangco** for Social Service Ministry
- **Joey Galvez** for Formation Ministry
- **Jing and Girlie Alampay** for the Public Affairs Ministry

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Parish Commissioning of New Parish Pastoral Council Officers and Ministry Heads

Last June 5, Fr. Bong Tupino, CTK-Greenmeadows Parish Priest, formally commissioned the new Parish Pastoral Council officers and ministry heads. At the 5:00 pm Sunday mass, Fr. Bong first introduced the outgoing Parish Pastoral Council officers and ministry heads, which included Louie Laudico, outgoing Head Coordinator; Manolo Dayrit, Asst. Lay Coordinator,



Outgoing PPC, left to right: Mambie Aquino, Mila Bangco, Bert and Marie Anne Santos, Anna Lagman, and Louie Laudico

Anna Lagman, Secretary; Tonette Arizabal, Treasurer-Finance; Mila Bangco, Worship Ministry head; Bert and Marie Anne Santos, Vocation Ministry head; Augie Soliman, Public Affairs Ministry head; Mambie Aquino, Social Services Ministry head; Te Candano, Youth Ministry lead; and Elsbeth Llama, Catechetical Ministry head. He thanked them for their many years of dedicated service to the parish.

Fr. Bong then called all the new PPC officers, ministry heads and village coordinators (full list in headline article to the left) and asked the large



Left half of the new PPC team introduced to the Sunday 5 pm parishioners . . .

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Message From Our Parish Priest

CALLED TO SERVE, GIFTED TO LEAD: THE MINISTRY OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Fr. Bong Tupino III

On May 28, 2016, Bishop Honesto F. Ongtioco commissioned the new officers and members of the Parish Pastoral Council of all the parishes in the Diocese of Cubao including our own. And

last June 5, I had the privilege to bless and present our new Parish Pastoral Council officers and members during our Community Mass. As we feature them in this issue of our newsletter, I thought it was timely to share with you this excerpt from the article, "Called to Serve, Gifted to Lead: The Ministry of the Parish Pastoral Council" presented by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. I hope this will deepen our understanding and appreciation of the special and essential ministry of our Parish Pastoral Council. God bless you!

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them." (Rom 12:6)

Foundational to Parish Pastoral Council ministry and the development of any parish pastoral plan is the recognition that Christ calls all baptized persons to participate in the mission of Jesus as Priest, Prophet and King:

The faithful exercise their "priesthood" by joining in the offering of the Eucharist, by receiving the sacraments, by offering prayer and thanksgiving, by witness through

a holy life, and by practicing self-denial and active charity.

The faithful exercise the ministry of "prophet" by proclaiming the Gospel, not only in words, but by living the Gospel and following the message and example of Christ who taught us to be loving, compassionate, understanding, and forgiving.

The faithful exercise the ministry of "king," not in the sense of power and authority, but as servant leaders. For the Parish Pastoral Council, in particular, this means to help shepherd, to exercise care as well as lead, to protect as well as guide

As disciples of Christ, the laity along with the clergy and consecrated religious each have an obligation and a responsibility for the sanctification, teaching and stewardship of ourselves and of others. The three-fold mission and ministry of Christ as priest, prophet and king, and the tasks that flow naturally from them, play out at the parish level among five categories or mission priorities: Evangelization, Liturgy, Education-Formation, Service, and Stewardship.

Of all the mission priorities mentioned above Evangelization is the one that is a synthesis of the others. Evangelization can only be effective when parishioners are properly catechized and received equate formation concerning the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, what it means to fully live and proclaim the Gospel with our lives in the world in which we live. This is true for the individual baptized person and equally true for the parish as a whole. Individuals evangelize through the proper witness of God's power acting upon them. When a baptized Christian is properly formed they know how to pray well, worship well, share their faith, care for themselves

and others and exercise reasonable responsibility for their personal finances and property as well as that of the parish.

The pastor has primary responsibility for the implementation and oversight of all parish ministries which in one way or another should fall within the these broad mission priority categories. Lumen Gentium reminds us our participation in the three-fold ministry of Christ, while differing in degree and kind, belongs to all the baptized. The responsibility for the mission of the parish is a shared co-responsibility among all members of the parish community: priests, deacons, professed religious, catechists, professional lay ecclesial ministers, lay ministers and parish volunteers.

The Parish Pastoral Council is called upon to bring not only their members secular expertise but also their personal Faith and religious experience to bear in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the parish's mission. This entails examining the strengths and weaknesses of each parish mission priority annually and recommending to the past or not only where greater effort might be needed but researching possibilities for achieving greater mission success. Pastoral Councils need to constantly keep before them that the effectiveness of the parish mission is mostly based on the effective witness of each parishioner to the mission, faith and teaching of Catholic Church. It is of necessity today that the Pastoral leader and the Parish Pastoral Council constantly discern the effectiveness of the formation, catechesis and personal witness of the all the baptized entrusted to their care.

FROM THE EDITOR: starting this issue, we're giving our parish newsletter a name - The Herald. Why 'The Herald'? Our parish priest Fr. Bong shares this short reflection:

'The Herald' refers to Jesus Christ who is the herald of the Kingdom of God, the herald of the Good News, the herald of truth, the herald of hope, the herald of peace, the herald of the Father's love and mercy. 'The Herald' is our Lord Jesus Christ, the King! The Herald can also be an expression of our desire to be like Him: to be bearers of the Good News in our words and deeds; that is, evangelizers. Like Him, we are called upon to be heralds of truth, of love, of hope, of peace, of mercy.

Let's pray that 'The Herald', our parish newsletter, will be an effective instrument to fulfill our vision and mission - to be good and faithful stewards by heralding the good news of Jesus Christ, our King, through our love and service.

Flores de Mayo Activities Conclude with Procession and Catechism Class Graduation

Daily Flores de Mayo masses had been mounted by the parish, with lay organizations, PPC ministries, and

These were all held at 5:20 pm at the Lower Church, except for the weekend masses which were at the



Flower offering of long stemmed red roses during the May 24 Flores de Mayo mass

villages being tapped to sponsor one of the 31 daily masses. The May 1 mass also included the incensation of the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Main Church. The evenings started off with praying the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy, followed by the Rosary, then flower offering of long-stemmed red and white roses, and then mass at 6 pm.

To conclude the celebration of Flores de Mayo, a short procession of the Image of the Blessed Mother Mary was held around Greenmeadows subdivision on May 31, right after the 6 pm mass. The procession route went through GM Gate 3, then through Flamingo, Pelican, Nightingale, Sparrow and out through Gate 3 again. Despite the threatening showers, a huge group of parishioners and devotees joined the culminating procession.



Above, the Blessed Virgin Mary procession of May 31 starting at the Main Church; below, the procession leaving Greenmeadows



Daily catechism classes were also mounted to celebrate the Jubilee Month of Children, focusing on the theme "Works of Mercy" and taking advantage of children in the Libis community having their summer break. The series ended last Monday, May 30, with a Eucharistic celebration at 2 pm at the Lower Chapel, officiated by no less than parish priest Fr. Bong Tupino, followed by the Graduation Rites at 3:30 pm at St. Matthew-St. Mark Rooms of the Formation Center. The event was packed with children and their mothers and older siblings.



Fr. Bong gives Holy Communion to the Flores de Mayo catechism class graduates

Nearly 90 Libis children, half in the 7-9 age group and half in the 10-12 age group, finished the catechetical program. The program was organized by Alma Yeh, Head Catechist, and Sheryl Coronel, Assistant Catechist, with the help of several parish volunteer teachers and the BEC Youth.



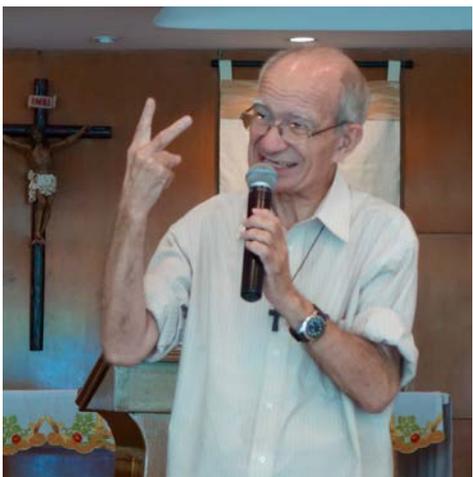
Top, graduation rites; above, Libis Youth Volunteers; below, catechism lead Alma Yeh (left of picture) with youth volunteers at Holy Door pilgrimage



Worship Ministry Members and Parishioners Learn About Early Church Fathers



The Jubilee of Mercy Formation series featured Spanish priest Fr. Fernando Guillen Preckler as its featured speaker last May 21, Saturday, from 10:00 am to noon at the Lower Church. Fr. Preckler talked about Mercy in the Teachings of the Early Fathers of the Church.



Fr. Fernando Preckler first defines who qualifies as an early church father

Fernando Guillen Preckler, Sch.P., S.T.D., is a Lecturer and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Church History at the Maryhill School of Theology and at the Institute of Consecrated Life in Asia. He has also taught outside the Philippines – the Inter-Congregational Institute in Salamanca, Spain; the Ibero-Americana University and the Pontifical University in Mexico City; the Center of Saint Augustine in Dakar; and the Catholic University of Central Africa in Cameroon.

