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2026-2027 INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS AND BOARD HOLD BUSINESS PLANNING MEETING

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To kick off their 2 year term (2026-2027), the International Officers headed by International Regent Sis. Merinnisa O. Ligaya held a 2-day meeting which spelled a “getting to know you” activity and presentation of the plans and programs by the Mission Chairpersons and Special Committee Heads. This was held at Subic Bay Travellers Hotel.

To kick off the event on January 24, the team gathered for a Eucharistic celebration, with Rev. Fr. Jeronimo Ma. J. Cruz as the celebrant. This was followed by a sumptuous dinner.

To break the ice, the officers gathered for a mini-teambuilding to get acquainted with each other. After introducing themselves with the usual basic information, each was tasked to give the origin of her name. This came as a welcome surprise to all. For those who were not told by their parents on the origin, eventually they realized that it was part of their destiny and God’s plan like Sis. Juliet who eventually realized it was so because she married her Romeo, literally. The next exercise called for each to spell her name with a body part and this brought the house down, as each including our Spiritual Chaplain, joined in.

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The DMII International Officers and Board 2026-2027, headed by International Regent Sis. Merinnisa Ligaya and International Chaplain Rev. Fr. Jeronimo Maria Cruz

DMII: United with Mary in Embodying Humility, Nurturing Peace, and Sustaining Hope



My dear Daughters of Mary Immaculate,

As we enter the year 2026, we are invited to embrace a mission that flows from the heart of our identity:

To be united with Mary and, with her, to embody humility, nurture peace, and sustain hope.

To be united with Mary is to walk in her spirit of faith and surrender—to say “yes” to God each day, even in the ordinary and the uncertain. She forms us quietly, leading us always to her Son.

We are called to embody humility—to live in truth before God, to serve without seeking recognition, and to place others before ourselves. In a world that often seeks attention and praise, we give witness to Jesus and Mary through simplicity and sincerity of heart.

We are called to nurture peace—not only by avoiding conflict, but by patiently building understanding, fostering unity, and becoming instruments of reconciliation in our families and communities. Today, more than ever, we need the Peace that comes from Jesus.

We are called to sustain hope—a hope that endures beyond difficulties, rooted in God’s faithfulness and love. Like Mary at the foot of the Cross, we remain steadfast, trusting that God’s promises will always be fulfilled.

This year, let us not only reflect on this theme, but truly live it in your daily choices, in your relationships, and in your mission. May you become women who reflect Christ through Mary—humble in heart, gentle in presence, and steadfast in hope.

God Bless You All.

Sincerely in our Lord,

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Rev. Fr. JERONIMO MA. J. CRUZ
DMII International Chaplain

LIVING MORE DEEPLY OUR IDENTITY AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE



Beloved Sisters,

With grateful hearts, we now embark on our maiden quarterly newsette publication for 2026. Guided by our theme, DMII: United with Mary in embodying Humility, nurturing Peace, and sustaining Hope, let us be inspired by Mama Mary's humble "yes" to God's call to service of our communities through our missions...through shared stories and reflections in our Newsette.

As DMIs, we are the heartbeat of our respective communities. We are doers who turn our missions into action. Together, let us inspire one another. As I have expressed in my acceptance message... "together, we will all continue to face our journey in the DMII with courage and resolve, knowing that we shall walk through it together with Mama Mary and reliant on each other, to treat everyone we meet with honesty not just kindness, with firmness but with gentleness, and with wisdom but with humility."

Praying for all that our Lord Jesus Christ will always open our heart to His truth and render us selfless and considerate of and acutely keen to the needs of others, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

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Sis. Nene Ligaya
International Regent

2026-2027 International Board... from page 1

The following day, it was business as usual. It started with group pictures taken of the International Officers, and them with each group of the Regional Representatives, the Mission Chairpersons and the Special Committee Chairpersons; along with a collective group shot of all.

This was followed by the Installation of Regional Representatives who were not able to make it to the Installation Ceremony on November 29, 2025 at the Manila Hotel. These were Sisters Teodorica (Chodie) SJ. Amaranto of Region VI; Majella L. Verdejo of Region IX; and Isidrita C. Lim of Region X.

During the Business Proper, each of the Mission Chairpersons presented her plans and programs for the rest of her term. These were Sis. Teresita D. Labilles, Prolife; Sis. Maria Loreto S. Manalansan, Morality in Media; Sis. Brigida Cecilia Abratique, Assistance to PDL's families and victims; Sis. Lourdes Felicano, Upliftment of Women Workers; and Sis. Evelyn R. Alcantara, Squirettes of Mary Immaculate.

Next were Special Committee Chairpersons Sis. Salvacion T. Estrada, Newsette Editor in Chief and her

Co-Editor, Past Int'l Regent, Sis. Ruby P. Macario; plus the newly formed Events & Program Committee Head, Sis. Maria Loreto S. Manalansan, who provided a Template of a Uniform Basic Guideline in holding Events & Programs. This is to be used as reference when holding Conventions, Area Conferences or Regional Assemblies.

From hereon, Fr. Jerome led the group in coming up with a DMII "theme" for the year. This he did by creating small groups where each would engage in the "Conversation with the Holy Spirit."

The discussion was so comprehensive that each shared her experiences in DMII and the challenges that need to be addressed. Eventually, the participants were able to discover where the Spirit of God was leading them.

In conclusion, the theme was drawn up by Fr. Jerome based on the output of the conversation and was announced a few days later as: ***"DMII: United with Mary in Embodying Humility, Nurturing Peace, and Sustaining Hope."***

The 2-day activity was very productive with each participant taking home nuggets of wisdom from the exercises and a heart burning to do her assignment for the greater glory of God and Mama Mary.



Sis. Majella L. Verdejo of Region IX and Sis. Isidrita C. Lim of Region X, after being installed as Regional Representatives



Sis. Chodee Amoranto, after being installed as Region VI Representative

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DMII MISSION PROGRAMS FOR 2026

PRO-LIFE

Chairperson - Sis. Teresita D. Labilles

This mission Chairperson –

- ▶ Advocates the teachings of the Catholic Church on the sacredness of human life
- ▶ The promotion, preservation, and protection of life at all ages
- ▶ Upholding the dignity of every person
- ▶ Promoting holistic well-being (physical, mental, emotional, spiritual)
- ▶ Supporting those who are often unseen or unheard

And recommends the following as possible monthly projects:

JANUARY – New Life, New Hope

Focus: Mental Health Awareness & Emotional Reset

Activities:

- ▶ Mental health orientation (stress, anxiety, depression)
- ▶ Prayer and reflection for families
- ▶ Group sharing for women and caregivers
- ▶ Distribution of simple self-care kits

FEBRUARY – Love and Care for Life

Focus: Heart & Emotional Well-being

Activities:

- ▶ Free BP monitoring and basic health check-ups
- ▶ Blood donation (January is National Blood Donor Month)
- ▶ Heart health talk (physical & emotional)
- ▶ Counseling for couples and solo parents
- ▶ Fertility awareness and family planning method

MARCH – Women’s Month

Focus: Women’s Rights, Mental Health & Empowerment

Activities:

- ▶ Seminar on women’s rights and dignity
- ▶ Mental talk for women (burnout, anxiety, self-worth)
- ▶ Support circle for mothers and women PWDs
- ▶ Skills or livelihood orientation

APRIL – Care for Children

Focus: Child Development & Protection

Activities:

- ▶ Play therapy and creative workshops
- ▶ Child mental health awareness (emotions, self-expression)
- ▶ Parenting seminar (positive discipline)
- ▶ Feeding program

MAY – Care for Mothers

Focus: Maternal Mental Health & Family Support

Activities:

- ▶ Talk on maternal mental health (including postpartum)
- ▶ Wellness activities for mothers
- ▶ Recognition of mothers and caregivers
- ▶ Prayer service for families
- ▶ Counseling and support to unwed mothers

JUNE – Responsible Fatherhood & Family Life

Focus: Family Mental Health & Shared Responsibilities

Activities:

- ▶ Parenting and co-parenting seminar
- ▶ Mental health awareness for fathers
- ▶ Family bonding activities
- ▶ for families in crisis

– Back-to-School Support

Focus: Education as a PROLIFE Commitment

Activities:

- ▶ Distribution of school supplies
- ▶ School allowance support for indigent children
- ▶ Mental health orientation for parents and students
- ▶ and blessing for students

JULY – Nutrition Month

Focus: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

Activities:

- ▶ Cooking demo using affordable nutritious food
- ▶ Distribution of nutritious food packs
- ▶ Nutritious talk for mothers and caregivers
- ▶ program for children and elderly

– Inclusion & PWD Awareness

Focus: Life with Dignity for PWDs

Activities:

- ▶ PWD awareness and sensitivity orientation
- ▶ Inclusive games and creative activities
- ▶ Skills development workshops for women PWDs
- ▶ Support session for families of PWDs

AUGUST – Youth & Adolescent Mental Health

Focus: Emotional Well-being of the Youth

Activities:

- ▶ Mental health talks for teens and young adults
- ▶ Values formation and self-esteem workshops
- ▶ Peer support and mentoring activities
- ▶ expression (art, writing, music)

SEPTEMBER – Care for the Sick & Vulnerable

Focus: Compassionate Care

Activities:

- ▶ Home visits to the sick, elderly, and bed ridden

- ▶ Emotional and spiritual support
- ▶ Basic health monitoring (BP, glucose if possible)
- ▶ Distribution of care packs

OCTOBER – Teachers & Mental Health Month

Focus: Honoring Educators & Mental Well-Being

Activities:

- ▶ Appreciation activity for teachers
- ▶ Mental health talk on burnout and self-care
- ▶ Simple tokens or gratitude messages
- ▶ Prayer for teachers and educators

NOVEMBER – Care for the Elderly

Focus: Aging with Dignity

Activities:

- ▶ Mental health and wellness talk for seniors
- ▶ Simple physical activities and games
- ▶ Story-sharing and intergenerational bonding
- ▶ Distribution of basic needs

DECEMBER – Celebration of Life

Focus: Gratitude, Giving & Hope

Activities:

- ▶ Christmas outreach (food, gifts, care packs)
- ▶ Mental health check-in and reflection
- ▶ Special activities for children and PWDs
- ▶ Thanksgiving prayer for volunteers and families

Implementation Plan:

- ▶ Coordinate with:
 - Barangay officials
 - Health workers / social workers
 - Volunteers and faith-based counselors
- ▶ Conduct activities:
 - Monthly or quarterly
 - Small group based for safety and effectiveness
- ▶ Utilize community halls, chapels, or schools

MORALITY IN MEDIA

Chairperson – Sis. Maria Loreto S. Manalansan

Morality is the quality of being right, honest, or doing what is in compliance to the teachings of the Catholic Church

Media is A Channel or Means of communication to reach or influence people widely

Together, the mission hopes to clarify and set the direction to achieve its purpose as mandated by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines using the various media tools.

