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PASSING OF THE TORCH (Installation of Officers 2026-2027)

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Daughters of Mary Immaculate from all over the country, in their simply elegant gowns, once again gathered, this time at the Rigodon Hall of the historic Manila Hotel on November 29, 2025.

In the tradition of passing the torch of leadership to Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, it was Luzon's turn to hold it for the next two years. Today was the installation of new leadership.

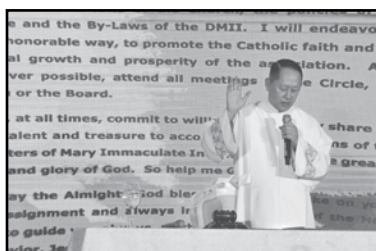
Enthronement and Eucharistic Celebration

As in any DMII event, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary opened the rites, immediately followed

by the Eucharistic Celebration by DMII's International Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Jerome Cruz.

In his homily, he prayed for strength to face life, saying that installation does not only mean holding the titles of one's position, but in giving of the cross. The Lord will grant the strength, wisdom and spirit to carry on. Ministry becomes joyful because the Lord is ever-present. Unity becomes stronger and DMII becomes a Marian community by the spirit, led by prayer in facing life and missions' reality. Conflicts become lighter, as each one trusts in the Holy Spirit. In praying fervently to Mary, DMII flourishes in ways that one cannot

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MARY'S HEART WAS THE FIRST TRUE HOLY DOOR



Beloved Daughters of Mary Immaculate Opening the Doors of Our Hearts

Throughout the Jubilee Year, the Church invited us to pass through the Holy Doors—visible signs of God's abundant grace, mercy, blessing, and forgiveness. As pilgrims, we crossed those thresholds with prayer, repentance, and hope, trusting in the Lord who never tires of welcoming His people.

Now, as the Holy Doors of the Vatican are closed, the Church offers us a deeper and more demanding invitation. The closing of these doors does not mean that grace has ended. Rather, it signals that what we have received must now be carried within us. The doors may close in stone and bronze, but the true Holy Door must remain open in our hearts.

The symbolism is clear and powerful: what we received through the Holy Doors—grace, blessing, forgiveness, reconciliation, and renewed hope—is no longer something we merely visit or pass through. It is something we are called to live, protect, and share. The pilgrimage now continues inward, into the depths of our hearts, and outward, into our daily lives.

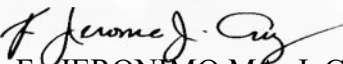
Mary Immaculate shows us how this is done. Her heart was the first true Holy Door—open, receptive, and unguarded before God. She welcomed gracefully, without reservation, and because her heart was open, salvation entered the world. In her, we see that an open heart becomes a dwelling place of God's mercy and a channel of His love for others.

As Daughters of Mary Immaculate, this moment invites us to reflect: Are our hearts open spaces where grace can continue to flow? Have we allowed forgiveness to transform us, not only personally but in how we treat others? Do our words, choices, and relationships reflect the mercy we received during this sacred time?

As the Holy Doors close, let us not allow our hearts to close with them. Instead, let this be the moment when grace takes root within us—when blessing becomes action, forgiveness becomes a way of life, and hope becomes something others can encounter through us.

May we open the doors of our hearts wide, so that what the Church celebrated sacramentally may now be lived faithfully. And may those who meet us find not closed hearts, but living doors through which God's mercy continues to pass. Mary Immaculate, pray for us.

Sincerely in our Lord,


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

LIVING MORE DEEPLY OUR IDENTITY AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE



Dear Daughters of Mary Immaculate,

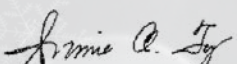
As we celebrate the solemn and grace-filled Season of Christmas, we are invited to contemplate with reverence the profound mystery of the Incarnation—God’s immeasurable love made visible in the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. His coming into the world renews our faith and strengthens our hope, especially as we journey together in this sacred Jubilee Year.