In his talk, Fr. Preckler first clarified that to qualify as a “father of the church”, a historical figure must have been - a writer, that is, his writings have survived and they’re in

continuity with the Scriptures; “old” or “ancient”, that is, he belonged to the first centuries of the church, on or before 7th and 8th centuries; espoused relatively orthodox views, that is, not a proponent of heretical doctrines; and saintly, that is, his own life was a good testimony of the Faith.

According to Fr. Preckler’s classification, pre-Nicene (1st to 3rd centuries) Fathers included Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch and Polycarp of Smyrna (the apostolic fathers); Justin and Tertullian (the apologists); Cyprian of Carthage (pastor); and Clement and Origen (from the School of Alexandria). Fathers of the Golden Age (4th to 5th centuries) included the following Greek writers: Athanasius of Alexandria; Eusebius of Caesarea; Cyril of Jerusalem; Basil, Gregory of Nazianzus and Gregory of Nyssa (the Cappadocians); Cyril of Alexandria; the members of the Christian School of Antioch, and John Chrysostom. The Latin writers of the Golden Age included: Hilary of Poitiers; Ambrose of Milan; Jerome; Augustine of Hippo; and Leo the Great. The third and final group of Fathers belonged to the Final Period of Patristic, from 6th to 8th centuries. These included Benedict; Gregory; Isidore of Seville; Maximus the Confessor; and John of Damascus.

Fr. Preckler pointed out that specific preaching on Divine Mercy could be found in the writings of Clement of Rome, Cyprian of Carthage (refer to his pastoral letter “Works and Alms

Giving”), Basil the Great (refer to his homily “In Time of Famine and Drought”), and Gregory of Nyssa (refer to his homily “Whoever has Done It to One of These Has Done It To Me”).

Attendance in at least one Formation Ministry series talk had been made mandatory for CTK’s lectors and commentators as part of their “renewal” requirements. The previous Formation Series talk was last April 16 by Fr. James Kroeger, MM, who gave a discussion on the Saints of Mercy. Before that, last March 5, we had Monsignor Manuel Gabriel give a talk on “Stewardship of Filipino Families Today: Challenges in the Light of the Jubilee Year”. That followed the talk “Parables of Mercy” by Fr. Rene R. Repole SJ last February 20.

The Formation Ministry is headed by Joey Galvez.



Above, Formation Ministry head Joey Galvez assisting Fr. Preckler with his Powerpoint slides. Below, lectors and commentators listening to the talk.



Teaching Mothers to Cope With Their Children's Macs, iPads, and iPhones



them . . . to show my power . . . And when I am out of sorts, help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue. May I ever be mindful that my children are children and I should not expect of them the judgment of adults. . . And fit me, O Lord, to be loved and respected and imitated by my children.”

On May 14, the Family and Life Ministry headed by Doy and Estrelle Lopez, in cooperation with the Diwanihan Kristiyano, held the talk on “Challenges to Mothers in this New Millennium and Age of Technology”, featuring Lory Cipriano. Doy himself introduced the speaker to the dozen or so listeners. This was the second of a series of lectures in celebration of the Year of the Family. Lory started her talk with a Parent’s Prayer. For the mothers and a few fathers in the audience, it was very meaningful. It began “O Heavenly Father, make me a better parent. . . Keep me from interrupting them or

Lory emphasized that children’s values are shaped differently depending on which stage of development they were in. She called the first seven years of life as the “Age of Regulation”, the next seven as “Age of Imitation”, and age 14 to adult life as “Age of Inspiration”. Lory also talked about discipline, making three key points. One, predictability gives the child a sense of security; two, clear simple rules minimize confusion; and three, giving the child clear choices helps develop his responsibility and self-control.



Clear rules minimize ambiguity and confusion, Lory Cipriano emphasizes to the attendees

“family time” where gadget use is prohibited. However, she did remind the parents in the audience to make sure that they planned well for family “bonding” activities.



Family & Life Ministry head Doy Lopez introduces the speaker

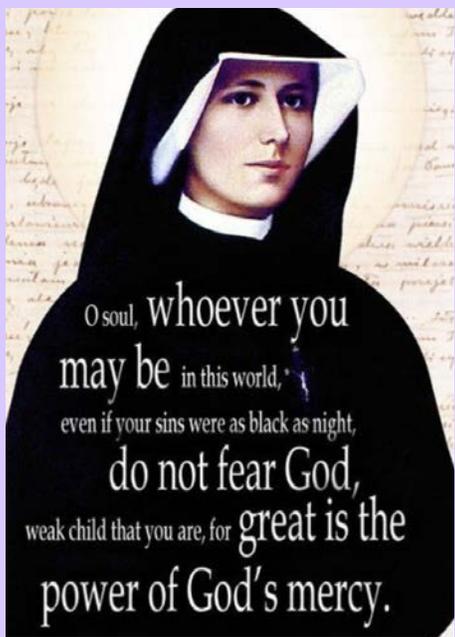
contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me. May I never punish

Throughout the talk, Lory’s theme was consistent – that this age of technology should not be allowed to disrupt any of our “traditional” beliefs and practices and our Christian and moral values in maintaining a harmonious and encouraging family atmosphere in our homes. This meant putting rules in place re how long and up to what time the children could be working with their laptops, smart phones and Macs doing social media stuff. Rules should also include

About the Speaker:

Lory dela Cruz-Cipriano is a Professional Marital and Family Counselor with both ADMU Loyola School of Theology’s Center for Family Ministries and Don Bosco Makati. She is also a lecturer-facilitator on teen empowerment, teen sexuality, teen parenting, and has also done marriage preparation programs. Lory has a Master of Arts in Pastoral Family Counseling from the Loyola School of Theology. Aside from the above, Lory is still involved with the Maryknoll College Alumnae Association; CRIBS Philippines, a center caring for abandoned babies and sexually abused female minors; and Caring H.A.N.D.S. Foundation, involved with livelihood programs and other income generating projects for the poorest of the poor.

CTK-GM Parish
Mounts Thursdays
'Holy Hour of
Adoration and
Meditation on the
Divine Mercy'



Every Thursdays, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. at the Lower Church starting April 7, 2016, parish organizations and village lectors have been reading portions from the Diary of St. Faustina, the disciple of Mercy. Attending crowds reflect on the messages of the Lord of the Divine Mercy.

For the first three Thursdays in May, the Eucharistic Ministers of the Holy Communion (EMHC), Enclave, and Legion of Mary were assigned to read and respond. Last May 26th, the Holy Hour was held at the Main Church immediately after the 2nd day Novena mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The June 2 Holy Hour immediately followed the 9th, and last, day Novena mass.

For June Thursdays, assigned were EMHC, Greenmeadows, Buklod ng Panginoon, and Knights of Columbus. July assignees includes: EMHC, White Plains, and MBMG while August includes: EMHC, Acropolis, and Ladies of Charity.

Sr. Faustina's Message of Divine Mercy



Apostle of Divine Mercy, Prophet of Our Times, Great Mystic, Mistress of Spiritual Life – these are the epithets usually appended to the name of Sister Faustyna Kowalska, St. Faustyna (Faustina), of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Sister Faustina is one of the Church's most popular and widely known saints and the greatest mystics in the history of the Church. Her principal task was to pass on to the Church and world the Message of Mercy, a recapitulation of the Biblical truth of God's Merciful Love for every human being, and a calling to each of us to entrust our lives to Him and to actively love our neighbor.

The picture of the Merciful Jesus has been one of the most well-known images of the crucified and risen Christ in the history of the Church and in the contemporary world. This is an unusual picture not only because of the fact that it is the most popular one but, above all, because the Lord Jesus Himself is its co-

author. On the 22th February, 1931, in a cell of the convent of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Plock, He appeared to Sister Faustina – she saw Him just as He is represented in the image and He commanded her to paint His picture according to the vision. She wrote about this in her Diary:

In the evening, when I was in my cell I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. After a while, Jesus said to me: Paint an image according to the pattern you see: with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You'. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel and then throughout the world (Diary 47).

In 1934 the first image of the Divine Mercy was painted under Sister Faustina's direction in the studio of a Vilnius artist, Eugeniusz Kazimirowski. Since that time many different versions of the image of the Merciful Christ according to Sister Faustina's vision have been painted. They can be found in churches and chapels all over the world. The picture which is displayed in the convent chapel of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Cracow-Lagiewniki and which is renowned for the graces received by means of it, holds a special place in this iconography and in the Divine Mercy devotion: although it is neither the first picture painted under Sister Faustina's direction nor the first image displayed in the chapels of her Congregation, Jesus's will:

I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (Diary 47)

has been fulfilled by means of this picture. This image of Christ is greatly honored by the faithful, it is renowned for many graces and its copies as well as reproductions can be found everywhere, on all the continents.

CTK Holds Marriage Vocation Program for 29 To-Be-Wed Couples



The 29 soon-to-wed couples sit around lead couple facilitator Dan and Vinchu Lapid

Last May 14 and 15 weekend, the Family and Life Ministry of Christ the King Parish, Greenmeadows held its 107th Marriage Vocation Program for 29 soon-to-be-married-in-CTK couples. Facilitated by Dan and Vinchu Lapid, assisted by four other veteran couple-sharers, the two-day quarterly seminar was held at the spacious Formation Center.