Planned National Projects (for all Circles/Vicariates/Dioceses):

1. Create Symposium for Morality in Media Chairpersons (Circle/Diocesan levels)
2. February – Celebration of “Safe Internet Day” on February 10 and the rest of the month of February and coming up with activities to celebrate such as: requesting local government units to include this activity as an annual community celebration; visible discussion on the mission either online or the airwaves (TV or radio); etc.
3. March – In coordination with the Upliftment of Women Workers Mission, celebrate women in cooperation with the Philippine Commission on Women to promote Gender Equality, Women Empowerment and calling for Respect and Recognition of women as partners in economic sustainability
4. April – Remind the respective communities about the observance of Lent as a time for reflection and looking inside ourselves to understand the meaning of the sacrifice and death of Jesus Christ.
5. May – To celebrate mothers and remind children to continue the tradition of respecting mothers and recognizing their sacrifices to provide a good and decent life and future for their children
6. June – To come up with safety reminders for our children as the school year starts, including educating them on self-care and preservation. This also includes responsible use of their gadgets or the internet, including educating them on how to identify fake versus authentic news and how to avoid being scammed or put in undesirable situations
7. July – Call the attention of the public on disaster awareness and preparedness
8. August – Remind the public on the importance of being nationalistic, being the birth month to celebrate the birth of Pres. Manuel Luis Quezon and

the month where we celebrate National Heroes Day on the last Monday

9. September – Celebrate Mary by conducting Webinars on the various topics of Mariology
10. October – In anticipation for the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Election (BSKE), start activities to remind voters to vote only for candidates who have integrity and whose obvious purpose for running is to provide true and efficient public service. Likewise, to avoid selling their votes in exchange for a decent future for our children.
11. November - Participate in the “Anak TV Awards” selection of recommended TV programs for children as has been the practice
12. December – Remind the community that the holidays are a time for remembering that “the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” To also emphasize and exercise charity towards those who have less in life

Media Tools to be used:

- a. Tarpaulins or posters, size to be determined by the area where it will be displayed
- b. Stickers to be placed on public places including transportation such as buses, jeepneys, tricycles, e-trikes, etc.
- c. DMII-Circle’s respective Facebook page, including that of “DMII Morality in Media Mission”
- d. Webinars on:
 - i. Advantages & Disadvantages of Social Media
 - ii. Cyber Bullying, what is it and its implications
 - iii. Avoiding scams and hacks
 - iv. Validating information received through all forms of media
 - v. Using media responsibly and efficiently
 - vi. Handling minors and use of their gadgets
 - vii. Marian-related topics
 - viii. Responsible voting
 - ix. Rally using tarps
- e. Pamphlets or prayer book distribution
- f. Write-ups on the event and other output of the various tools of media

ASSISTANCE TO PDLs' FAMILIES & VICTIMS

Chairperson – Sis. Brigida Cecilia Abratique

I. GOALS

- To maintain self-respect and dignity of PDLs' families
- To provide healing for the victims of PDLs;
- To assist them to become self-reliant; and
- To provide them with spiritual and welfare/development assistance.

II. OBJECTIVES

- To come up with a National Plan of Action for implementation by ALL Circles
- To link with government agencies, task-specifically with the issues and concerns of PDLs' families and their victims
- To cooperate with other accredited service providers of PDL families and their victims

III. PLAN OF ACTION

January - Coordination with the government agency-Jail Facilities to firm up the network (Memorandum of Agreement)

- Interfaith Council
- Welfare and Development Council

Celebratory Events

- March: Women's Month
- October 2026 (last week)- National Correction Consciousness Week (NACOCOW)
- Christmas Season

Spiritual Upliftment/ Eucharistic Celebration

- All year round- Regularly conducted, spearheaded by the Volunteer in Prison Services (VIPS)

Changing Lives Building a Safer Nation

- Outreach to government and non-government facilities
- Coordinate with Bahay Pag-asa to be an accredited service provider- a child-caring institution

UPLIFTMENT OF WOMEN WORKERS

Chairperson – Sis. Lourdes Felicano

1st Quarter Plans - 2026

- Spark DMI awareness in Empowering Women
- Roll out "You're My DMI Heroine"
- Conceive a definite activity for Women's month
- Plan a symposium to awaken women's role in a society for equality
- Scout for a sister to champion this activity
- Honor achievers in your vicariate to address your monthly meeting as guest speaker
- Conduct an Upliftment Seminar for Circle Chairperson

2nd Quarter – 2026

- Summer is a bountiful 3-month Learning
- Honor DMI Sibling, children achievers in your Monthly Meeting
- Conduct livelihood seminar with actual output
- Immerse your daughter or a friend to a new hobby to earn
- Summer is a time for travel in the beach or farm.
- Embrace Safety protocols and Restraints
- Coalesce with Red Cross to conduct CPR and Basic Emergency Relief
- Fundraising Activity for less fortunate brothers and sisters
- Circle: Adopt an indigent student for his/her educational allowance

3rd Quarter – 2026

- Devote a time to be prepared for the typhoon Season.
- Conduct seminar on Emergency/ disaster protocols
- Prepare for Emergency provisions
- Advise/ seek someone to check your dwelling place
- Learn to read a new book related to your hobby or an opportunity to earn a partial income
- Unlearn your mistakes with renewed focus to be

better thru Family Life Enrichment Activities

- Marriage Counseling for couples planning to get married

- Asses our Actions against our plan
- Make deliberate adjustments to fulfill our Planned activities
- Seminar on Digital awareness for seniors

4th Quarter – 2026

- Seminar on Leadership
- Evaluate/headhunt for in coming local DMI Officers
- Learn to cook for pastries and cakes for the Holiday Season as giveaways
- A seminar on marketing in the neighborhood for homemade goodies
- Convert your talents (cooking, seamstress, curtain or Table cloth sewing, party coordinator, photography) into Pesos
- Gift giving - Conduct a children's talent show with surprise gift

1st Quarter – 2027

- Start a New Learning Activity
- Career Counseling for Senior High- Reduce drop outs due to teenage pregnancies
- Live within your means. Conduct a seminar in Home Financial Management
- Stress Management at home
- Health and Safety Seminar for Seniors
- Marital Enrichment Activity to be hosted by someone who have achieved their Golden Anniversary
- Symposium on Women's health on Women's Month
- Honor Women Achievers in your Diocese
- Prepare your Nominees Distinguished Achievements for the National Achievers Award

2nd Quarter – 2027

- Review Achievements since Quarter I
- Shape-up our Upliftment Activities with compassion
- Career Guidance for Senior High
- Seminar on "Malaya Akong Maging Doctor, Engineer Teacher ETC!!!"
- A Symposium on Child Rearing and Care
- Heath Care for Pregnant Mothers

3rd Quarter – 2027

- Review our achievements since Q1 and make amendments to achieve our targeted activities
- Make reasonable activities to fulfill left behind activities
- Seek help to address our deficiencies
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4th Quarter - 2027

- Seminar on Learner Rights and Protection
- A time to enjoy our Mission thru fellowship and camaraderie
- Plan a family gathering
- Announce your achievement and honor chairperson of every great activity
- Prepare a localized certificate of appreciation For distinguished achievers
- Plan a Christmas Party and involve your respective family to immerse their thoughts about your DMI participation or involvement
- Forum "DMI as stewards of women's upliftment"

Women empowerment is the process of enabling women to have control over their lives, fostering self-worth, and ensuring equal rights and opportunities in society, politics, and the economy. It involves education, financial independence, and breaking down structural barriers to allow women to make strategic life choices. Key components include gaining agency, decision-making power, and access to resources.

SQUIRETTES OF MARY IMMACULATE / YOUTH WELFARE

Chairperson – Sis. Evelyn R. Alcantara

**SCHEDULE
OF REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES
FOR 2026
as of March 23, 2026**

1st Quarter – 2026

- ❖ SMI Biennial Convention Planning
- ❖ Updating SMI National Database
- ❖ Request SMI Age Requirement Extension (until 28 years old)

2nd Quarter – 2026

- ❖ Finalization of SMI Biennial Convention
- ❖ Release of SMI National Database

3rd Quarter – 2026

- ❖ Post Updates and Evaluation of Biennial Convention
- ❖ Updating of SMI Handbook
- ❖ Orientation for Newly Elected National Officers

4th Quarter – 2026

- ❖ Plan and Conduct Christmas Season National Activity
- ❖ Preparation and Turnover of Database to Newly Elected SMI National Officers

REGION	DATE	VENUE
I	Oct. 17, 2026	Vigan
II	Aug. 1, 2026	San Jose
III	Sept. 12, 2026	Kaisa Hall, Tarlac City
IV	Oct. 31, 2026	Bulacan
V	June 27, 2026	
VI	July 25, 2026	San Pablo Convention Center
VII	June 6, 2026	Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro
VIII	July 11, 2026	Camarines Sur
IX	Oct. 3, 2026	San Carlos City
X	Sept. 26, 2026	Tagbilaran City
XI	Aug. 8, 2026	Tacloban City
XII	October 10, 2026	Malaybalay City
XIII	June 13, 2026	Mati, Davao
XIV	Oct. 24, 2026	Oroquieta City

SCHEDULE OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DATE	VENUE
Annual Officer's Meeting	May 16, 2026 , 10 am	Manila Hotel
SMI Biennial Convention	May 30-31, 2026	Forest Crest Nature Hotel, Batulao, Nasugbu, Batangas
Luzon Area Conference	Aug. 28-29, 2026	Unilab Bayanihan Center, Mandaluyong City
Visayas Area Conference	Nov. 14-15, 2026	Iloilo
Mindanao Area Conference	Aug. 22, 2026	Butuan

EULOGY FOR JULIET

By: Sis. Sally Estrada,
Editor, DMI Newsette

Juliet is my dearest sister in DMII.

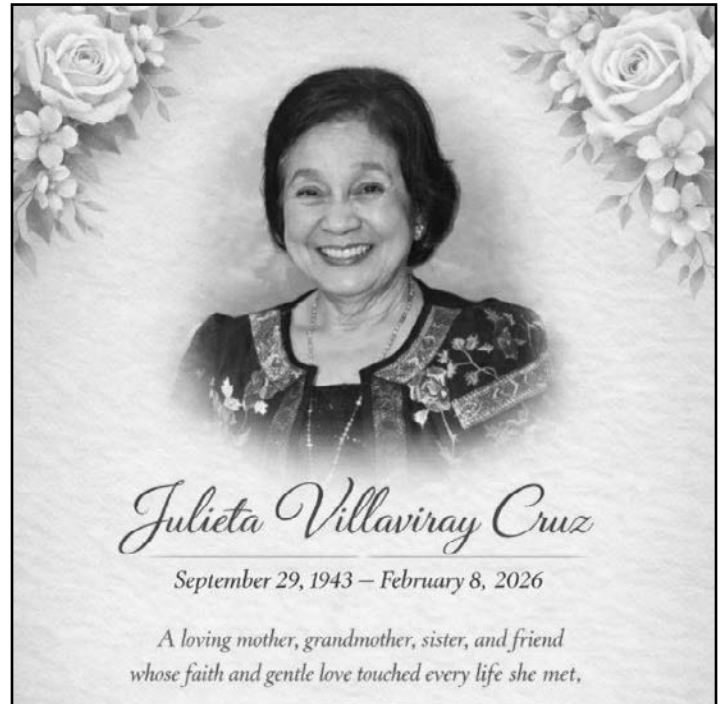
Our encounter may be comparatively brief. Unlike our other sisters in Risen Christ Circle who have grown up and old together, I met Juliet when she joined the DMII. Rolly, my husband, might have known them—Romeo and Juliet Cruz--earlier when he served as lay minister and president of the Parish Pastoral Council during the time of Monsignor Matt Garcia and Bishop Francis de Leon.

I became close to her when she accepted the position of International Chairperson for our Upliftment of Women Workers in DMII International Board. We would travel out-of-town for our conferences, conventions and regional assemblies. *Madalas kaming naging* roommates and that's when our friendship grew. We would talk about our families and about DMI, many times accompanied by so much laughter *hanggang sa sumakit na ang tiyan namin dahil sa walang katapusang kuwentuhan*. I remember one time, *pupunta na sana siya sa banyo* to take a shower wrapped in a towel, she kept on going out *kasi may nakalimutan pa siyang ikuwento*.