In this privileged time of grace, we are called to live more deeply our identity as **Pilgrims of Hope**, following the faithful example of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her humble “yes” to God’s saving plan teaches us to walk in trust, obedience, and unwavering hope. As Daughters of Mary Immaculate, may we continue to bear Christ to the world through our committed service, authentic witness, and generous love for the Church and those entrusted to our care.

May this Christmas season renew our spiritual fervor, deepen our communion as a synodal community, and strengthen our resolve to journey together with faith and integrity. May the light of the newborn Savior guide our mission, sustain us in our challenges, and inspire us to become enduring signs of hope in a world longing for peace and renewal.

May the peace, joy, and hope of Christ’s Nativity abide in your hearts and communities throughout this Christmas season and accompany you throughout the Jubilee Year.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a hope-filled Jubilee Year.


SIS. ANNIE O. TY
INTERNATIONAL REGENT

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imagine. Like Mary, DMIs do not forget Jesus and that is when the grace flows.

Installation Ceremony

Sis. Pinky Saavedra, International Vice Regent for Mindanao, formally opened the installation ceremony. One after another, Fr. Jerome installed to office the leaders of the Squirettes of Mary Immaculate, International Treasurer, Regional Representatives, International Vice Regents, and the International Regent. Also installed were the Mission Chairpersons and their Area Coordinators, Special Committee Chairpersons, Diocesan Regents and Vicarial Regents.

Turnover Ceremonies

Valedictory Address – Outgoing International Regent, Sis. Annie O. Ty

With heart filled with gratitude, humility and joy, Sis. Annie Ty acknowledged the extraordinary privilege of serving DMI, rooted in faith, united in mission, and steadfast in devotion to our Blessed Mother.

She expressed being overwhelmed not by the challenges faced, but by the grace that carried us through; and not by the responsibilities she carried, but by the innumerable hands and hearts who carried them with her.

She acknowledged the 14 Regional Representatives across the Philippines who joined her in her two-year journey, each displaying unwavering commitment to our mission: to serve the Lord through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They have been her strength, partners in service, and the lifeblood of our organization's efforts in their respective regions, witnessing stronger coordination among circles, renewed Marian devotion in communities, creative and compassionate outreach programs, growth in membership, and a deeper sense of unity among DMII sisters nationwide.

She felt the heart of our Mission throughout her tenure, being constantly reminded that DMII is not just an organization but a spiritual home, a place where faith is nurtured, friendships are formed, and service becomes an expression of love to God and to our



Enthronement rites led by Rev. Fr. Jerome Cruz and International Regent Annie O. Ty with DMI international officers



"In praying fervently to Mary, DMII flourishes in ways that one cannot imagine" - Rev. Fr. Jerome Cruz, mass president.



Lupang Hinirang and Panunumpa sa Watawat



A token of appreciation was presented to Fr. Jerome Cruz by Outgoing International Regent Sis. Annie O. Ty and Incoming International Regent Sis. Merinnisa Ligaya.



Masters of ceremony were RR5 Sis. Lorie Manalansan and Mr. Anthony de Guzman



IVR Mindanao Sis. Maria Pinky Saavedra delivered the welcome remarks.



The occasion was graced by past international regents. In photo (L-R): Past IR Mila Villanueva, Past IR Myrna Zapanta, Outgoing IR Annie Ty, Rev. Fr. Jerome Cruz, Incoming IR Nene Ligaya, Past IR Lelis Pimentel, and Past IR Ruby Macario



Future DMIs, the Squirettes of Mary Immaculate officers led by their President, Sq. Mary Joy Ancheta.



Diocesan Regents bearing their appointment certificates



Ceremonial team from the Diocese of Cubao



Vicarial Regents with Rev. Fr. Jerome Cruz and Incoming IR Nene Ligaya



Blessed Mother, to live out our calling as daughters of Mary: to be women of prayer, women of compassion, women of humility, women of action, and above all, women who bring others closer to Jesus through Mary.