When the facilitators asked for a show of hands re ages, it became clear that over half of the attendees were in their 30s. About a fourth were in the 25 to 30 age range and only two couples were below 25 years of age.

The soonest marriage was scheduled for May 29, between Wilmer Villaroman and Maria Vista. And the farthest date, August 8, had been booked by two couples, Christopher Ramos with Krisma Vloria and Alfred Lajom with Francise Victoria. The other couples were - Picones-Hilario, Luzarraga-Soteco, Acenas-Magpantay, Nieva-Mata, Macapinlac-Oliveros, Toree-Simon, Mercado-Symaco, Bantug-Bautista, Rañada-Figueroa,

Porter-Tan, del Valle-Vital, Francisco-Argana, Nidua-Mandalupe, Raya-Iñigo, Pangapalan-Blanco, Aquino-Pablo, Cruz-Espinosa, Agaloos-Evangelista, delos Reyes-dela Cruz, Betilez-Velasquez, Alejandro-Sanchez, Dizon-Chua, Yap-Tutanes, Bajar-Go, Aguinaldo-Bonnevie, Sanchez-Reodique, and de Jesus-Mayo.

At 16 hours long over two weekend days, Christ the King has one of the longest marriage preparation



Prompted by Dan and Vinchu, all the couples introduce themselves as part of the program

Families on Pilgrimage

Last May 28, Saturday, over 30 Christ the King parishioners started congregating at the parish church before 8 am. This included three families, two large groups from both Greenmeadows and Corinthian Gardens, and a handful of CFM members. Then at 8 am promptly, a long caravan of vehicles began to the drive to Divine Mercy parish church in Sikatuna Village, the first of four designated Jubilee Churches in the Cubao Diocese. Then the CTK parishioners made its way to San Pedro Bautista church in Frisco. 45 minutes later, the families proceeded to the Holy Family Church in Roxas District. Finally, at 11:15 am, the pilgrimage made its way to Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Lantana, Cubao for mass and fellowship. CTK guest priest Ronald Plomillo officiated the mass and made all the families feel very welcome. Last month's pilgrimage, done April 23, also officiated by Fr. Ronald, had an even bigger number, with six families and over 50 headcount.



At the Parish of the Lord of Divine Mercy in Diliman, top; praying Jubilee of Mercy before entering the Holy Door, above; and at Santuario de San Pedro Bautista in Frisco, below - before ending up at Immaculate Conception Cathedral



Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena Masses

Day	Date	Time	Theme	Presider	Mass Sponsor	Choir
Day 1 W	May 25	6:00 pm	Mercy in the Family	Fr. Manny Flores SJ	Parish Pastoral Council	Couples for Christ
Day 2 Th	May 26	6:00 pm	Families Going to Mass Together	Fr. Tim Ofrasio SJ	Corinthian Gardens, Greenwich & Arcadia	CTK Youth Choir
Day 3 F	May 27	6:00 pm	Parents Blessing Their Children	Fr. Manoling Francisco SJ	Acropolis	APLOC
Day 4 Sa	May 28	6:00 pm	Renewal of Marriage Promises	Fr. Junjun Borres SJ	Enclave & Ivory Court	Coro Amadeo
Day 5 Su	May 29	6:30 pm	Eucharist as Source, Summit & Center of the Family	Fr. James Gascon SJ	Greenmeadows 1 & 3	Cathedral Choir
Day 6 M	May 30	6:00 pm	Mercy Towards the Poor	Fr. Arnel Aquino SJ	Libis	Immaculate Conception Cathedral
Day 7 Tu	May 31	6:00 pm	Implementation of the Synod on the Family in Rome	Fr. Nono Alfonso SJ	Corinthian Hills	Diwanihan Kristyano
Day 8 W	June 1	6:00 pm	Prayer Before and After Meals	Fr. Vic de Jesus SJ	St. Ignatius	Servi Domini
Day 9 Th	June 2	6:00 pm	Enthronement of the Sacred Heart	Fr. Tony Moreno SJ	White Plains	Novo Concertante

The parish arranged Novena masses starting May 25 up to June 3 in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which fell on June 3 this year. All the Sacred Heart novena masses were at 6 pm at the Main Church except for the May 29 mass which was at 6:30 to coincide with the Sunday mass schedule. Villages and lay organizations sponsored specific novena days.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 6:00 pm mass on June 3, the feast day, was officiated by Fr. Ari Dy SJ and sponsored by the Apostleship of Prayer. Mass coordinator was Wanda Reyes and the choir for the special mass was the Apostleship of Prayer-Ladies of Charity (APLOC) choir.



Above, the third novena mass last May 27, presided by Fr. Manoling Francisco SJ, sponsored by Acropolis, and music provided by the Apostleship of Prayer-Ladies of Charity choir.

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Confraternity of Our Lady of Mediatrix of All Grace

The May 11 Wednesday and June 8 Wednesday's 6:00 pm masses were sponsored by the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mediatrix of All Grace. Mass presider was Fr. Melvin Castro, Confraternity of Mary Mediatrix of All-Grace (CMMG) director general and founder, who then gave a short talk about



the confraternity after the mass.

"How can a person be ashamed of his own mother? If this seems impossible on human terms, then more so in the case of the Blessed Mother Mary," said Fr. Melvin. He added, "Let us not be ashamed of or let's not doubt our devotion to the Blessed Virgin . . . That is the work of God, that is His action, that is His wish . . . that everything flows through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin."

Quoting St. Louis de Montfort, a saint known for his devotion to Mary, Fr. Melvin said, "Everything will go back to Christ also through the mediation of this woman."

According to Fr. Castro, the maternal presence of Mary in the life of every Christian is something God Himself ordained. "That is the action of the Lord . . . Son came to earth through a mother. Grace, salvation came to earth through the Blessed Virgin," he explained.

Castro, who is also the Chancellor of the Diocese of Tarlac, stressed how the faithful should follow Christ's example in honoring His mother, Mary. "Do we now know better than God? And we will say that we do not need the Blessed Mother? And we will say, 'I'll just go directly [to God]?' That is not how God acted," the priest added.

Castro encouraged the Marian devotees in the audience, telling them that if they find themselves misunderstood because of their love for Mary, they should not be afraid and accept the experience as the Blessed Virgin would. "We can be sure that if there is true devotion to the Blessed Virgin, the Lord is there," he said in closing.

22nd Offering of PREx Youth Weekend Last May 20 to 22



them see the true meaning of their faith and find joy in being a Catholic. The weekend promised, and delivered, spiritual empowerment in a fun and exciting way. The organizers also added – “and good food”. The theme of the weekend was – Kickstart Your Faith! – and the marketing come-on was – “Put a little spice to your summer!”



Batch 22 team leads (L to R) Dee Buendia, Natalia Navarro, and Anton Navarro review next steps

The Parish Renewal Experience for the Youth, or PREx Youth, mounted its Batch 22 three-day weekend from May 20 to 22, 2016. The three-day weekend retreat of spiritual

Batch 22 drew 12 participants – Ralph Villaflor; Anica Galano; Carmel Carangal; Kimberly Jurado; Jiro Reyes; Rafael Unson; Maru Quijano; Nikka Alcalá; Valerie

were the PREx “Elders”, made up of former team leads or older batch graduates, that included Chino Quizon, Celene Niguidula, Marian Macapanpan, Martin Vidanes, Nina Roque, Gelo Roque, Jigo Vidanes, Maxin Laurel, Joel Nava, Conchitina de Leon, Faith de Leon, Mochie Cuyco, Carlos Pascual, Carlo Abito, Katrice Soliman, Kaye Batacan, and Gidget Ongkeko.



The 12 participants occupying two tables while team leads dictate the exercise

rediscovery targeted single young individuals aged 17 to 30 to help

Santos; Paul Gui; Alyanna dela Cruz; and Camille Monzon, through the persistent marketing efforts of the three team leads – Dee Buendia, Natalia Navarro and Anton Navarro. Assisting the three team leads were – JV Vidanes, Mat Obias, Janina Obias, and Raymarc Badillo.



Inside the “sharing” room, with half of the PREx participants on the floor, looked over by Batch 21 sponsors and PREx elders

Batch 22 was sponsored by Batch 21, which consisted of: Earle Manucom, Mel Monzon, Jun Duka, Jess dela Fuente, Abby Banico, Kathryn Llama, Ros Manalang, Jazz Dayao, Quino Sto. Domingo, Anakath Cruz, and Rojo Angkeko. Also attending



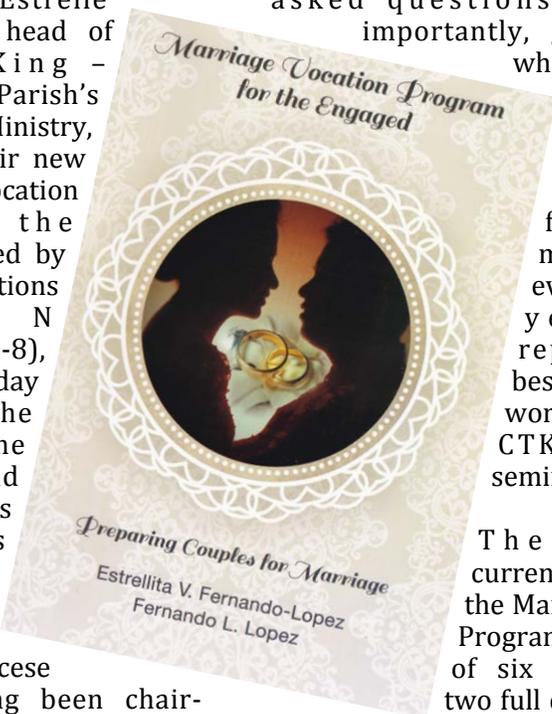
Above, PREx Youth Weekend Batch 21 (April 2015). Below, PREx Youth Weekend Batch 22 (May 2016).