But one unforgettable experience I had with her was when we went to Taiwan with a group of sisters, all senior except one. On the day of our flight home, I lost my cellphone. My roommate and I almost turned the room upside down but no cellphone! But then I thought, *hindi na bale at palitin na naman*—it was an antiquated Nokia phone that I couldn't let go. Then, I also lost my passport at the last X-Ray stop before boarding the plane. We searched all over, including the CCTV that the airport staff turned on, yielding nothing.

No cellphone, no passport, and I would be left behind, all by myself. I stayed calm and prayed to the Blessed Mother to protect and guide me.

There were 2 young girls training at the airport who were assisting me to get a police clearance and other documents for me to take to the Manila Economic and Cultural Office or MECO. On my way to the taxi stand, one of the girls said that a friend was looking for me. Then came a teary-eyed Juliet Cruz, lugging all our bags. She said, "*Sasamahan kita, baka hindi ka tratuhin ng tama dito. Suplado yang mga Taiwanese.*"



DMII Vice International Regent - Luzon

I was confident *naman* that everything would be all right. Arlyn, the daughter of Mila Brion, who joined us in the tour, called Sylvia, my daughter, to let her know about the situation. Arlyn also called our tour guide, Lily, so that I could be given assistance.

Juliet never left my side and gave Sylvia regular updates about our status. I eventually got my temporary travel documents and Lily booked us the last flight out to Manila that evening. We arrived safely at about 11pm.

Juliet and I became even closer since then. *Basta may DMI event, kaming dalawa ang roommates sa hotel room.*

I call Juliet my angel. Her smile and cheerfulness infect those around her. She never had a bad word for anyone. *Walang masamang tinapay sa kaniya.*

Ngayon wala na akong angel. Wala na ang mabait at masaya kong kaibigan. All that's left with me is the happy memory that I once had a friend and sister like her. That memory I will always cherish forever.

Godspeed Juliet! See you again in God's perfect time.

APVF Service Provider Summit Baguio

*By: Sis Marlin R. Abratique
Mission Chairperson
Assistance to Prisoner Families
and their Victims*



Service Providers for Persons Deprived of Liberty of the Baguio City Jail gather quarterly to assess, plan, and undertake programs and projects for a holistic approach to rehabilitation and development of PDLs. The Daughters of Mary Immaculate International (DMII) Circles of the Vicariate of Baguio City, composed of Our Lady of Atonement Circle, St. Vincent Ferrer, and Saint Joseph the Worker, attended the first-quarter service providers summit held on January 13, 2026, which highlighted community engagement in furtherance of its mission to assist families of prisoners and their victims.



APVF Outreach at Nangalisan, Asin Baguio.

*By: Sis Marlin R. Abratique
Mission Chairperson
Assistance to Prisoners' Families
and their Victims*



As part of its engagement with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) in the fulfillment of its mission to assist families of prisoners and their victims, the Daughters of Mary Immaculate International (DMII) Circles of the Vicariate of Baguio City composed of Our Lady of the Atonement Circle-Baguio Cathedral, Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, and Saint Vincent

Ferrer Parish participated in the pre valentine outreach program at Asin Elementary School, Nangalisan, Tuba, Benguet. A total of 68 pupils benefited from the feeding program, interactive games, a health education session, a read-a-book activity, and gift-giving beyond the confines of the gray wall of a prison.

Seventeen Young Women Enshrined into Squirettes of Mary Immaculate San Jose Circlette

*By Sis Evelyn C. Nocum,
Circle Scribe*

Witnessed by parents alongside the officers and members of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI), 17 young Catholic women were officially welcomed into the sisterhood of the Squirettes of Mary Immaculate (SMI), San Jose Circlette. The solemn Investiture and Installation ceremony took place at the Chancery Hall of the St. Joseph Cathedral in San Jose City on December 8, 2025. This significant date, coinciding with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, provided a spiritual backdrop for the candidates—aged 12 to 25—as they pledged their commitment to the organization’s values under the theme “Steadfast in Mary’s Light: Leading with Love, Serving with Purpose”.

Guided by Guest Speaker Rev. Fr. Rufo Ramil Cruz, Chaplain of Central Luzon State University (CLSU) in the Science City of Muñoz, the newly installed Squirettes were encouraged to embrace their roles with faith and devotion. The ceremony, which followed a Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Kevin

Ferrer, marked the formal start of the journey for 17 invested Squirettes and seven installed officers. The proceedings were overseen by DMI Installing Officer Sis Marivic Mendoza, Diocesan Regent, with the assistance of Circle Regent Sis Evangeline Ruanto and Lady Counselor Sis Charito De Leon.

Empowered through this formal induction, the San Jose Circlette now looks forward to a year of impactful service guided by their motto: “To Know, To Love, To Serve”. The event, made possible through P22,400 in funds generated by DMI Sisters for uniforms and ceremonial materials, concluded with a sense of hope for the future of the youth ministry. Under the mentorship of Lady Counselor Charito Lapuz De Leon, who volunteered to recruit and lead the group starting in late 2024, these young women are poised to become role models of virtue and active members of the Church community.



Guest Speaker Rev. Fr. Rufo Ramil Cruz, Chaplain of Central Luzon State University, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija delivers an inspiring message to the new members and their families.



Officers and members of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI) join the Squirettes and Rev. Fr. Kevin Ferrer for a commemorative photo at the St. Joseph Cathedral altar after the Holy Mass celebrated on the Feast of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

WALK FOR LIFE

By: Sis. Tess Labilles,
Pro-Life International Chairperson

March 21, 2026 - The Daughters of Mary Immaculate International (DMII) joined the Knights of Columbus in their **March for Life**; 20 circles participated with a total of 228 DMII members in attendance.

The event began with a 5:00 AM assembly, followed by a joyful **“Dance for Mary”** led by the DMI Sisters, together with the participants. At 7:00 AM, participants proceeded with the **Walk for Life** towards Barasoain Church. Upon arrival, a short program was held, where DR Sis. Leonisa Francisco delivered a message as the representative of the Diocese of Malolos.

The event concluded with the celebration of the Holy Mass, presided over by Rev. Fr. Domingo “Memeng” Salonga.

The successful participation of DMII in the March for Life was made possible through the strong coordination and collaboration of our Diocesan Pro-Life Chairperson, Sis. Apol Mislang, with the Knights of Columbus leadership. We acknowledge DCDD Chairman DD Jose Cundangan and Luzon North State Program Director Bro. Glenn Espalton for their support

and partnership in this meaningful event.

Through their joint efforts, invitations and communication were effectively relayed to DR Sis. Leonisa, as well as to the vicarial and circle regents, ensuring wide participation and unity across all levels.

This collaborative effort reflects the shared commitment of DMII and the Knights of Columbus in upholding and promoting the dignity and sanctity of life.



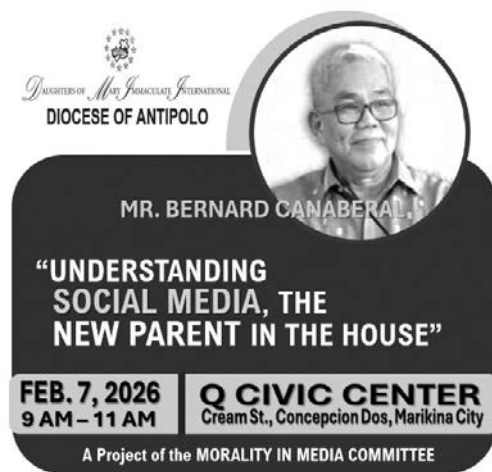
Morality in Media Talk entitled “Understanding Social Media: The New Parent in the House”

*By Sis. Gwen Samontina,
Regent, St. Paul of the Cross Circle*

In celebration of Safer Internet Day, the Daughters of Mary Immaculate International (DMII) Diocese of Antipolo conducted a Diocesan Morality in Media Talk entitled “Understanding Social Media: The New Parent in the House” on February 7, 2026 at the Q Civic Center in Concepcion Dos, Marikina City.

The talk was delivered by Mr. Bernard Canaveral, President of Prolife Philippines. Mr. Canaveral shared valuable insights on the growing influence of social media on family life, especially among children and young people.

A total of 107 DMII members from the Diocese of Antipolo together with parents from the community attended the event. The Morality in Media Talk, led by Sis. Cora T. Afuang of the Diocese of Antipolo, supports DMII's mission to encourage responsible media use, Christian values, and stronger family guidance in the digital era.



Promoting Safer Internet Day

*By Sis. Gwen Samontina,
Regent, St. Paul of the Cross Circle*

In observance of Safer Internet Day on February 10, 2026, the Daughters of Mary Immaculate International (DMII) Diocese of Antipolo carried out a Morality in Media campaign through the posting of tarpaulins and sharing of online messages promoting responsible internet use.

Tarpaulins bearing reminders on safe and responsible digital behavior were displayed in church patios and school premises across the diocese to raise awareness among parishioners, students, and the wider community. Furthermore, inspirational messages and digital safety advisories incorporating Marian themes were disseminated via social media platforms promoting responsible and ethical internet usage.



DMII Diocesan Lenten Recollection 2026

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate International (DMII) of the Diocese of Antipolo gathered for a meaningful Diocesan Recollection on February 17, 2026, held at the Minor Basilica and Diocesan Shrine Parish of St. Paul of the Cross. The spiritual gathering served as preparation for the coming Lenten Season, inviting members to renew their faith through prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

A total of 182 DMII members from across the Diocese of Antipolo participated in the recollection, demonstrating the strong commitment of the organization

to spiritual growth and Marian devotion.

The recollection was led by Rev. Fr. Manuel Cuevas, Spiritual Director of the DMII Diocese of Antipolo, who served as the Recollection Master. In his reflections, Fr. Cuevas encouraged the participants to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, repentance, and acts of charity as they journey toward Easter, while inviting the members to follow the example of Mary, Mother of Jesus in humility, obedience, and faithful service.

The Diocesan Recollection ended with the celebration of Holy Mass.



Diocese of Antipolo holds 2000 Hail Marys Devotion

Members of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate International (DMII) Diocese of Antipolo gathered on March 7, 2026 at the Minor Basilica and Diocesan Shrine Parish of St. Paul of the Cross for the prayerful devotion of the 2,000 Hail Marys.

Eighty-four DMII members from 12 Circles in the Diocese came together, creating a valuable occasion for spiritual growth and reinforcing their dedication to the Marian mission of prayer and service.



SAFE INTERNET DAY CELEBRATION

*By Sis. Daisa Narag, MIM,
Chairperson, Our Lady Queen of Peace Circle*

In celebration of the Safe Internet Day, an activity was held at the Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Queen's Row, City of Bacoor, Cavite last February 8, 2026. The DMII Our Lady Queen of Peace Circle led by the Committee on Morality in Media headed by Sis. Daisa V. Narag with the support of their Squirettes of Mary Immaculate led by Lady Counselor Sis. Beth B. Bien and under the guidance of Circle Regent Sis. Julie Rillo, organized an awareness campaign promoting the responsible and values-oriented use of the internet and social media. A tarpaulin carrying the campaign message "POST WITH LOVE . . . SPEAK WITH TRUTH . . . SHINE MARY'S VIRTUES ONLINE" was displayed in the church area. Flyers were also distributed to parishioners after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses to remind the faithful, especially the youth, about the importance of responsible social media use guided by the values of Mama Mary. The committee also visited schools within the parish to promote digital responsibility among students. Tarpaulins were displayed at three schools: Diamond Learning Academy, Bristle Oak Academe, and Queen of Heaven School. These materials served as visual reminders encouraging students to practice safe, respectful, and responsible online behavior.