She further expressed words of gratitude to the Officers and Circle Leaders, to our Spiritual Directors and Advisers, and all DMII Sisters for their support, prayers, encouragement, and love. Humbly Letting Go, she turned over the responsibilities of her office, with a heart full of confidence in the leadership of our incoming International Regent, and certain that the mission of the DMII will continue to flourish. Her final words: *Leadership is not about holding on to a position; it is about planting seeds, nurturing growth, and then joyfully stepping aside so that new hands may water what has been planted.*

Acceptance Address – International Regent, Sis. Merinnisa O. Ligaya

Sis. Nene Ligaya expressed her gratitude for the trust that has been reposed to her. Together, she said, 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.

She congratulated her newly installed fellow DMII officers. She relayed good wishes that the Lord will bless them with grace to behold and discern His presence each day – in the hopeless and the sick, in the hapless and oppressed, in the desperate and despondent, in the forlorn and heartbroken. In actively performing mission works, she urged them to take them into our lives as DMIs, as readily as we profess and welcome the Lord’s promise of salvation and eternal glory.

She thanked all outgoing DMII officers for their outstanding dedication, inspiring leadership and hard work, citing their valuable contributions and remarkable achievements worthy of recognition, a significant legacy for which gratitude is expressed.

She asked all DMII sisters to join her in prayers so that we will humbly serve and lead with grace, devotion and responsibility the roles entrusted to us, drawing on the love, virtues and example of Mama Mary and finding solace in her unfailing and constant companionship; ending her address with a hopeful note: *May we always walk in the shadow of Him Who has given us life and honor.*

Recessional and End of Ceremonies

Recessional of the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary signaled the end of the ceremonies, with supplication for Mama Mary to join the DMIs in their journey.



Rev. Fr. Jerome Cruz and Outgoing IR Annie Ty present a bouquet of appreciation to Incoming IR Nene Ligaya after her acceptance speech.



Sis. Annie Ty and Sis. Nene Ligaya opened the dance floor with their valedictory dance.



And then it was time to thank Mama Mary for the grace of unity, friendship and service.

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

A board meeting was held on November 29 at the Manila Hotel, a day prior to the Installation of Officers.

The program began with an opening prayer to Mama Mary.

A Christmas fellowship followed, with all donning their Christmas colored-attires.



The program opened with an invocation to Mary.



Best in Christmas attire was Sis. Teresita Labilles.



There was Christmas feast per table.



Game master was SMI's Elaisa Honculada and there was riot on the floor.



The Traditional exchange of gifts had a round-robin twist.



'60s and '70s music accompanied the non-stop dancing.



The event concluded on a high note, following the customary photo-op.

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NEWS

MIRACULOUS MEDAL SMI CIRCLETTE'S “HOME” REPAIRED

By Sis. Aileen Santos, Regent,
Miraculous Medal Circle



The Holy Cross Chapel in Mayombo, Dagupan City serves as the “home” of the Miraculous Medal SMI Circlette. The chapel, through the initiative of SMI Lady Counselor Sis. Rhodora Mendoza was repaired and given a face-lift. The Squirettes frequently assemble and hear Mass in the chapel.



From the Diocese of Urdaneta - Region II

THE ROLE OF MEDIA IN THE LIVES OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

By Sis. Linda Lamagna,
Regent, Queen of Peace Circle

The Queen of Peace Circle of St. Patrick Ireland Parish in Tayug, Pangasinan shared to pupils of Evangelista Elementary School lessons about the responsible use of social media in their everyday living. The circle's Morality in Media Chairperson, Sis. Reynilda Concha invited Sis. Olive Mae Lamagna as resource speaker. The activity included story-telling, discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of overuse of social media and a question-and-answer portion. The speaker emphasized that wrong use of social media does not only affect their mental health but their

physical health as well.

The pupils were very attentive during the activity, participating actively during the Q and A session. Small gifts/tokens were given to the attendees after the event.