Book Launch: Marriage Vocation Program for the Engaged

Dr. Fernando “Doy” Lopez and wife Dr. Estrellita “Estrelle” Fernando-Lopez, head of Christ the King – Greenmeadows Parish’s Family and Life Ministry, just launched their new book, *Marriage Vocation Program for the Engaged*, published by Sweetstar Publications (ISBN 978-971-94352-2-8), last May 16, Monday at the Christ the King parish. The book launch and book signing was graced by no less than Bishop Honesto F. Ongtioco, DD, Bishop of the Diocese of Cubao. Having been chair-couple of the Family and Life Ministry of Christ the King – Greenmeadows Parish in Quezon City for over 21 years, and having conducted the Marriage Vocation Program for the Engaged since that time, authors Doy and Estrelle found it easy to write this guide book or “road map” for marriage preparation program counselors.

Marriage Vocation Program for the Engaged: Preparing Couples for Marriage is a comprehensive compilation of the curriculum, session topics, case materials, talking points, written exercises,



recommended answers to frequently-asked questions, and most importantly, guidelines on what and how to share on the part of the Program’s sharers-facilitators. The material had evolved over 20 years and represents the best of what has worked well in the CTK counseling seminars.

The way it’s currently structured, the Marriage Vocation Program is composed of six sessions over two full days, with each session lasting 1.5 to two hours, and facilitated by several Team Couples. The six sessions are:

1. Images of Love and Marriage
2. Effective Marital Communication
3. Sexual Expression of Married Love
4. Responsible Parenthood
5. The Sacrament of Matrimony
6. You and I will Travel on Together

The MVP is intended for couples scheduled for marriage at CTK, with the main objective being to “prepare

couples for matrimony”, that is, to strengthen the bond that exists between the engaged couple, to facilitate a more profound knowledge of the other person that might not have been attained despite

“This is indeed a fruit of love and a worthy contribution in this Year of the Family and the Eucharist.”

-Fr. Jose Tupino III, parish priest of Christ the King Parish, Greenmeadows, QC.

years of togetherness, and to impress on them that their differences, uniqueness, and individuality could in fact be enriching and complementary. But if the program uncovers incompatibility issues that could be source of constant conflict, there is sufficient time to discuss and resolve these incompatibilities to mutual satisfaction, or at worse, to postpone the wedding until issues are resolved. Permanent cancellation of the wedding should also not be ruled out.

For every session, the lead couple-facilitator spends half an hour to share their own experiences. The leads usually emphasize their own early struggles and day-to-day



Book authors Doy and Estrelle, above left; above right, with Bishop Ongtioco and Fr. Bong Tupino at book launch

adjustments, underlining the point that there are never any “perfect relationships”. This is then followed by couples independently answering questions around marriage expectations specific to the session. Couples are enjoined to answer honestly, not what they believe is the



correct answer or what the other person will also answer. The couples then get together to show each other their answers and discuss the differences. They read twice – first to understand what was said, then the second time, to understand where the beloved is coming from. This is always underscored as the most important part of the session. The intimate discussion of differences in answers helps the couple get to know each other better and hopefully arrive at consensus, acceptable compromise, or some form of win-win solution. The session concludes with small group sharing – but without any couple being forced to share if they don’t want to.

The expectation questions are all over the place and can be quite revealing. For example, in Session 1, sample questions include – who should make the first move after a quarrel? How do I apportion quality time after marriage among – my parents, my friends, my work, and my family? What to do when a spouse comes home late? In Session 2, questions include – what to do in case of a misunderstanding? What to do if they cannot agree? What emotions do you have trouble

showing? The handbook also includes colorful sharing passages by lead couples in past programs.

So the Lopez couple, Doy and Estrelle, thought there was no better legacy than to come out with a how-to manual that details how the seminar is given, so as to guide those in the future who would be called to continue the task that Doy and Estrelle’s group started 20 years ago. Coincidentally, Doy and Estrelle are also involved with the Parenting Cluster of the Diocese’ Family and Life Ministry and had to-date developed three parenting modules – Parenting 101: From Seed to Third; Parenting 102: From Home to School;

“The book is a product of years of experiences so it is a combination of theory and praxis. This handbook gives the correct perspective that couples should have in their vocation. The Diocese of Cubao is indeed blessed with people like Doy and Estrelle who use their expertise to deepen and enrich existing pastoral programs.”

-Bishop Honesto F. Ongtioco, DD, the Bishop of the Diocese of Cubao

and Parenting 103: Raising Adolescents and Teenagers. Both are Professors at the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of the UST, have been married for 37 years, and have successfully raised six children.

How the Marriage Vocation Program Started

The Marriage Vocation Program for the Engaged, or MVP, celebrated its 20th anniversary last January 2016. It was June 1995 when Msgr. Jaime Mora, then CTK parish priest, appointed the Lopezes as chair couple of the Family and Life Ministry. Their immediate task was to develop a marriage preparation program. As fate would have it, Doy was visiting Fr. Chuck Gallagher, the PREX founding father and, coincidentally, head of the Matrimonial Renewal Center in New Jersey, USA. Fr. Chuck readily gave permission for Christ the King parish to use his “Evenings for the Engaged” program material. Originally a six-evening program, Doy and Estrelle reformatted it into a full weekend, keeping four of the six sessions, combining two sessions into one, adding a session on Responsible Parenthood, adding two new features - “Write a Letter to Your Fiancee” and “Treasure Box Rite”, and changing the Q&A to adapt to Philippine customs, values and practices. The first offering was in January 21-22, 1996, with 21 couples attending. Since then, the material has undergone several edits, updates, and revisions. It’s been given 106 times, nine times in Tagalog during “Kasalang Bayan”. By last count, Christ the King Parish, Greenmeadows has facilitated the pre-cana seminar for more than 3,000 couples who were preparing for their wedding at CTK.

Aside from Doy and Estrelle, original lead couple facilitators have included: Spanky and Dolly Perez, Rudy and Josie Dimen, Nap and Flor Cabello, Louie and Nel Laudico, Fred and Lyds Antonio, Chito and Steffi Manhit, Bon and Nina Intengan, and Dan and Vinchu Lapid. Later facilitator couples who joined included – Benjie and Wins Mirasol, Jingo and Ludjie Aldecoa, Tony and Lupe Lazaro, Bo and Erica Gancayco, Boy and Tes Valencia, Ed and Puri Bartolata, Totong and Tinette Lucero, Nono and Charito Barredo, Tony and Cynthia Tan, Aji and Angie Rualo, and Judd and Paz Balayan.

Vocation Choices Clarified

The parish had a great line-up of speakers for its June 4 Spirit of Stewardship talk, entitled, "Called by Name - Stewardship of Vocation".

Speaking for "married life" were new PPC head coordinator couple Bert and Marie Anne Santos. Fr. Herbie Santos, son of proud parents Bert and Marie Anne, spoke on behalf of the priesthood. And renowned "Chef to the Pope" Jessie Sincioco spoke in defense of single blessedness. Ben and Linda Famador, head of the Stewardship Committee which



sponsored the talk, first introduced all the speakers. The audience found out that after 34 years in the banking industry, Bert founded the Philippine operations of MRI Worldwide, a global executive search firm with head office in Pennsylvania, USA and is currently its Chairman-CEO. Spouse Marie Anne is currently Director for HR & Administration, also of MRI Worldwide Phils. Son Herbie pursued two different academic tracks at the same time - first was AB Communication Arts then MBA; the second was AB Sacred Theology then MA Pastoral Ministry. He did corporate work at various MNCs including a five-year stint as VP-COO at his parents' firm before deciding that the priestly vocation was where God was pointing him towards. At the "ripe" age of 41, Fr. Herbie was ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyters in February of this year

and is now Asst. Parish Priest of Sta. Rita de Cascia, in Philamlife Homes, Quezon City. Chef Jessie Sincioco is a multi-awarded chef, author of "Kulinarya: A Guidebook to Philippine Cuisine", Papal Chef during Pope Francis' apostolic visit to the Philippines last year, and a Christ the King-Greenmeadows lector-commentator and member of the Ladies of Charity.

Bert and Marie Anne split their allotted half-hour and individually talked about their perspective as husband-and-father and wife-and-mother, respectively.