The Committee on Morality in Media visited three schools within the parish and, with tarpaulins displayed, students are encouraged to live out respect, truth, and responsibility in their online interactions.



The Our Lady Queen of Peace Circle, through its Committee on Morality in Media, conducted a Safe Internet Day awareness activity with the support of the Squirettes of Mary Immaculate

Golden Years, Golden Memories!

*By: Sis. Milagros Guerrero and
Sis Mercy Perez - Circle Regent
Our Lady of Friendship, Region V*

One of our esteemed and long-time members of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, Sister Filomena “Nena” N. Dumlao, shares her unwavering devotion to the Blessed Mother and her enduring pride in being part of the organization. Now at the age of 85, having served as both a committed member and a regent, she looks back with gratitude, humility, and faith.

Throughout my life, my devotion to the Blessed Mother has been my source of strength and guidance within the DMI. While I acknowledge the organization’s imperfections and the natural decline in membership over the years, my faith remains unshaken. I fondly remember our Circle’s vibrant past - including our dedicated inducting team that delivered lines to memory - but I am equally proud of our present resilience.

Now 85, I am filled with gratitude for my family’s success and the survival of the Our Lady of Friendship

Circle, which remains active and growing. Despite the challenges, I remain a proud DMI, forever sustained by God’s grace and the intercession of the Blessed Mother.



Sis. Filomena N. Dumlao



From the Diocese of Kalookan - Region V

BLESSING OF TOMB OF THE UNBORN and HANGING OF TARP at San Jose de Navotas

*By: Sis Marlene Mayor,
Diocesan Regent*

The DMII San Jose de Navotas Circle, together with their Regent Sis. Cielo Macapagal and San Jose Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Silverio Mutia, visited the Tomb of the Unborn in the vicinity of San Jose Church last Feb. 7, 2026. Flowers, prayers and candles were offered. Fr. Syl Mutia gave his blessings for those who lost a child, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion, with the assurance that they are remembered and treated with dignity and with the belief that these souls are in God’s care.



ELDERLY OUTREACH in “TULAY ng KABATAAN”

*By: Sis. Marlene Mayor,
Diocesan Regent*

The DMII San Jose de Navotas Circle under Regent Sis. Cielo Macapagal together with SMI spent a day with the elders at ‘Tulay ng Kabataan’ last February 7, 2026. The activities during the day included a heartwarming dance of the circle while the elders kept moving their bodies while sitting on their wheelchairs. The elders also participated in singing joyful songs and

love songs and happiness could be seen in their faces, boosting mental health and reducing loneliness among them. Food for their lunch and essential goods like rice, can of biscuits, care packages like adult diapers, facemasks, gloves and alcohol were provided, most importantly moments of Joy, love, care, attention and companionship shared.



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Empowered Women Empower Women- in Celebration of National Women's Month 2026

As part of the month-long celebration, a wellness activity was organized featuring a Zumba Session by the Daughters of Mary Immaculate International San Jose de Navotas Circle last March 8, 2026 with DR Sis Marlene Mayor, VR Sis Benny Pruna and Regent

Cielo Macapagal to support Women’s Wellness and improve healthy lifestyle that is more energetic, happy and positive. It was an experience to bring about strong women, strong future, and equality for all.



FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CHILDREN IN CRISIS

*By: Sis. Marlene Mayor,
Diocesan Regent*

A Project of the Diocese of Kalookan was conducted, consisting of 9 Circles, hand in hand with the Children in Crisis at The Mercy Home for Girls Mission Center in coordination with ProLife Philippines through Sis. Cora Afuang. There was lunch fellowship with the children who shared their talents and enjoyed the games with the Tita DMIs. Each Circle provided groceries, rosaries, biscuits, alcohol, and hand sanitizers, with cash donation from the Circle Regent Sis. Avelina Gan of the Mother of Divine Grace Circle, with everyone sharing love and prayers for these children's better and brighter future.



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From the Diocese of Novaliches - Region V

DMII Diocese of Novaliches Celebrates March 2026 Women's Month Through a Worthwhile Activity that Supports Community and Environment

*By: Sis. Rose Enriquez,
Past Diocesan Regent*

This year's celebration of Women's Month by the DMII Diocese of Novaliches was made more worthwhile and meaningful by undertaking "Seedling Potting," a concrete activity that is essential in environmental protection and development of La Mesa Watershed, Quezon City. This watershed is the immediate source of water for consumption in Metro Manila. The Activity was authorized by the DENR, National Capital Region.

On March 5, 2026 the Diocese conducted Seedling Potting. Prior to this activity, a lecturette on its importance and the role that this Watershed plays in the sustainable watershed management was given by Forester Carlos Gubat. Potting demonstration was done by the DENR Nursery Staff with the advice to do it correctly for economy and in order to have sufficient number of seedlings to be planted during the wet season. The DMII sisters showed readiness in conducting the activity as they brought along "stools" or small low benches, trowels and gloves. The activity was done

joyfully under the shades of abundant tall trees, a scene which is so nice to behold. For their efforts the 2,000 target seedlings potted was reached to the delight of the sisters and staff.

The next Activity that the Diocese is looking forward to is the Tree Planting when the rainy season comes.



Potting session in action

Giving Love and Cheer to Women in Crisis and Survivors of Prostitution

By: Sis. Edna May O. Landicho
Chairperson, Special Committee on Pilgrimage
\Diocesan Regent, Diocese of Novaliches

In celebration of Pro-Life Month, the DMII Diocese of Novaliches in partnership with Pro-life Philippines Foundation, Inc. visited fourteen women who are in crisis and survivors of prostitution at Samaritana Transformation Ministries, Inc. East Fairview, Quezon City last February 27, 2026. These women were treated to lunch, fun games and fellowship. We also gifted them with bags of groceries that they can bring home to their families.

Samaritana Transformation Ministries, Inc. which was founded in 1990 and owned by the couple Jonathan and Thelma Nambu focuses on helping these women who are wounded by trauma in their life conditions and sexual exploitation. With the help of kind-hearted people and organizations here and abroad, Samaritana tries to give these women trauma recovery activities to help them rise from the ashes, pick up the pieces, rebuild their lives, and eventually regain their self-worth and dignity as human beings.

Samaritana founder Thelma Nambu says, “ Samaritana ministers to women who are economically needy, who are wounded by their own past. Because of their trauma in their childhood as well as through experiences of sexual exploitation in their lives, their feelings are affected as well as their outlook in life and their capacity to make the right choices.”

As part of the trauma recovery activities, these women are given livelihood training like rug making, handicrafts making,

snacks production and food preservation. During our visit we were made to taste their product - mushroom chips in different flavors. To ensure sustainability and development, Samaritana also takes care of the marketing aspect of the products made by the women.

They say that the way to show your love and concern is by being present and that is what the DMII Diocese of Novaliches did.



Officers of DMII Diocese of Novaliches led by DR sis Edna May O. Landicho and officers of Pro-life Philippines Foundation, Inc. led by President Bernard Canaberal and Director Lito David with the owners of Samaritana Transformation Ministries, Inc. Jonathan and Thelma Nambu.

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UNBORN BABIES

The DMII members of the Good Shepherd Circle, Novaliches (Region V) gathered around the tomb of the unborn babies last Sunday, March 15, 2026. They lighted candles, offered flowers and prayed the Rosary. Fervent prayers were lifted above to pledge to God that we shall teach and inculcate into the minds of the young that abortion is against God’s fifth commandment (THOU SHALL NOT KILL) and that the defenseless victims are human beings made in the image and likeness of God. Life is sacred – and God’s most precious gift which must always be protected.



GS Circle ladies after Rosary prayers , candles & flower offering for the Unborn Babies

DMII Fatima Circle of QC 2026 Officers Installed

The officers of the DMII Fatima Circle of Quezon City were installed on February 1st, 2026 at the Multipurpose Hall of Our Lady of Fatima Parish (OLFP) in Quezon City. The installation ceremony was preceded by a thanksgiving mass at 12 noon, officiated by Rev. Fr. Roland "Pops" Gohtia. Sis. Vilma Valera, DMII Diocesan Regent of Cubao, was the installing officer. Guests included Rev. Fr. Edward Frederick "Jojo" Simon, OLFP Parish Priest, some officers and members of other DMII Circles of Cubao Diocese, and Knights of Columbus Diego Silang Council 7656.

Installed into office were: Sis. Evangelina L. Bernardo, Regent; Sis. Corazon G. Belmonte, Vice Regent; Sis. Crisanta E. Mañabo, Past Regent; Sis. Lorna S. Rances, Financial Secretary; Sis. Ma. Claire A. Salac, Recording Secretary; Sis. Erlinda C. Cunanan, Treasurer; Sis. Mercedes A. Esguerra, Scribe; Sis. Jessica M. Santos, Chancellor; Sis. Carmelita M. Olazo, Custodian; Sis. Nita P. Agacer, Senior Trustee; Sis. Filomena D. Ferrer, Junior Trustee; Sis. Cynthia S. de Santos, New Trustee; Sis. Elenita D. Ramos, Banner Bearer; Sis. Norayda L. Reyes, Monitor; Sis. Mercedes E. Locsin, Guard Inside; Sis. Danila M. Lacoste, Guide 1; Sis. Fe A. Villabroza, Guard 2; and Sis. Grace M. Legaspi, Organist.

From the Guests

Sis. Vilma encouraged the members to emulate the 10 virtues of the Blessed Mother. She also reminded them to live up to the DMII Motto of Charity, Sanctity, Humility, Friendship, and Unity.

Meanwhile, Fr. Jojo mentioned that with a change in leadership came a renewal of purpose, to pray, and be guided to

serve. He emphasized that positions did not matter; that since the organization is called a Circle it means that like a real circle the DMII has no beginning and no end. Every member must function for the organization to remain a circle. Fr. Jojo also applauded the Circle for spearheading the 2000 Hail Marys monthly devotion, which, he added is the hallmark of Circle activities in the parish.

From the Regent

Incoming Regent, Sis. Evangelina, vowed to continue the activities implemented by Past Regent, Sis. Crisanta, with focus on the five missions.

Mission Chairs

The chairpersons for the five missions and their alternates took their oath during the ceremony. Previous Past Regent, Sis. Elizabeth S. Bongon, was elected Vicarial Regent of the Vicariate of the Holy Family of the Diocese of Cubao, the vicariate where DMII Fatima Circle belongs. Sis. Elizabeth was also appointed Chairperson for the Special Committee on Ceremonials of DMII International and took her oath of office for both positions on Nov. 29, 2025.



Rev. Fr. Jojo Simon



DMII Fatima Circle of QC Officers and Members with Diocese of Cubao Diocesan Regent, Sis. Vilma Valera and past Diocesan Regent, Sis. Jenny Quieta.

DMII Fatima Circle of QC Squirettes of Mary Immaculate (SMI) News

The youth arm of the DMII Fatima Circle of QC continues to be role models for the youth in the parish community. The Squirettes are growing up to be reliable and responsible people. They serve as regular participants in the children's mass held on the first Sunday of each month. The active members, numbering around 25, take turns serving as lectors, commentators, and collectors during the mass.