Marie Anne set the stage for the other speakers by stressing that vocation was entirely different from career choice. We each have our own unique mission in life, she argued, and God alone determines in what state - whether married life, consecrated life, or blessed single life - we can best fulfill that mission. Marie Anne also emphasized discerning God's call for each one of us is difficult; in her and Bert's case, they consulted their spiritual director Fr. Reynaldo Loredó SJ,



made a seven-Sunday novena to St. Joseph, and attended a pre-Cana seminar before they were sure that they should get married.

"As I review the many wonderful events in my life as a wife to Bert and a mother to my three children - Katrina, Chito and Herbie - and having been truly happy, I knew God

had chosen marriage as my vocation."

But having discerned correctly, Marie Anne pointed out, you still have to remain true to the calling, amidst life's trials and tests. For instance, she narrated how the family established a garments factory which she personally managed and which became very successful. But that meant night hours in the factory to meet shipping deadlines, which meant neglecting the family. So after much thought and prayer, husband and wife decided to close the factory.

Husband Bert Santos came at the topic from a theological perspective.

"The purpose of the marriage vocation is to produce children and bring the family to heaven. If anyone in the family goes to hell, the marriage vocation of the husband and wife has to be deemed a failure," said Bert. And he recounted the quotation that his own father always kept on top of his desk - "No success in life can compensate for failure in the home" - words that became deeply ingrained in him since.



Bert stressed that fathers have a duty to set a good example to the children and husbands have a duty to be always faithful to their wives. But what endeared Bert to the crowd was when he narrated that as a child, he would hear his parents praying that God would someday give their son Bert a wife as good as Ruth, the biblical ideal wife. Bert said, to the



and birthdays, and when they hear parents appreciate in front of their children the sacrifices that priests make and how the consecrated life is worthy of aspiration.

Chef Jessie Sincioco, was the last, but certainly not the least, speaker for the morning. Chef Jessie regaled the crowd with her history - how a farmer's daughter got to live a city life of discipline; how she had aspired to work in a bank but kept getting turned down; how on a whim, she entered Nora Daza's baking competition

audience's approval, "God answered my parents' prayers. God gave me a wife as good as Ruth!"

Then it was Fr. Herbie Santos' turn. He first tackled the often-asked question - how were you able to leave your family, your belongings, your corporate career, your future and serve God as a priest? His answer was - "Trust God to provide."

Fr. Herbie continued, "As a priest, I have enough. God has given me more than I ever needed. It is this gratitude to God for all his blessings that give the priest the desire to give back and to pay forward."

He then dwelt on the theme of "love". Fr. Herbie explained that love is not optional; rather, love requires all Christians to give of themselves.

On his priesthood, Fr. Herbie likens his role to a katiwala or steward, with God's people entrusted to his care. Once ordained, the priesthood of Jesus Christ is incarnated and he now lives Christ's mission.

Fr. Herbie does not belittle the sacrifices priests make. But the priests' resolve are always strengthened when parishioners remember priests' anniversaries

and won, at different levels until the nationals, which she also won; how the Hotel Intercom GM (Hotel Intercon being the number one hotel back then) dropped by to offer her a position in his kitchen right on the spot, and how she was promoted so quickly and skipped several levels; how she led the Intercon kitchen team to snatch the hotel cooking competition prize from Hilton and kept winning it; and how she formed the successful Le Souffle venture with partner Billie King.

Jessie also recounted with pride being the designated chef to Pope Francis during his visit to the Philippines. And how she has come a long way, having successfully put up Rockwell by Chef Jessie, Top of the Citi, and 100 Revolving.



Chef Jessie pointed out that "God showers us with talents, skills and knowledge. I was given the talent to cook. We all need to take advantage of God's gifts."

On her single blessedness, Chef Jessie confidently said, "God made me to be single. If you are happy doing what you are doing, then you have answered the call and you are in the right place."



In photo, Ben and Linda Famador, Stewardship Committee chair-couple, Benjie and Wins Mirasol, assistant Stewardship committee chair-couple, and the speakers, with Fr. Bong

CTK Parish Teams Up With PPCRV for Election 2016

The CTK Public Affairs Ministry effectively teamed up with the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting, or PPCRV, to assure a speedy unofficial count that had tallied over 75% of all electoral precincts from all over the country within four hours of precinct closing.



The Public Affairs Ministry, headed by

Augie Soliman, assisted PPCRV in two major ways. First was the deployment of PPCRV volunteers to the different voting centers covered by the parish, namely: Libis Elementary School, with 68

volunteers led by Jamaica Cagurangan and Cora dela Cruz; Acropolis, with 11 volunteers led by Pepe Pilar; Green Meadows, with 16 volunteers led by Gilda Baquiran and Dennis Choa; Corinthian Gardens, with 11 volunteers led by Fe Perry and Virgie Cheng; St. Ignatius, with 14 volunteers led by Guilbert Bosea; and White Plains, with 12 volunteers led by Joel Nava. Deputy coordinators were Boy Angeles for Acropolis, Libis and Greenmeadows and Jerry Go for Corinthian, St. Ignatius and White Plains. Overall coordination was provided by Ministry Head Augie Soliman.

Soliman noted that election was orderly. "There was just one incident - one Libis VCM broke down as early as 7:30 am after having scanned only nine ballots. The replacement machine only arrived at 4:30 pm so it took until 11:30 pm to finish the election returns," Soliman explained.

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The other assistance was when Ana De Villa-Singson, head of the PPCRV and who also happens to be a Corinthian Gardens parishioner, asked for encoding volunteers to help out at the PPCRV command center in Pope Pius Center, UN Avenue, Manila. The ministry sent 45 volunteers on May 12 and 13, then 27 volunteers on May 14.

De Villa-Singson was very grateful to Soliman and his band of election volunteers and she gave Augie and the CTK volunteers separate certificates of recognition.



Above, Henrietta de Villa-Singson, PPCRV chair on the left and her heir-apparent and daughter Ana. Below, a fisheye view of the PPCRV national office at Pius XII Center on UN Avenue.



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Parish Commissioning of New Parish Pastoral Council



... and right half of the new PPC

crowd to give a big round of applause as encouragement to undertake the next three years of similarly dedicated service.

The mass goers were clearly impressed with the lector-children of the new PPC members who took part in the celebration. Patis Famador was commentator, Rico del Rosario did the First Reading, Ryanna Polanco did the Responsorial Psalm, Pido Banico led the Second Reading, and Lauren Laudico did the Prayers of the Faithful.



Above, Pido Banico doing the Second Reading; below, the hardworking women of the PPC - Linda Famador, Fe Pery, Anna Lagman, Lulay dela Cruz, Estrella Lopez, and Leila Banico



Bayan Umawit! Concert for San Jose Seminary



Top Filipino Catholic composers Fr. Arnel dC Aquino SJ (left photo) and Fr. Manoling Francisco SJ (right) collaborate again

Last May 14, Christ the King Parish of Greenmeadows QC in cooperation with the San Jose Seminary (SJS), sponsored the concert, "Bayan Umawit! Singing God's Mercy Through the Ages". The show, featuring the music of leading Filipino-Catholic composers Fr. Manoling Francisco and Fr. Arnel Aquino, started at 7:30 pm at the Meralco Theatre.

After over 10 years since their last major production, Fr. Manoling Francisco SJ, composer of several popular liturgical songs widely used in the Filipino Church today such as "I Will Sing Forever," "Hindi Kita Malilimutan," and "Far Greater Love", and Fr. Arnel Aquino SJ, a noted religious and meditation composer-pianist who has produced some of the most memorable and inspiring religious instrumental music under the Lauds Series, such as Out of Roads, Song of John, Pagsibol, My Soul Finds Rest, Tinapay ng Buhay, and Prayer for Generosity, teamed up once again to stage this grand musical concert, which featured several choirs such as Ateneo Chamber Singers, Bukas Palad, Tinig

Barangka, Tinig San Jose, including singers Isay Alvarez and Robert Sena. Fr. Francisco directed the concert.

Highlighting the development of liturgical music brought by the Second Vatican Council and its impact on the faith of the Filipino people, the concert raised enough funds to

"The decision to make the concert was in response to the needs of the San Jose seminary: both financially and getting the word out", Fr. Silvino Borres, SJ, Rector for the SJS shared.

"We're very glad to receive the warm help from everyone - from Fr. Manoling and Fr. Arnel, to all the choirs and the band, and all the hands who worked to make this concert a success. It isn't unusual to hear from a priest that sheep often need tending to but, often, we forget



An all-star cast belts out one of the concert's major production numbers, with a slide show of Pope John Paul II in the background

help with the education and formation of San Jose Seminary students. Tickets sold for P5,000, P3,000 and P1,500 while several CTK parishioners directly gave donations through the parish office. Since April 1, seminarians had set up a booth at the main church entrance to appeal and sell concert tickets. Ticket Order Forms were also provided to the different villages for distribution during the village masses. Fr. Bong Tupino is currently the president of the San Jose Seminary Alumni Association and was Chair of the Fundraising Board.

to tend to the shepherds. It's them, especially at San Jose, we want to help tend to so they may be of greater service to the faithful of the country who need them most," Fr. Borres added.

Currently, the San Jose Seminary has over 46 active seminarians. It has produced thousands of alumni since 1601, including three of the four living Philippine cardinals, which includes Cardinal Chito Tagle, Cardinal Orlando Quevedo, and Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales.





Although no longer active with CTK since she moved residence to the hills of Antipolo back in 2011, Mila continues to support the parish by continuing to provide printing services for the parish newsletter free of charge, which she has been doing since 1995. New PPC head Bert Santos also pointed out that Mila provided the invitations and flyers for Fr. Herbie's ordination last year free of charge as well. "It's the least I can do. I really want to continue to support the parish," said Mila.

Fr. Bong invited Mila San Juan, President & CEO of The House Printers, to a thanksgiving lunch at Akira Restaurant in Shangri-la Mall last June 16. Fr. Bong, together with outgoing Parish Pastoral Council coordinator Louie Laudico, thanked Mila for nearly 20 years of free printing services. And he introduced Mila to the new PPC coordinator couple Bert & Marie Anne Santos and incoming newsletter editor couple Bing & Elise del Rosario who would be working with her and The House Printers team going forward. The timing was also opportune since Mila was soon to celebrate her birthday this coming July 9.

Mila had been a permanent fixture in the Parish Pastoral Council of Christ the King-Greenmeadows parish since the early years of the parish church under Fr. Jaime Mora. The CTK relationship started when she and husband Precioso "Precious" attended Batch 23 of the PREX Couples in 1994. She was convinced in 1995 by Monsignor Mora to take on the Worship Ministry and stepped down only when Fr. Mora was replaced by Bishop Honesto Ongtioco in 2005. Precious also got involved, both as a lay minister as well as a regular "apostle" during Holy Week, before he became ill and passed away in 1997.

"That was a long time to be running the Worship Ministry", Mila mused. Supporting her with the Worship Ministry were good friends Armine Tagaysay, who, as her deputy led the lectors and commentators group, plus Wanda Reyes, Gigi Sawit, and Benjie Mirasol, in charge of the music sub-ministry.

The San Juan couple had been gifted with four sons all of whom are currently involved in the family's printing services business. John, the eldest, who will be taking his board exam for medicine soon, is in charge of The House Printers' operations. Joey, the second, is in charge of sales and marketing, and was quite active in the CTK parish in his younger days, as a member of the all-male choir. Mila also narrated that Joey even acted as Jesus Christ in a passion play staged by the parish's Fr. Jack Padua back in 1995. 3rd child James, like Joey, was also in the choir. And youngest child Jason does the finance and administration for the business. All the children live close by, which makes their weekly get-togethers less of a hassle.

Mila's educational background was in the sciences and she taught chemistry, physics and math at Jose Rizal College before pursuing her MS in Chemistry. However, hubby Precious had started the printing venture - The House Printers - in 1969 and asked Mila to do the marketing in 1974 even while he continued to concentrate on operations, a task she gladly accepted. The plant was in Cainta. Unfortunately,

when Ondoy hit the Philippines in 2009, all the printing equipment got destroyed by the floods and Mila decided to rebuild the plant on higher ground. So she set it up in higher Taytay, close to Antipolo where she then built her new home.

Even at the age of 69 - funny enough, Mila likes to say she's already 70, because she believes 69 is such an unlucky number - Mila has a hectic daily schedule and keeps full working hours at The House Printers. By early morning, she's already at the Taytay plant, motoring up and down the long large plant aisles to make sure that things are in order and in their proper place. Compounding it is her recent appointment, for 2016, as president of the Printing Industries Association of the Philippines (PIAP), the country's professional society of companies in the printing industry. One of her pet projects is to get the 'Printing Academy' off the ground. The institute is envisioned to be TESDA certified and would therefore get its graduates ready for employment, as graphic artists, printing machine operators, line supervisors, etc.

When we met her, Mila had just arrived from the every-four-years printing fair in Dusseldorf in Germany, which is the reputed source of the best printing technologies. "You really have to keep up with the technology since it moves very fast," she said. Mila added, "It's important for two reasons: one, you get more cost efficiencies from the newest machines. Second, clients demand it since they've read about new capabilities and want these added into their projects". So Mila makes certain that she continues to upgrade her line of Heidelberg printing machines.



Above, Fr. Bong Tupino, outgoing Parish Pastoral Council coordinator Louie Laudico, incoming PPC coordinators Bert & Marie Anne Santos, and new newsletter-website editors Bing & Elise del Rosario treat Mila San Juan to a thanksgiving lunch - and a birthday cake



Christ the King Stewardship

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Dear Parishioners,

May the Love and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Once again we report to you the financial highlights of the Christ the King Stewardship offerings and the CTK Pastoral Fund, which is the money allocated by the CTK Stewardship Committee to finance the various parish pastoral projects of the Christ the King Parish Council. Below is the summary of the Financial Report for the Christ the King Stewardship offerings for the year 2015.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2015

	2014	2015
Cash Balance, January 1, 2014	₱1,684,356.78	₱ 1,779,471.87
ADD: Total Offerings		
Interest & Other Receipts	9,683,871.50	10,820,321.00
	14,834.34	19,168.54
TOTAL CASH	<u>11,383,062.62</u>	<u>12,618,961.41</u>
LESS: Disbursement		
Share of CTK Pastoral from the Stewardship Funds	5,100,000.00	5,400,000.00
Share of the Diocese of Cubao from the Stewardship Funds	3,400,000.00	3,600,000.00
Funds received for Mission and Gifts		1,650,000.00
Funds received for Seminarians	88,000.00	11,500.00
Funds received for Feeding Program	411,600.00	
Funds received for Scholarship, Educational Assistance and Teacher's Subsidy	358,079.00	13,000.00
Funds received for Gawad Kalinga/PND		10,000.00
Promotional Expenses	245,911.75	354,924.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	<u>9,603,590.75</u>	<u>11,039,424.50</u>
ENDING CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2015	₱1,779,471.87	₱ 1,579,536.91

The offerings remitted to the Diocese of Cubao was ₱3,600,000.00 (Approximately 40% of total offerings). This is used to support the catechetical instructions in public elementary and high schools, continuous formation for seminarians and priests and helping poor parishes in the Diocese.

The amount of ₱5,400,000.00 (Approximately 60% of the total offerings) was remitted to the CTK Parish Pastoral Council. This fund is used to support the various Parish Pastoral Programs.

The year 2015 marked the 10th anniversary of the CTK Stewardship Program. In addition, it was also declared by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines as "Year of the Poor" in preparation for the celebration of the 500th year of Christianity in the Philippines.

To celebrate the Year of the Poor and the 10th anniversary year of being a Stewardship Parish, the Christ the King Parish council embarked on a project called: **STEWARDSHIP – MISSION AND GIFT: REACHING OUT IN THE YEAR OF THE POOR.**

This project includes 10 concrete outreaches for the poor based on the Catholic teaching on the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned and burying the dead.

The beneficiaries of the project are the 10 special sectors identified by the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines (PCP II, 1990) as particularly needing care and assistance namely:

migrants, urban poor, fisher folk, peasant farmers, tribal Filipinos, children, youth, elderly, women and persons with disability.

The total offering received from February 22, 2015 to March 9, 2016 was ₱1,994,500.00. In addition, ₱593,500.00 was received by the CTK Parish office. Thus, the total amount received for the project was ₱2,588,000.00. Appendix I will show the amount received for each sector. A follow-up report will be submitted next year regarding the status of each project.

2015 PARISH PASTORAL FUND (PPF)

For the Year 2015, The Stewardship Committee remitted P5,400,000.00 to the Parish Pastoral Fund.

As the steward of the money from the generous offerors, the Parish Pastoral Council is exercising prudence and responsibility in its use. Priority projects are the following:

1. Communities within the Parish
2. Communities within the Vicariate
3. Projects the Parish Priest or the Parish Pastoral Council recommends.

The Fund does not cover the outreach activities or projects of the different mandated organizations, Renewal and Transparochial Groups and Vicariate communities unless recommended by the Parish Priest or the Parish Pastoral Council.

For 2015, Social Service Ministry accounted for 73.4% or P3,964,089.50 of the P5,400,000.00 fund remitted by the Stewardship Committee. Our Scholarship Program accounted for 55% of the P3,964,089.50. The Ladies of Charity and Knights of Columbus are managing the funds for this project. The Education or Formation Ministry accounted for 11.8% or P637,376.32 of the fund. The Worship Ministry accounted for 10.1% of the fund. Below in detail was how the Stewardship Fund was used by the different Ministries in 2014 and 2015.

2015 UTILIZATION OF THE P5,400,000.00 REMITTED BY THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE TO THE PARISH PASTORAL FUND

MINISTRIES	YEAR 2015	YEAR2014
I. SOCIAL SERVICE	P3,964,089.50	P3,757,141.00
II. EDUCATION/ FORMATION	P 529,969.32	P 337,248.00
III. WORSHIP	P 546,581.25	P 522,983.00
IV. PARISH PASTORAL	P 265,028.43	P 405,232.00
V. BEC	P 107,407.00	P 78,293.00
VI. YOUTH	P 60,580.00	P 167,233.00
VII. VOCATION*	P 53,420.00	P 00.00
VIII. DISASTER RELIEF	P 40,796.00	P 253,660.00
IX. CATECHETICAL	P 23,030.00	P 16,160.00
X. FAMILY & LIFE	P 8,550.00	P 00.00
XI. OTHERS	P 1,691.85	P 1,453.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	P5,601,144.35	P5,461,110.00

2016 STEWARDSHIP FUND

The Parish theme for 2016 is, **EUCCHARIST, MERCY and FAMILY**. Some of the 2016 Stewardship Fund that will be generated from the Offerors will be used for a very meaningful and active participation by our parishioners to the activities lined up below.