In January, the Squirette-mass servers began wearing a veil during the mass, a practice that greatly pleased Rev. Fr. Pal Berdos, OLFP Parochial Vicar who praised the Squirettes for using a veil. Use of the veil is voluntary and signifies reverence for the Eucharist, humility before God, and devotion to Mama Mary. The practice was initiated by Sis. Marie Claire Salac, SMI Lady Counsellor of the Circle.



Squirettes wear veils during the children's mass.

During the 1st quarter, the Squirettes designed tarpaulins to make the voice of the youth heard in the annual observation of Safer Internet Day. The tarpaulins were posted in the church's premises. The activity was a joint project with Morality in Media Mission of DMII Fatima Circle.

The Squirettes, students as they are, also know how to combine church activities with their studies and other school related-responsibilities. One of them is Squirette Tala Defeo. Tala, a Grade 5 pupil of Doña Aurora A. Quezon Elementary School in Cordillera St. in Quezon City, was named Miss Aurora 2026. She won in a competition among elementary students of the school. She competed in Key Stage 2 which is for pupils in Grades 4 – 6. A big chunk (75%) of the criteria was allotted for the work done on the school's vegetable garden (Gulayan Project) and cleanliness and upkeep of the school premises. She got additional points when she enlisted the support of the DMII Fatima Circle members and Knights of Columbus Diego Silang Council 7656 brothers in the cleanliness campaign.



*Miss Aurora 2026
Squirette Tala Defeo*



At Doña Aurora A. Quezon Elementary School, DMII Fatima Circle members and Knights of Columbus Diego Silang 7656 brothers join the Squirettes in the cleanliness campaign for Squirette Tala Defeo.

Empowering Matriarchs to Lead the AI Revolution: A Seminar on Women, Media, and Moral Responsibility

*By: Sis. Cora Soliven,
Diocese of Pasig*

March 20, 2026 - The seminar “Empowering Matriarchs to Lead the AI Revolution” was truly a meaningful and enlightening experience. It served as a collaborative effort in uplifting women workers while strengthening awareness of morality in media. The speaker, Maria Caroline B. Soliven-Elarcosa, delivered a powerful and insightful discussion that left participants inspired, informed, and deeply reflective.

The seminar explored two interconnected themes. First, it emphasized morality in media—highlighting how truth, responsibility, and ethical values must guide the content we create and consume.

Second, the seminar underscored the vital role of women—especially matriarchs—in leading the AI revolution. Women, particularly mothers and community leaders, play a crucial role in ensuring that technological advancement remains humane, inclusive, and empowering.

The speaker also beautifully connected these ideas to faith and history, citing biblical women such

as Esther, Miriam, Samaritan woman, Elizabeth, and Mary—women who played significant roles in God’s plan whose stories remind us that even in ancient times, women were already shaping narratives, influencing communities, and contributing to the unfolding of history.

Indeed, technology may shape the future, but it is our values that define it. Empowered women—strong, wise, and compassionate—stand at the forefront of this transformation, guiding society toward a future rooted in both innovation and integrity.

After the meaningful discussion, SMI Chrislyn Soliven, created a video presentation showcasing the key events of the seminar. The video highlighted different parts of the program, through which the spirit of unity, learning, and inspiration experienced by each participant was clearly conveyed and served as both a summary and a lasting memory of a meaningful activity that not only imparted knowledge but also empowered and inspired everyone who attended.



Diocese of Pasig: Queen of All Hearts; Sta Lucia & Immaculate Conception-Karangalan Circles

CALLED OR CONSUMED? Media Use as a Moral Responsibility

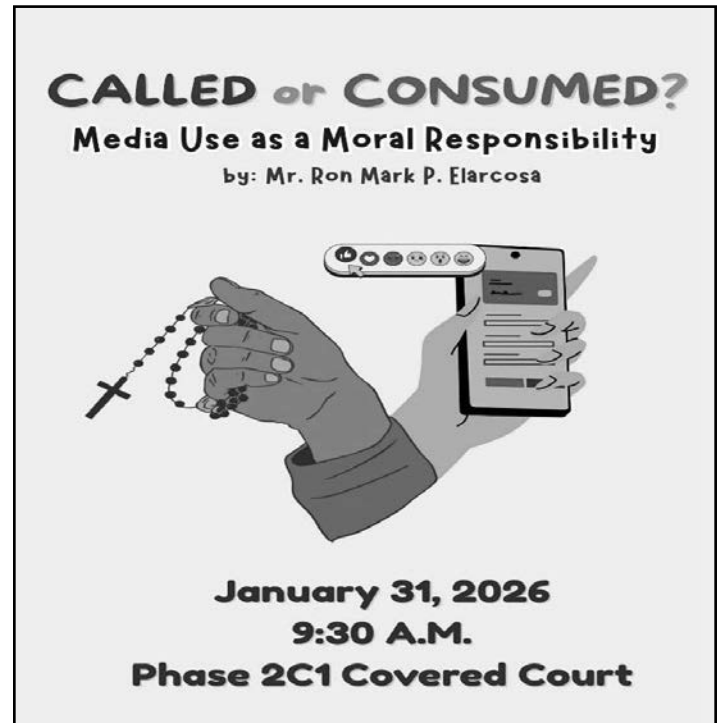
*By: Sis. Cora Soliven,
Diocese of Pasig*

January 31, 2026- A faith-enriching and thought-provoking seminar entitled "Called or Consumed? Media Use as a Moral Responsibility" was successfully conducted as part of the Pasig Diocesan formation activity of the DMII – Morality in Media Mission. The gathering brought together 37 participants, mostly mothers, who came in openness and faith to reflect on the growing influence of media in personal, family, and spiritual life. The guest speaker, Bro. Ron Mark Elarcosa, led an engaging and reflective discussion on the relationship between spiritual morality and media use, emphasizing that media is a powerful force that shapes values, attitudes, and choices.

The speaker stressed that Christians are not merely consumers of media but are called to use media responsibly, guided by Gospel values and moral conscience. Central to the discussion were themes of faith, pro-life advocacy, and moral responsibility. The speaker highlighted how media can either uphold the dignity of life or contribute to its erosion, depending on how it is used and interpreted.

The seminar was further enriched by the inspirational message of the National Chairperson, Sis. Lorie Manalansan, who reflected deeply on motherhood as a sacred calling. She spoke about the irreplaceable role of mothers in shaping faith, values, and moral character within the family and community. Her message resonated strongly with the audience, affirming that mothers, guided by faith, play a vital role in forming future generations who are grounded in Christian morals and responsible media use.

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate International expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the guest speaker, the National Chairperson, all participants, and the organizing team whose dedication contributed to the success of this meaningful formation activity. The seminar reaffirmed the DMI's commitment to faith formation, moral responsibility, and service to life in today's media-driven world.



From the Diocese of Caceres - Region VIII

"BANANACHIPS : BEACON OF HOPE" **"Empowering Women, One Bite at a Time"**

*By: Sis. Star Oliva,
Past Regent, Little Flower Circle*

Nino Jesus, one of the mountain barangays of this city, mostly women, particularly mothers are not gainfully employed, doing nothing after their household chores while their children are in school. The cry of the time now is to promote women empowerment to be aware of their rights and privileges, most importantly their responsibilities in their homes and in their communities. To do this, the DMII Little Flower Circle under the mission of Upliftment of Women Workers, the leader of this mission is Star Oliva the then Regent prepared a Project Proposal for Banana Chips Production considering the abundance of banana in that area. Said proposal had been submitted to the Office of the incumbent

Mayor thru the Local Council of Women (LCW), whose members are different women organization of the City under the Office of the Social Welfare and Development for approval. While waiting for a meeting about the project and encourage them to make samples of banana chips to be presented to the Honorable Mayor and informed him that the preparation is easy but the slicing of banana is difficult hence the need for a big frying pan for the deep frying for its volume and banana slicer, showing the sample to the Mayor and the Office of the CSWD. Because of this proposal all member organizations were encouraged to submit similar proposal

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LITTLE FLOWER CIRCLE 2026-27 OFFICERS INSTALLED

“Our faith should shine brightly for others to experience”

-lifted from the Reflection of the Gospelk dated June 29

*By Sis. Soledad Vargas,
Past Regent, Little Flower Circle*

The 2026-2027 officers of the Little Flower Circle of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Iriga City were installed last January 5, 2026 at the Audio Visual Room of the parish center.

Past Regent Sis. Star Oliva formally turned

over her responsibilities to Incoming Regent Sis. Fe Cresencio. Preceding the installation rites was a Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr. Dexter Penaflor, parochial vicar, during which he announced his transfer to the Archdiocesan Palace.

LFC Officers for 2026-27

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relative to their respective projects. All were awarded TWENTY THOUSAND (PHP 20,000) PESOS each for their starting capital, during the observance of the 2023 Women's Month Celebration. All needed cooking equipment were immediately purchased according to plan. This project was on-going, which finished products are now gaining attention very salable not only in Iriga City and now being PASALUBONG abroad.

Thus, the DMI-LFC and the City Government are now considering one of our most produce export from the Gulay na Laing of Iriga. Continuous training for this project to other women which can be extended to other barangays having abundance of banana. We pray that the Bicol Region be spared from all calamities especially typhoons so that this project can continue to empower women through skills development.



Banana chips making

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From the Diocese of San Carlos – Region IX

2026-2027 INSTALLATION OF DIOCESAN OFFICERS, RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT AND 1ST QTR DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING

*By: Sis. Rose S. Dalaguit
Diocesan Regent*

Last February 14, 2026 the Diocese of San Carlos Region IX installed its Diocesan Officers, Vicarial Regents, and Chairpersons of the Five Missions who took their oath and renewed their commitment during the Holy Mass officiated by Rev. Fr. Rannie C. Verina, Parish Priest of the Saint Anthony of Padua Parish where the Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Circle was the event host.

In the afternoon after the installation, the newly installed Diocesan Regent Sis Rose S. Dalaguit presided over the 1st Qtr Board Meeting. She reminded the circles of the National Dues, to be settled on the month of March 2026 and the submission of Plans and Programs for 2026. Past Regional Representative Sis. Rose Desales reported on the calamity fund received by the region for those sisters who were affected by Typhoon Tino.



After Holy Mass and Installation of Diocesan Officers with Rev Fr. Rannie Verina

St. Anne Circle 2025 Q4 Profile Report

*By: Sis. Rose Desales,
Past Region IX Representative*

The fourth quarter of 2025 was a grace-filled and meaningful period for the members of St. Anne Circle as we continued to grow in faith, service, and community involvement.

In October, our Circle joyfully welcomed four new members who were exemplified, marking another milestone in strengthening our sisterhood and commitment to our mission.

Throughout the quarter, we faithfully sustained our monthly Corporate Mass sponsorship in two parishes within our community. Our members also gathered regularly for the Cenacle Prayer twice a month, deepening our Marian devotion and spiritual unity.

One of the highlights of this quarter was our participation in the Novena Mass in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our Circle had the privilege of helping sponsor the novena from the first day until the Feast Day on December 8, 2025. The

celebration was both tiring yet deeply fulfilling, as it allowed us to serve the Church and the faithful in a meaningful way.

After the Holy Mass on the Feast Day, our Circle sponsored an informative program in partnership with PhilHealth. This activity aimed to guide the faithful—especially senior citizens—on how to avail of their PhilHealth membership cards and to provide updates on the PhilHealth Yakap Program. The event was attended by representatives from PhilHealth and Barangay Health personnel and was held at the Social Hall of Sto. Rosario Parish.