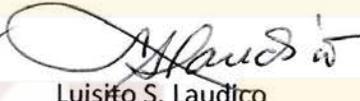
- I. The parish participated in the just concluded **International Eucharistic Congress** held in Cebu last January.

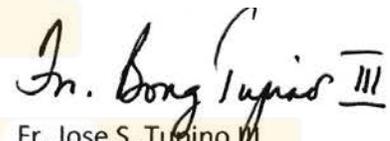
- II. "At times, we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that it become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason, I have proclaimed an **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy** as a special time for the Church; a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective". Pope Francis (Misericordiae Vultus #3). From December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016 we have lined up 12 Jubilee Activities or Themes in the Parish. One of the highlights of this 12 Jubilee Activities is our visit to the Holy Door of the four parishes designated by our Bishop every morning of the 3rd Saturday of the month.
- III. Our Parish also lined up Formation Talks on the Family to celebrate the **Year of the Family** which was declared this year by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines in preparation of the 500th year of Christianity in the Philippines.

Allow us to again take this opportunity to thank everyone for your generosity and active participation in the activities of the parish.

Yours in Christ,


 Ben and Linda Famador
 Stewardship Committee


 Luisito S. Laudico
 Lay Coordinator


 Fr. Jose S. Tupino III
 Parish Priest

APPENDIX I

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CHRIST THE KING PARISH, GREENMEADOWS
 SCHEDULE OF OFFERING BY MONTH
 MISSION AND GIFT FOR THE POOR AS OF MARCH 31, 2016

MONTH	AMOUNT	MIGRANTS	URBAN POOR	FISHER FOLK	PEASANT FARMERS	TRIBAL FILIPINOS	YOUTH	CHILDREN	ELDERLY	WOMEN	PWD
FEBRUARY	22,500.00	13,000.00	1,000.00						4,250.00	4,250.00	
MARCH	414,700.00	63,200.00	88,200.00	26,200.00	13,200.00	21,200.00	72,200.00	65,700.00	38,400.00	13,200.00	13,200.00
APRIL	281,200.00	11,000.00	55,000.00	149,000.00	51,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00	4,200.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
MAY	254,200.00			100,000.00	139,700.00	10,000.00			2,250.00		2,250.00
JUNE	303,880.00	10,000.00	12,500.00	13,000.00	48,880.00	161,000.00	16,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,500.00
JULY	237,480.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00	50,480.00	59,000.00	80,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	5,000.00
AUGUST	74,000.00		10,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00	41,000.00	5,000.00		
SEPTEMBER	62,040.00		10,000.00				5,000.00	14,540.00	32,500.00		
OCTOBER	134,000.00		10,000.00				5,000.00	100,000.00	2,000.00	17,000.00	
NOVEMBER	38,500.00							2,000.00		16,000.00	20,500.00
DECEMBER	76,000.00			10,000.00				55,000.00			11,000.00
TOTAL	1,898,500.00	102,200.00	201,700.00	303,200.00	263,780.00	247,680.00	173,200.00	372,440.00	101,400.00	67,450.00	65,450.00
2016											
JANUARY	41,000.00	10,000.00						25,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
FEBRUARY	30,000.00						5,000.00	25,000.00			
MARCH	25,000.00							25,000.00			
TOTAL	1,994,500.00	112,200.00	201,700.00	303,200.00	263,780.00	247,680.00	178,200.00	447,440.00	103,400.00	69,450.00	67,450.00
CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE	593,500.00	25,000.00	388,500.00	11,000.00	76,000.00	6,000.00	21,000.00	30,000.00	26,000.00	----	10,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	2,588,000.00	137,200.00	590,200.00	314,200.00	339,780.00	253,680.00	199,200.00	477,440.00	129,400.00	69,450.00	77,450.00

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Fathers' Day Masses at the Parish



Similar to Mothers' Day last May 8, Christ the King parish church presidors gave special recognition to fathers everywhere during the June 18 and 19 masses.



Father Bong Tupino started it during the June 18 Saturday 6:00 pm anticipated mass when he gave special tribute to fathers during his homily, then followed it up after post-communion prayers when he asked all the fathers in the audience to go to the front for special Fathers' Day prayers and blessings. He then worked his way from left to right to sprinkle holy water on the proud dads.

And Mothers' Day Masses Too

Last May 8, Mother's Day, Christ the King parish church presidors consistently gave recognition to all the mothers in the crowd by asking them near the end of the mass to go to the front for special blessings. Below, Fr. Diony Acaso gives the special Mothers' Day blessings during the Sunday noon mass.



New Parish Pastoral Council Also Commissioned by Diocese

This parish commissioning followed the diocese commissioning last May 28, a Saturday, at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral at Lantana, Cubao. This commissioning, which included the new

PPC officers and ministry heads from several other parishes reporting to Cubao Diocese, was officiated by none other than Bishop Honesto Ongtioco. The Christ the King PPC delegation were seated with the

rest of the Perpetual Help Vicariate that included the parishes of Nativity of Our Lord, Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Lady of Perpetual Help, San Roque, St. John Paul II, and Transfiguration of Our Lord.



The new PPC at the diocese commissioning, Immaculate Conception Cathedral, before the event, and after, with Fr. Bong

Parenting 103: Raising Adolescents and Teenagers the Right Way

CTK Family & Life Ministry head couple Doy and Estrelle Lopez recently led the Parenting 103 seminar organized by the Diocese of Cubao.



Doy and Estrelle, who are also head

of the Parenting Cluster of the Cubao Diocesan Ministry for Family and Life, took turns talking to the engaged audience of 35, most of them couples with teenage children. Clearly, a majority of the class had attended the Lopezes' previous modules - Parenting 101: From Seed to Third, and Parenting 102: From Home to School, since Doy knew most of the attendees by name.

The speakers' objectives were clear-cut - to help parents and grandparents cope with teenagers, to share tips that had worked for them, and to avoid common mistakes. Estrelle began with a sobering thought - nothing ever prepares parents for the monumental transition when their child crosses

their parents.

Estrelle and Doy divided their talk into the developmental dimensions of: physical, cognitive, mental, psychosocial, sexual and psychosexual, spiritual, and moral. They talked about the increased influence of peer group and the need for parents to take a fine line between disciplining-enforcing rules vs. giving sufficient freedom. They also shared the insight that the child's self-esteem and contentment in future life come primarily from the parent's love and attention.

The last segment of the workshop was on Tips for Raising Teens. These included - demonstrating love, moderating the pressure,

puberty and becomes a teen. And there is a serious conflict of interest - parents still need to be needed but teenagers need to no longer need

practicing "cyber safety", setting clear limits, prioritizing rules, consistently enforcing sanctions on rule violations, and setting a positive example.

During the open forum section, quite a number of the parents present were clearly concerned about their children's sexual orientation. A few others were bothered by possible substance use, and sibling rivalry.



FAMILY & LIFE MINISTRY

Father, Are You Still There?

Last June 11, a week before Father's Day, the Family and Life Ministry, in cooperation with Couples for Christ, presented the talk, "Father, Are You Still There?", the third in a series celebrating the Year of the Family.

The speaker, Atty. Alex Lacson, is the author of two national best-selling books



- "12 Little Things Every Filipino Can Do To Help Our Country" and "12 Wonderful Things About the Filipino and Our Motherland." Atty. Lacson, one of the country's top speakers today in the area of patriotism and citizenship, received the Good Citizen - Good Filipino Award given by the EDSA People Power Commission in 2009.

According to Alex, good fathers are first and foremost servants of God. They are good Samaritans, good citizens, and good Filipinos. They are honest, respectful, humble and they pursue what is right, fair and true. Good fathers foster good families, and good families - eat together; pray the Rosary together; attend Sunday Mass together; have fun together; solve problems together; give attention to every child; celebrate

important dates for each family member; assist each child achieve their personal dreams; and create lasting family traditions.

Part of Alex's discussion centered on his 12 "little things" to make the wife happy. This included among others, observing the principle of "Mama has the final say". And, recognizing "the power of a kiss every morning in front of the kids". There were funny segments as well, like when Alex quoted Opus Dei's Alvaro del Portillo saying, "Your path to heaven has a name, and that's the name of your spouse".

in closing, he said that the most important thing he taught his children, next to faith in God, is a wonderful self-image.

Fr. Ted Gonzales on The Deepest Desires of Parents in Raising Their Children



since the next day, Sunday, June 19, was Father's Day.

Fr. Ted entered the Society of Jesus in 1978. He was ordained in 1987 and will celebrate 40 years as a Jesuit and 30 years as a priest. He now concentrates on counseling in Ateneo's Center for Family Ministries and teaches counseling at the Loyola School of Theology. He is also a Formator in Agape International House in ADMU, where foreign SJ members stay when they're studying at ADMU.

He started the talk by first saying that while he won't ever be a parent, he has ministered to and counseled families for 30 years and he has listened and continue to listen to parents all over the country during all his years of counseling. And throughout these years, he has always asked parents what they pray for. Inevitably, their first prayer is for their children.

He talked about child developmental concerns - ADHD, autism, sibling rivalry, disregard for authority;

parenting concerns - separation from parents, not enough appreciation, over-protection, over-strictness, insufficient discipline, father's vices; school-related concerns - failing grades, dropping out, study habits, delinquency, peer pressure, bullying.

Per Fr. Ted, the most common intentions are usually: may my children stay safe from harm, illness, and temptation and reward them with good health; may they achieve academic and career success that results in financial security; may our home be a safe haven where compassion, empathy, understanding, forgiveness, and communication exists; may our children attain full maturity, exercise good judgment, and stay strong through life's trials; and, may they be happy, relate well with their loved ones, and stay close to God.

A merienda cena preceded Fr. Ted's talk. Fr. Bong also gave out attendees a booklet of prayers that included among others the Prayer for Fathers and Husbands, Prayer for Mothers and Wives, and Prayer for Children.

Fr. Ted Gonzales SJ was the guest speaker for the parish's Parents' Day last Saturday, June 18. His talk, entitled 'The Deepest Desires of Parents in Raising Their Children' drew over 35 attendees, all of them parents or grandparents. The talk was timely

A Lot of Effort Into Getting Organized

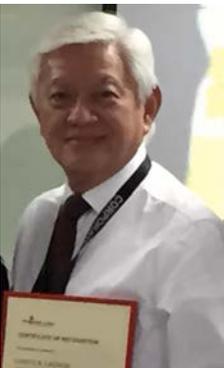


Fr. Bong Tupino in several organizational meetings - above left, April 27 first meeting with new PPC officer nominees; above right, May 11 meeting with the new ministry heads; below left, May 21 PPC meeting to introduce incoming PPC officers and ministry heads to current PPC; and, below right, meeting with incoming and outgoing village coordinators



The Outgoing Parish Pastoral Council Members

Louie Laudico began his parish work as early as 1982 under Msgr Fidelis Limcaco in Fairview. In November 1990, Louie and spouse Nel presented themselves to Msgr. Jaime Mora and asked him if they could continue their parish work at Christ the King. Then in 1994, Msgr. Mora made Louie and Nel the Couple Head of the Youth Ministry in preparation for the 1995 World Youth Day. They promptly organized the youth into different committees since they had to house 200 Canadians from Toronto and another 200 students from Bataan.



It was eight years ago when the then-parish priest Msgr. Dan Sta. Maria appointed Louie as Lay Coordinator of the Parish Council. When Fr. Bong took over, Louie was asked to stay up to end-June 2016. Louie and Nel have an agency, Laudico Associates, in Philam Life.

Anna Lagman was appointed PPC Secretary by Msgr. Dan in January 2008. Prior to that, she was taking care of an informal bible study class for the parish, together with the late Bobby Balao and



Seated: Anna Lagman, Secretary; Fr Bong Tupino, Parish Priest; Elsbeth Llama, Head Catechetical Ministry; Mambie Aquino, Head Social Service Ministry. Standing: Bert & Marie Anne Santos, Vocation Ministry; Mila Bangco, Worship Ministry; and Louie Laudico, Lay Coordinator. Not in photo: Manolo Dayrit, Asst. Lay Coordinator & Planning Head; Tonette Arizabal, Treasurer; Augie Soliman, Public Affairs; Althea Geronilla and Te Candano, Youth Ministry.



Vicki Geronilla, which started during the time of Msgr. Mora, through the time of Bishop Ness until Msgr. Dan.

activities as a member of Soroptimist.

Anna managed the family business from 1988 until 2010, when she retired and devoted herself to parish and civic

Tonette Arizabal is the outgoing PPC Treasurer. She served the Parish from 2010 to 2013 as member and later Chairman of the Finance Committee and Treasurer of the PPC from 2013 to 2016. She is also an active member of the Ladies of Charity since 2007.



Tonette is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and used to work with the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Augie Soliman has served the parish as head of Public Affairs Ministry, as a member of the EMHC, and as a member

of the Knights of Columbus for more than 10 years now. He served as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and still actively helps the Parish Renewal Experience (PREX). Together with spouse Tess, he also serves as Lector-Commentator of the parish and the coordinator of the 4pm Sunday mass at Richmond Hotel. He is a Professional Mechanical Engineer and active Rotarian of RIDistrict 3800 for more than 25 years, two years of which he served as District Secretary.



Mambie Aquino served as Coordinator for Social Services and Development Ministry (SSDM) of Christ the King Parish from 2008 to 2016.



She has been an active member of the Ladies of Charity - CTK since 1996 and held several positions in the organization. Mambie is also an active member of Christian Family Movement (CFM) Unit 10, with spouse Tony Aquino.

An active member of the Lectors-Commentators group, Mambie has been a wife of 41 years, a mother for 39, and a doting grandmother for the last five.

Te Candano served the Parish from 2013 to 2016 as the Youth Ministry Head. Prior to being the head, she was also part of the Youth Ministry Outreach Committee and a member of Christ the King - Days with the Lord Community. She is also an active member of Lectors and Commentators since 2014 and heads the 9am Children's Mass every 1st Sunday of the month.



Te is a banker by profession and volunteers for Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Philippines and U! Happy Events on weekends.

Meet the New Parish Pastoral Council



Top, Assistant Lay Coordinator couple Henry and Joyce Tañedo; above, Secretary couple David and Fely Ong; below, Treasurer couple Bing and Elise del Rosario; bottom, Stewardship Committee head couple Ben and Linda Famador



• **Louie Laudico** and **Anna Lagman** teaming up for Vocation Ministry

• **Alma Yeh** and **Sheryl Coronel** for the Catechetical Ministry

Also appointed for a three-year term were the village coordinators. These included:



• **Irene Robles** and **Maan del Rosario** for Acropolis

• **Baby Banal** and **Tiny Perfecto** for St. Ignatius

• **Mel Novales** and **Jane Duque** for White Plains

• **Eileen de Leon** and **Dulce Barreto** for Green Meadows

• **Joey and Irene Sto. Domingo** for Enclave

• **Reggie Nolido** for Ivory Court

• **Fe Flores** and **Lita Sembrano** for Arcadia

• **Paul and Dinah Uy** for Corinthian Hills

• **Fe Pery** and **Linda Guanzon** for Corinthian Gardens

• **Ching Botero** and **Jo Piyaw** for Libis

Under the Worship Ministry, new in-charges were also appointed. These included, for Lectors & Commentators:

- **Mel Novales** as Coordinator
- **Trix Deleña** as Assistant Coordinator
- **Joy Cuadrante** as Secretary
- **Ellen Manansala** as Treasurer
- **Bet Montecillo** as Auditor



Top, Public Affairs Ministry head couple Jing and Girlie Alampay; above, Sheryl Coronel joining Alma Yeh to head Catechetical; below, Maan del Rosario and Irene Robles to coordinate for Acropolis; lower, Fe Pery and Linda Guanzon for Corinthian Gardens; bottom, Baby Banal continues to coordinate for St. Ignatius and Reggie Nolido as new coordinator for Ivory Court

Also under the Worship Ministry, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) will now have **Albert Cuadrante** as Overall Coordinator, supported by:

- **Manny de Leon** as Assistant Coordinator
- **Robert Locsin** as Secretary
- **Joel Tamor** as Treasurer
- **Lito Paquin** as Auditor

Fr. Bong made sure everyone understood that he was not touching the mandated organizations and the renewal movements since they had their own rules, processes and timing for electing their CTK chapter leaders. So the following mandated organizations will continue to be represented by:

- Adoracion Nocturna Filipina (ANF) by **Rudy Tecson**
- Apostleship of Prayer (AP) by **Wanda Reyes**
- Catholic Women's League (CWL) by **Kim Cua**
- Knights of Columbus (KOC) by **Jovie Sison**
- Ladies of Charity (LOC) by **Fe Pery**
- Legion of Mary - Mary Queen of Peace (MQP) by **Mila del Fonso**
- Legion of Mary - Immaculate Heart of Mary (IMH) by **Ruby Borja**
- Mother Butler Mission Guild (MBMG) by **Patty Soriano**

And the following renewal movements will continue to be represented by:

- Life in the Spirit Parish Prayer Community (LSS) by **Bobby** and **Margie San Juan**
- Christian Family Movement (CFM) by **Joel** and **Ana Fernando**
- Couples for Christ (CFC) by **Eddie** and **Cecile Salonga**
- Diwanihan Kristiyano Prayer Group (DK) by **Mon** and **Loung Cuartero**
- Buklod ng Panginoon (BNP) by **Lulay dela Cruz**
- **Tiny Perfecto** for the BEC



Top, Social Services head Mila Bangco; above, Vocation head Joey Galvez; below, Family & Life head couple Doy & Estrelle Lopez; bottom, outgoing lay coordinator and incoming Vocation head Louie Laudico



• **Doy** and **Estrelle Lopez** for Family and Life Ministry

• **Regie** and **Joanne Polanco** for Youth Ministry

Above, Worship Ministry head couple Peter and Leila Banico