In the spirit of charity and compassion, our Circle also conducted a Feeding Program and distribution of used clothing for less fortunate families in Bjormaine, Sagay City, Negros Island. The outreach activity took place at Serapin V. Aguilar Integrated School, bringing nourishment, assistance, and joy to the beneficiary families.



WOMEN'S MONTH, PROLIFE MISSION AND THE MARCH FOR LIFE FOR DMII AND K OF C

*By: Sis Rose S. Dalaguit
Diocesan Regent,*

Last March 14, 2026, the Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Circle – Toboso, Diocese of San Carlos Region 1X celebrated Women's Month and Pro-life Mission with the Theme: "Rights, Justice, Action for all Women and Girls" as well as the Knights of Columbus Council 13280's March for Life with the Theme: "Life is a Gift. Let us love, defend and protect life, with the special participation of the Toboso Municipal Police Station and NIACIDA (Negros Island Anti-Crime and Illegal Drugs Ass'n. Inc.).

The activity started with the Saturday Holy Mass at 6:00 am officiated by Father Rannie C. Verina, Parish Priest of the Saint Anthony of Padua Parish. After the mass, there was a motorcade around the town and had a stop at the St. John the Baptist Chapel, Maaswa Gen. Luna for a short program and a feeding for some of the Grade 3 to 6 pupils of Socorro Estrada Elem. School with their parents.

There was a short talk about "March for Life" by Sir Knight Edson Aguilar celebrated every March

14 of every year focusing on Choose Life and Human Trafficking. Diocesan Regent Sis Rose S. Dalaguit talked on women empowerment. The program ended with the Message of Gratitude by Sis. Mary Jane L. Alegada, event host.



The motorcade around the town by Knights of Columbus, DMII, Toboso MPS and NIACIDA

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From the Diocese of Kalibo – Region IX

DIOCESE OF KALIBO CELEBRATES PRO-LIFE MONTH

*By Sis. Merlene B. Aborka,
Diocesan Pro-Life Chairperson*

In line with the Pro-life Mission, the Diocese of Kalibo celebrated the Pro-life Month in February 2026. This celebration with the theme "Choose Life" aims to deepen understanding of Pro-Life Catholic teachings and foster a culture of life in parishes and communities.

The Diocesan Regent Sis. Gabrielle V. Calizo-Quimpo has encouraged Circle led- activities while her leadership as a whole has further endeavored the Launching of the Pro-life Month in a Talk Show titled "USAPANG BABAE" hosted by Soroptimist

International of Kalibo and held a Short Video Contest on Pro-life.

The talk show launching in "Usapang Babae" on February 6, 2026 primarily discussed the five major strategic directions of the Diocese in carrying-out Pro-life mission such as 1) Advocacy and Awareness-Forming Consciences for Life; 2) Pastoral Care and Direct Support; 3) Youth and Family Empowerment; 4) Community Engagement and Social Responsibility; and

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5) Spiritual Renewal and Marian Witness. Actionable projects under each strategic direction for Circle or parish-based implementation were also presented as follows: SD I on Advocacy and Awareness; SD II on Pastoral Care and Direct Support; SD III on Youth and Family Empowerment; SD IV on Community Engagement and Social Responsibility; and SD V on Spiritual Renewal and Marian Witness.

The holding of a Short Video Contest highlighted the Pro-life Month. Ten pro-life video production entries were presented by twenty-nine students from eight different schools in Aklan and two SMI Circlettes, showcasing their creativity and storytelling prowess aligned to the theme of the Pro-Life month celebration and DMII mission. The winners of the short video contest were: 1st Place with cash prize of P5,000.00- Lovely S. Borga, Rhealyn T. Terencio, Michelle T. Veloso of Aklan State University, Makato Campus with their entry “Every Life Matters”; 2nd Place with

cash prize of P4,000.00- Guada Gale P. Nagamos, Ryu S. Takenoya, Etnan Japhet D. Briones, Dion Carlo T. Tirol, Joelle Ericko C. Salme of Infant Jesus Academy with their entry “Binhing Kabuhi”; and 3rd place with cash prize of P3,000.00– Arline Marie T. Gomez, Lyza Evonne C. Tesoro, Kristine Charl M. Rubias, Arlene T. Kampenga of Makato Integrated School with their entry “Ang Buhay Sagradong Likha ng Diyos”. Other participating groups were Wadeford School, Malinao School for Philippine Craftsmen, Jawili Integrated School, Aklan State University Kalibo Campus and Garcia College of Technology while the Squirettes of Mary Immaculate included the Sto. Nino de Kalibo Circlette and Holy Rosary Circlette whose participating students and group members were chosen as consolation placers with cash prizes of P500.00. All participants received certificates of appreciation and tokens. As of awarding time on March 5, 2026, the ten video entries have reached out to a total of 37,411 viewers in realization to the DMII goal on advocacy and awareness through this medium.



Sis. Jean Velarde, Diocesan Vice Regent and Past International Regent; Sis. Virgenita Nabor, Past Diocesan Regent; Sis. Merlene Aborka, Pro-life Chairperson joins Soroptimist Talk Show host Dr. Felma dela Cruz in “Usapang Babae” Pro-life Month launching in the Diocese of Kalibo



Pro-life Short Video Contest Board of Judges and Diocesan Officers of Kalibo from L-R: Film Makers Keith Earl Rebano and Kristine Sumugat, DR Sis. Gabrielle V. Calizo-Quimpo; Rev. Fr. Josue Escalona, Jr. Diocesan Director of Family and Life; Pro-life Committee Chairperson Sis. Marlene Aborka; DS Sis. Mafe Popes and Rev. Fr. Jayvee delos Santos Priest In-charge Ministry on Ecology.



The Short Video Contest winners and participants together with Diocesan and Circle Officers in the Diocese of Kalibo

Prolife Mission Initiative

Launching of DMI's Expanded Program Year 3 "Gulayan sa Paaralan"

With a Theme: From Seeds We Care, From Harvest We Share

By: Loida G. Andrade

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate International, Sto. Niño de Kalibo Circle under the Diocese of Kalibo, together with the Vicariates of St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Region IX Pro-Life Mission, marked another milestone with the launch of the Year 3 implementation of DMI's Expanded Feeding Program through the "Gulayan sa Paaralan" project with the theme "From seeds we care, from harvest we share," the program was held on January 28, 2026, in partnership with Mobo Elementary School and the Municipal Nutrition Committee.

The activity began with a Holy Mass with Officiating Priest: Rev.Fr. Vernon Justin Z. Zolina

Following the Mass, a commemorative marker installed at Mobo Elementary School was formally unveiled and blessed. The blessing also extended to the garden plot and gardening tools, symbolizing hope, growth, and sustainability. These simple yet meaningful acts reflected a shared vision of cultivating not only vegetables, but also a healthier future for the students

A turnover ceremony of garden tools was then conducted, highlighting DMI's support in equipping the school with the resources needed to sustain the project. This was followed by a ceremonial planting activity, where participants came together to plant the first seeds—an inspiring gesture of unity and shared responsibility.

The program proper gathered benefactors, partners, and members of the Parent-Teachers Association, emphasizing the

importance of collaboration in addressing nutrition and food security among school children.

One of the most significant highlights of the event was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between DMI Sto. Niño de Kalibo Circle Pro-Life Mission and Mobo Elementary School, and the Municipal Health Office. This formal agreement solidified the partnership and ensured the continuity and sustainability of the project.

More than just an event, the "Gulayan sa Paaralan" initiative stands as a living testament to what can be achieved when faith, service, and community come together. Through this program, DMI Sto. Niño de Kalibo Circle Pro-Life Mission continues to sow seeds of love, nourishment, and hope—empowering young minds and building a healthier future for generations to come.

"From seeds we care, from harvest we share" is a simple but powerful message about compassion, responsibility, and community.



A ceremonial planting of seeds, hoping to harvest and share to students and families and communities.



Memorandum of Understanding Signed by: Sis Loida G. Andrade, Circle Regent of DMI Sto Nino de Kalibo Circle, Sis Carmen T. Hing, Prolife Chairperson of DMI-SNK, Ms. Niña D. Valencia, Head Teacher I, Mobo Elementary School, Dr. Jocelyn T. Garcia, Vicarial Regent of St. John the Baptist and Dr. Joanna Marie M. Ignacio, RHP, Municipal Nutrition Action Officer



DMI-Sto Nino de Kalibo with Partners, Mobo Elementary School & Municipal Nutrition Committee and Benefactors with Fr. Vernon

OUR LADY OF REMEDIES CIRCLE PURSUES 1ST QUARTER PRO-LIFE MISSION

By: Sis. Merlene B. Aborka,
Circle Regent

The DMIs from Our Lady of Remedies Circle of St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in the Diocese of Kalibo in Aklan carried out series of projects and activities in line with the Pro-life Mission in the first quarter of 2026. They focused on Circle actions aligned to three strategic directions of the Diocese set for the year such as Advocacy and Awareness, Pastoral Care and Direct Support; Community Engagement and Social Responsibility and be able to contribute in achieving the goals on deeper understanding of church pro-life teachings and fostering of a culture of life in parishes and communities, extending tangible help and compassion to those in life's vulnerable stages and making DMI presence visible through service.

The Pro-life Month celebration for advocacy and awareness had a comprehensive set of launching activities that started in a Holy Mass, Display of Pro-life Information Corner, Candle Lighting/ Floral Offering/Prayer for Life in the Grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Marker of Innocent Victims of Abortion, Pro-Life Talk by Rev.Fr. Nikko Patrick Awatin, Pro-life Pledge and Commitment Signing, Distribution of Rosary Guides with Pro-life Intentions and Prayers for Life and Distribution, Praising Song and Dance and Distribution of Tree Seedlings for Planting by the DENR. Around 80-100 parishioners, members of religious organizations, barangay workers and employees from national government agencies including the DMIs and SMIs from our parish and other five (5) other parishes have participated in this activity on February 8, 2026 at the church grounds and pastoral center. In the process, all participants were encouraged to give inspiration to other people to always choose life, celebrate life, defend life and promote life in all its stages.

The Circle on February 11, 2026 has taken-off with the "Elderly are Life's Treasures" Project conceptualized to do regular visits to

the homes of aged and sick parishioners and conduct "Kalinga ni Maria" day to offer grooming, prayer and companionship. A former chef or cook at the parish convent who suffers spine-related illness was cheered up on this day with prayers, enlightening stories and giving of hygiene and health care supplies.

On February 21, 2026, the Circle members went to the DENR Forest Nursery in Jawili, Tangalan, Aklan as volunteers in raising tree seedlings for planting of the people of Aklan. A total of 2,800 narra and banasi seedlings were raised for the "Clean Earth, Living Planet" Drive initiatives of the DMI. Caring for the environment is pro-life that DMI has taken regular action in its year 4 of local action.

The "Mary Mother of Life" Rosary Crusade every 25th day of the month has commenced on February 25, 2026 here in Our Lady of Remedies Circle with ten prayer intentions for healing and recovery of sick persons.



Rev. Nikko Patrick Awatin, former DMII Chaplain at St. Jude Thaddeus Parish and the present Parish Team Moderator of St Joseph the Worker Parish, Diocese of Kalibo delivers his Pro-Life Talk to the participants of the Pro-Life Month Launching hosted by Our Lady of Remedies Circle.



A Forest Nursery Day as volunteers to raise tree seedlings for planting of the people of Aklan by Our Lady of Remedies Circle in partnership with DENR



ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

PATRONAGE OF SAINT JOSEPH CIRCLE



Visitation of the sick



Giving of immediate needs and snacks to PDLs of Pototan jail



Rug making activity of single mom or jobless parents.



DMI supports Pototan NCHS in Radio Broadcasting and Script writing English and Filipino Division Secondary School Press Conference

WEDDING NEWS

March 18, 2026 at 2pm BJMP UNGKA, the grand celebration of Matrimony of Mr. Joemarie and Mrs. Kristine Faith Perez.

After several months of documents processing, success was achieved in the reception of the sacrament of the couple with 3 children who were flower girls and ring bearer in the ceremony presided by Commission Director, Rev. Fr. Ildefonso Cachuela Jr.



MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN: SUSTAINING A CULTURE OF LIFE IN THE PARISH COMMUNITY

*By: Sis Marissa A. Baltazar
Diocesan Regent*

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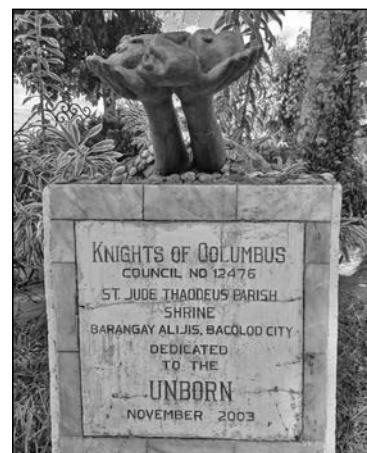
INSPIRED BY OUR MARIAN CHARISM AND GUIDED BY THE VIRTUES OF HUMILITY, COMPASSION AND MATERNAL CARE EXEMPLIFIED BY THE BLESSED MOTHER, DMII UPHOLDS THE SANCTITY OF LIFE FROM WOMB TO TOMB.

DMII St. Jude Thaddeus Circle sponsors Holy Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month. Since February is prolife month, the 3rd Sunday of February is dedicated to prolife intentions. Throughout the 4 Sundays of February parish announcements encourage parents and families who have lost unborn children to offer mass intention for the repose of their souls. These intentions are read in the prayer of the faithful. Before the final blessing the entire congregation recites the

prayer of the unborn uniting the community in intercession and remembrance. After the mass DMII, SMI and some parishioners gather at the memorial of the unborn located in the parish garden where flowers are offered, candles are lighted and the parish priest gives his special blessing. This long-standing practice for almost 10 years has strengthened prolife awareness in the parish, provided spiritual healing for families, and fostered a culture of prayer remembrance and respect for the dignity of human life. This activity continues annually with the support of the parish priest and the active participation of DMII members and SMI and parishioners making it a stable and meaningful tradition in our parish community.

Despite documentation gaps in some years, the memorial of the unborn remains a sustained and meaningful expression of faith and prolife advocacy. Its

strength lies in the continued commitment of the community making it a powerful and replicable model of parish based community...the St. Jude Thaddeus Parish and Shrine Community.



The memorial was constructed in 2023 by the Knights of Columbus, our valued partner and auxiliary providing a sacred space for reflection and prayer.



Safer Internet Day

Adoption and pushing into law will really make a great difference in the life of our children.

The DMII-Saint Vincent Ferrer Circle, Holy Cross Parish of Maribojoc, Bohol under the Diocese of Tagbilaran successfully pushed Resolution No. 001, s. 2026 filed by the subject religious group in the adoption of Presidential Proclamation No.417, s. 2018 signed by former President Rodrigo R. Duterte during the regular Sanguniang Bayan (SB) Session last Feb. 16, 2026 presided by Maribojoc Municipal Vice Mayor Emilio J. Castilla.

This relates to the advocacy of the DMII in its Mission on Morality in Media particularly, the Celebration of Safer Internet Day every second Tuesday of February in every year.



*By: Sis Cynthia Victoria A. Flores
Circle Regent, St. Vincent Ferrer Circle*

From Awareness to Action: GAD Strategies Against VAWC

*By: Sis. Cynthia Victoria A. Flores
Circle Regent, Saint Vincent Ferrer Circle*

A symposium was conducted on March 19, 2026 on Women's Empowerment at the Cultural Center of Maribojoc, Bohol, in line with the Women's Month Celebration participated by 50 LGU Selected Female Employees, 10 Officers and Members of the Local People's Council and 15 DMI Members of Saint Vincent Ferrer Circle, Holy Cross Parish on its Advocacy to Upliftment of Women Workers.



Atty. Erika Q Barborona was the Resource Speaker with her expertise in the topic, "From Awareness to Action: GAD Strategies Against VAWC."



DMII Diocese of Tagbilaran Marks Safer Internet Day, Calls for Stronger Morality in Media

*By: Sis. Armi Maria S. Sajonia
Morality in Media Coordinator – Visayas*

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate International (DMII) of the Diocese of Tagbilaran joined the global celebration of Safer Internet Day by strongly reaffirming the urgent need for Morality in Media as a vital safeguard for children, families, and the wider community.

On February 5, 2026, key DMII leaders appeared on the radio program *Kwentas Klaras*, hosted by Mr. Ted Ayeng and aired on DYTR, to promote responsible and moral use of digital media. Representing DMII were Sis. Armi Maria Sajonia, Morality in Media Visayas Coordinator; Sis. Asuncion Naraga, Past International Regent; Sis. Isidrita Lim, Regional Representative for Region X; Sis. Juanita Sarmiento, Diocesan Regent of the Diocese of Tagbilaran; and Sis. Teofreda Manug, Diocesan Regent of the Diocese of Talibon.

During the program, the speakers highlighted how media—when misused—can negatively shape values, behavior, and relationships, particularly among the youth. They emphasized that Morality in Media is not only a concern for children but also for adults, parents, educators, and institutions, as digital content now deeply influences daily life, decision-making, and community values.

In support of Safer Internet Day, DMII circles across the Diocese actively displayed informational tarpaulins in their respective parishes to raise awareness. Notably, the St. Joseph Cathedral Circle successfully posted the Safer Internet Day advertisement on the television screen inside the cathedral—an effective and strategic location where churchgoers can focus their

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attention while inside the church. Meanwhile, the St. Peter the Apostle Circle of Loboc, Bohol was able to display the campaign material on the municipality's large digital bulletin board, making the message highly visible, bright, and engaging to the public.

Recognizing the growing moral challenges posed by digital media, the DMII Diocesan body also agreed during its latest meeting to bring the mission of Morality in Media to the Sangguniang Bayan, aiming to strengthen collaboration with local government units

In Loboc, this initiative was met with encouraging

news. The group discovered that the municipality already has Municipal Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2025, entitled "Declaring the Second Tuesday of February of Every Year as Safer Internet Day for Children." This existing ordinance affirms the importance of protecting children in the digital space and aligns closely with the mission of DMII.

With this development, the members of the St. Peter the Apostle Circle in Loboc have shifted their focus from proposing a new ordinance to actively supporting and implementing the existing one—ensuring that the spirit of Safer Internet Day is translated into concrete action and sustained community awareness.



Key DMII leaders appeared on the radio program Kwentas Klaras, hosted by Mr. Ted Ayeng and aired on DYTR.

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From the Archdiocese of Palo - Region XII

Tower of Ivory Circle Opens Patarahian (Sewing Hub)

*By Sis. Yolanda U. Dagandan,
Circle Regent*

It was a dream-come true for the Tower of Ivory Circle of the Archdiocese of Palo, the "Patarahian (Sewing Hub), a project of the circle's Upliftment of Women Workers Committee, is now a reality with the opening and blessing of the sewing hub.

This was initiated by Circle Regent Sis. Yolanda U. Dagandan, a project director, when the circle held its planning session mid par of 2025. She initiated the major repair of the unused Berthing Clinic inside the compound of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church, V & G Subd., Tacloban City after securing the approval from Rev. Fr. Loreto Amante, Parish Priest and the Circle Chaplain.

Upon completion of the major repair of the building, letters and solicitations were then sent out by Sis. Yoly Dagandan to prospective donors for the sewing machines who responded positively. The Rotary Club of Kandaya of Tacloban Chapter, donated 3-units sewing machines, other with cash donations to purchase another 3-units of sewing machines with its motors and accessories.

The Tower of Ivory Circle thanked all projects donors who donated the sewing machines for this undertaking.

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Finally, on February 14, 2026, Rev. Fr. Sammy Malasaga blessed the “Patarahian (Sewing Hub)”, attended by the Circle Officers and members, the Donors, the identified women church collectors and recipients of the project having had no steady income, hoped that by this means could uplift their ways of living in the parish.

After the blessing and opening of the project the women recipients were trained for two weeks by a Sewing Trainer from the

City Government of Tacloban. Food for lunch, coffee/snacks, was provided by Sis. Yoly Dagandan, and even daily fare for the indigent recipients who live far, for them to arrive on time to the training sessions. Training days were always assisted by the DMI Sisters.

The Patarahian (Sewing Hub) livelihood project aimed to render sewing services within the parish and, to help augment the family income of the indigent family women. These dressmakers will get orders from the customers and get respective payment for the articles they make, Close supervision is undertaken by the DMI Sisters under the Committee on Upliftment of Women Workers.



Ribbon-cutting and Opening by Sis Yolanda U. Dagandan assisted by Sis. Linda N. Solite.



Ten days sewing training for recipient women by trainer from the City Government of Tacloban.



MORALITY IN MEDIA ON WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION CY 2026

*By Sis. Carmen P. Baquilid
Past Pro-Life Int'l Chairperson &
Region XI Newsette Correspondent*

In observance of the “Women’s Month Celebration” in March, the Morality in Media Mission of the Tower of Ivory Circle, chaired by Sis. Rose D. Orejola sponsored a Women’s Forum at Brgy. Caibaan, Tacloban City on March 20th. Thirty young mothers interacted and participated in the discussion of

issues relative to the advantages and disadvantages of social media that affect children pertaining to family relationships. Lectures and discussions were focused on parental guidance, mental health and relevant issues to parents’ concerns.

On March 27th, the Mission Group conducted the same forum to Barangay Elected Officials and Employees at Brgy. 109, V&G Subdivision, Tacloban City.



Our Lady of Fatima Circle Accomplishment Report

By: Sis. Sahlem S. Fudalan,
Vicarial Regent

PRO LIFE

Gift giving to elderly and sick people who were previously active in church service. The activity was a grace filled day with a short fellowship prayer and shared meaningful conversation centered on spiritual enrichment and dedication of oneself to church ministries.



EXEMPLIFICATION

Our Lady of Fatima Circle, Forest Drive, Bislig City holds Exemplification for 14 new DMII members



UPLIFTMENT OF WOMEN WORKERS

Spearheaded the conduct at Brgy. San Roque of Women's Month Celebration. A seminar- workshop on "Nito Basket Weaving" was conducted by the trainor from Sitio Mamparasan, Brgy. San Roque, Bislig City to encourage women to generate income and make it sustainable. Financial aid was also handed to the cluster



MATER SALVATORE CIRCLE CELEBRATES NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH

A time to honor the strength, resilience, and invaluable contributions of women in all walks of life. It celebrates the everyday courage shown in homes, communities, and workplaces and reminds us of the importance of equality, respect, and opportunity for all, while inspiring the younger generation to continue striving for a more inclusive and empowered future.

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Just in time while the nation is celebrating Women's Month, encouraging new leadership within an organization means empowering women to recognize and embrace their capacity to lead, the Mater Salvatore Circle's newly elected officers for 2026 were installed by Diocesan Regent Sis. Grace Cañosa, here together with the installing officers from the Diocese of Malaybalay.



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Empowered by Faith:

DMII – La Immaculada Conception Circles Joins Women's Month Celebration

By Sis. Rena Prado

The Circle actively participated in the Municipality of Tago's National Women's Month Celebration during its culmination rites on March 23, 2026. The event gathered around 300 women from 24 barangays, highlighting unity, empowerment, and the vital role of women in society. It also fostered connection and shared inspiration among the participants.

Circle Regent, Sis. Daisy Luna, was one of the speakers during the culmination program who spoke on women's empowerment. She described the gathering as a reaffirmation of women's strength, dignity, and their continuing pursuit of freedom and protection. "Women, you are enough," she affirmed, encouraging self-worth, self-love, and self-care. She emphasized that empowerment goes beyond success or financial progress, it's finding purpose and nurturing one's spiritual being. Quoting Martin

Luther King, Jr., she shared, "Not everybody can be famous, but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service" urging unity and a spirit of service among Tagonons.

In support of the event, the DMII-Tago donated nail polish for the free manicure and pedicure services coordinated by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), promoting wellness and self-care among the participants. "Prayer for Peace" leaflets in both English and Visayan, encouraging women especially mothers to include prayers for peace in their daily devotions, particularly for those affected by the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

The celebration served as a meaningful reminder of women's strength, faith, and their essential role in building a compassionate and empowered community.



United in faith and mission, the DMII – La Immaculada Concepcion Circle stands together in support of the National Women's Month Celebration, showcasing solidarity, service, and Marian devotion, with Circle Regent Daisy M. Luna serving as one of the speakers on empowerment.



In support of the event, the group donated nail polish for the free manicure and pedicure services coordinated by TESDA. The DMI also distributed "Prayer for Peace" leaflets in English and Visayan, regarding the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

National Women's Month Celebration in Tagum City

Women's Month reminds us to recognize the unique gifts and talents that women bring to every aspect of life, from nurturing relationships to leading with wisdom and resilience. It is a time to honor their sacrifices, celebrate their achievements, and affirm their dignity and worth. May this celebration inspire continued respect, equality, and opportunities for women, empowering them to grow in their vocations and make an even greater impact in shaping a more compassionate and just world.

It also serves as an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of women who serve with faith, love, and dedication in our families, the Church, and the community. Through their compassion and strength, women become instruments

of God's love and care. This celebration encourages everyone to support and uplift women as partners in building a more caring and faith-filled society. Happy Women's Month!



Together we celebrate the strength, beauty, and faith of every woman!



An Outreach on Compassion and Solidarity

In times of hardship, even the simplest act of sharing can spark hope. The distribution of food packs is more than just a relief effort-it is a gesture of

compassion that bridges communities and uplifts those in need. As Daughters of Mary Immaculate gather with a shared purpose, each food pack becomes a symbol of care, resilience, and unity.



A group with one mission: to share, hope and spread kindness

On March 8, 2026, a quiet yet powerful act of compassion unfolded through the efforts of Daughters of Mary Immaculate International of Nuestra Senora De La Candelaria Circle of Region XIII, Diocese of Tagum, who had the privilege of participating in a small yet meaning outreach activity focused on compassion and solidarity. Food packs were distributed to the families of three prisoners. This experience was a reminder that our calling goes beyond simple acts of charity. Through this outreach we were able to reflect the compassion of Mary Immaculate, bringing light into the lives of these families even in the smallest way.

"Bona Media, Bona Gubernatio"

(Good Media, Good Governance): THE DMII's ROLE

*By: Ma. Cynthia P. Aranas
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Among the many mission thrusts of The Daughters of Mary Immaculate International (DMII), the most pivotal and essential is "**Morality in Media**". Our role in responsible media involves actively, and, insistently promoting ethical communication and ensuring that media should be positive instrument for nurturing moral values in society. Key aspects of our role include:

- Promoting Moral Standards
- Advocacy for Wholesome Communication
- Educational Initiatives
- "Cyber Missionaries" and Fact-Checkers
- Collaboration and Partnership
- Developing Responsible Digital Citizens

In essence, the DMII's role is to ensure media, particularly social media, is used **to build a positive, moral, and responsible community, consistent with our Catholic values and mission.**

Furthermore, like all religious organizations, DMII must contribute to **good governance by fostering moral values, promoting social accountability, and advocating for justice and ethical leadership.** We can encourage civic participation, hold leaders accountable for promises, and help build community trust through our social and humanitarian work. For as long as we maintain our dignified distance and refrain from being politicized, we can even partner with governments to improve service delivery, increase legitimacy, and

ensure a long-term grassroots presence. **As a religious organization, especially being a Marian group, we portray a crucial role in promoting good governance by:**

- Fostering ethical values
- Promoting accountability
- Encouraging participation
- Advocacy and social services
- Building community cohesion
- Providing internal governance

Our biggest challenge is how to be an instrument to remind media of their role in good governance, that of serving as vigilant and honest watchdogs, informing the public, holding officials accountable, and facilitating two-way communication between citizens and the government.

For DMII, we must explore avenues on how to remind media of their significant role in good governance:

Key roles of media in good governance

- Watchdog and accountability
- Informing citizens
- Agenda-setting
- Bridging government and the public
- Promoting transparency
- Ensuring fair representation
- Fostering social cohesion

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ERRATUM

In the October-December, 2025 issue of the DMI Newsette, the Region VI report "SAN PEDRO CATHEDRAL CELEBRATES WORLD DAY OF THE POOR" on page 21 should be "SAN PABLO CATHEDRAL CELEBRATES WORLD DAY OF THE POOR". Our apologies for the error.

DMII : UPLIFTMENT OF WOMEN WORKERS (WOMEN WORKERS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT)

*by: Ma. Cynthia P. Aranas
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“Manus quae cunabula movet, regit orbem.” (The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world)- American poet William Ross Wallace, 1865

Whenever this beautiful saying comes to mind, I am reminded of a very close male friend, who with his intellectual acumen, sagacity and perspicacity (ironically), views this on a very shallow perspective. Indeed, at first glance we might misinterpret these lines that women should be rulers of the world (or are we not in fact?).

Delving deeply, we must realize that in fact, the above accentuates the fundamental force of mothers, who are the true caregivers in shaping future generations. Yes, while political or economic power rules the present (the sword), the shaping, upbringing, rearing, training, cultivation, and values formation (the cradle) are first provided by mothers. What mothers do are not mere instruction, but rather, a holistic approach of raising and teaching someone, which arms them with the character for the future.

Sad to say, and in reality, while some mothers are blessed to be homemakers and enjoy caring for and rearing the family, especially their children, others are not, due to financial constraints. “Shifting from full-time motherhood to employment to augment family income is a major life transition, often driven by the need for financial security, which 64% of mothers now provide as primary or co-breadwinners. While this move can lead to increased household income, it frequently introduces the “double shift” of managing work responsibilities while still bearing the primary load of housework and caregiving.” In this crucial shift from motherhood to part or full breadwinning comes the challenge of how we can empower working mothers so that they retain their integrity and dignity. How indeed?

One of the missions of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate International is the “Upliftment of Women Workers,” created with the objective of addressing current women issues and concerns such as providing women with a source of income as a tool of empowerment; trafficking of women; violence against women, subordination and discrimination and the plight of overseas women workers. Some projects so far undertaken are: livelihood programs, empowerment by conducting orientations/re-orientations, and giving out leaflets on 1) Republic Act No. 9262, or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004, and 2) Republic Act No. 9710-, a comprehensive law protecting women against discrimination.

“Every woman’s success should be an inspiration to another. We’re strongest when we cheer each other on.” — Serena Williams

The DMII wants to hold hands with all women, to be that light at the end of a very dark tunnel, to be that bright beam of hope that will remind women how important our roles are. Uplifting women workers requires a comprehensive approach focusing on economic empowerment, legal protection, and equal opportunities to bridge gender gaps in pay and leadership. Key strategies include enforcing labor standards, providing skills training Technical and Vocational Education and Training, ensuring access to childcare, fostering flexible work arrangements, and promoting women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields.

Conclusion

The upliftment of women workers is a crucial step towards sustainable economic growth and gender equality. Empowering women in the workforce not only improves their quality of life but also drives economic diversification and prosperity for society as a whole. - UN Women / Philippine Commission on Women

MOA SIGNED FOR A DMII WEEKLY PROGRAM OVER PBS MARINO NEWS FM

*By Sis. Marilyn de Asis,
Region XIV Newsette Correspondent*

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the DMII Archdiocese of Zamboanga and the Philippine Broadcasting Service at ZSCMST last February 24, 2026 for a two-year contract for a radio program to air every Sunday over the PBS Marino News FM of ZSCMST 106.7 Radio Frequency Waves.

Present during the MOA signing at the Office of the President of ZSCMST: Dr. Rey Valesco with signatories for the DMII Sisters Ma. Bella Tandoc, Diocesan Regent, Jacinta Baby Tan, Morality in Media (MIM) Chairperson and Marilyn de Asis, MIM Coordinator for Region XIV. Attesting to the MOA were Past IVR-Mindanao Sis. Pinky Saavedra and Pro-Life International Chairperson Sis. Angela Baes. Sis. Vicky Lim, a professor at ZSCMST was also present during the event.



At center is Dr. Roy Valesco, president of ZSCMST.



REGION XIV ASSEMBLY AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING HELD

The Crystal Ballroom of the Grand Astoria Hotel, Zamboanga City was the venue of the Assembly and Leadership Training of the newly-installed officers of the Archdiocese of Zamboanga & Prelature of Isabela de Basilan last January 24, 2026.

A total of 162 DMI sisters from the Central Vicariate 1 and 2, Eastern Vicariate 1 and 2 and Western Vicariate 1, 2A and 2B actively participated in the activity in preparation for the implementation of various Mission projects and activities of the region.

The resource speakers tackled their respective topics during the day-long activity.

An open forum preceded the planning workshop for the region's 2026 calendar of activities.



The speakers during the Diocesan Assembly & Leadership Training of the Archdiocese of Zamboanga & Prelature of Isabela de Basilan

ARCHDIOCESE OF OZAMIS DMII CIRCLES JOIN SAFE INTERNET DAY CELEBRATION

*By Sis. Rosafe B. Quinon,
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The fight against uncontrolled scrolling and on-line games has now become everybody's concern. With this stark reality of on-line addiction, sixteen DMII Circles in the Archdiocese of Ozamis, province of Misamis Occidental, under the helm of the newly elected Archdiocesan Regent, Sis. Sonia A. Narit and with the support of the newly appointed Regional Representative of Region IV, Sis. Ida E. Talictic, took the fight to another level.

From the northernmost Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Sapang Dalaga to the southernmost Parish of San Vicente Ferrer in Bonifacio, each DMII Circle, spearheaded by their respective Thrust on Morality in Media, rolled out the campaign against on-line addiction a few days before February 10, 2026. In celebration of the Safe Internet Day, DMII sisters hung tarpaulins in front of churchyards in many parishes in Misamis Occidental and in the gates of Misamis Occidental National High School and Holy Rosary School in Oroquieta City to increase

awareness among many on the detrimental effect of on-line addiction.

The punch lines: "THINK before you CLICK, ON-LINE Games MAK-A-DIK!" and "BAWAL ang FAKE NEWS, BAWAL pud I-REPOST!" were the loud and clear messages DMII sent to the citizens of Misamis Occidental. It was also their way of adhering to the call of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines to heighten awareness among the faithful on one of the greatest influences shaping human life these days, the digital media. With digital media, a new war is raging within our homes, a war between the voice of the parents and guardians and the voice of the internet.



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