The Queen of Peace Circle sisters also joined the Zumba dance which fostered camaraderie between them and the Evangelista Elementary School faculty headed by Principal Ms. Lani Mingrajal.



The pupils of Evangelista Elementary School with the Queen of Peace Circle sisters



The Zumba session with the school faculty

The new set of officers of the Diocese of Urdaneta for 2026-27 was elected last October 25, 2025 at the DMII Office in Urdaneta City. Elected were Sis. Leofelia Aquinde, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Circle charter regent, as Diocesan Regent, Sis. Dominga Mercado of St. Paschal Baylon Circle as Vicarial Regent (VR) of the Vicariate of Our Lady and Sis. Linda Lloren as VR of the Vicariate of St. Joseph, Sis. Laarni Mejia of St. Padre Pio Circle as Diocesan Secretary, Sis. Roselyn Banez of Mater Admirabiles Circle as Diocesan Treasurer and Sis. Linda Lamagna of Queen of Peace Circle as Diocesan Auditor.



The 2026-27 officers of the Diocese of Urdaneta

MYSTICAL ROSE CIRCLE CHAMPIONS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION

*By Sis. Luzviminda de Guzman,
Circle Pro-Life Chairperson*

The Mystical Rose Circle of St. Thaddeus Parish in Pozorrubio, Pangasinan has been an advocate of sustained environmental protection and conservation through its Program SEALED.

The “Basura Ko, Gupit Ko, Siksik Ko” is a project that the circle has conducted since 2019 under Program SEALED. Through this project, plastic bottles stuffed with non-biodegradable materials are collected and used to make eco-garden sets, study tables, plant boxes and compost pit. The Eugenio P. Perez National High School (EPPNHS) in Villegas, Pozorrubio is one of the pioneer schools that supports the circle’s environment program.

Because of its consistency and sustainability, the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) of Pozorrubio through its head, Mr. Arjay Garcia launched the “Palit Basura” (Waste Exchange) Project at the EPPNHS in observance of National Environment Consciousness Month. School supplies and rice were given to project supporters in exchange for plastic bottles stuffed with non-biodegradable



The DMI sisters headed by Region II RR Sis. Virginia Cabero and Circle Regent Sis. Felisa Alcaide with officials of EPPNHS, project partner during the launch of “Palit Basura” Project of MENRO initiated by its head, Mr. Arjay Garcia.

materials. It also sponsored a Tree-Planting activity last December 2, 2025.

The Mystical Rose Circle was able to exchange 37 kilos of stuffed plastic bottles with 37 kilos of rice that were distributed to the circle's Pro-Life beneficiaries.

The parents, teachers, students and other stakeholders in EPPNHS also participated in the "Palit Basura" Project under the guidance of the adviser of the Supreme Secondary Learners Government (SSLG) and collected 186.75 kilos of stuffed plastic bottles. The SSLG is also the proponent of Project 3G: Green Revolution through Garden Renovation and Garbage Reduction. The "Palit Basura" Project will be done on a regular basis in different schools and barangays of Pozorrubio.

During the project launch, Mr. Garcia also announced that the MENRO will conduct surprise visits to markets and award bags of rice to market goers seen

using eco-bags and baskets.

With these activities, Pro-Life Chairperson Sis. Luzviminda de Guzman says that the Mystical Rose Circle can craft a new adage from the old one that says "Ang basurang itinaapon mo, babalik sa iyo" to "Ang basurang inipon mo, mapapakinabangan mo".



The DMI sisters with some "Palit Basura" Project participants.

—oOo— **QUEEN OF PEACE CIRCLE PROVIDES LIVELIHOOD SKILLS TO ALS STUDENTS**

The Queen of Peace Circle led by Regent Sis. Linda Lamagna and Sis. Suzie Prudente, chairperson of the Upliftment of Women Workers Committee in coordination with the Evangelista Elementary School, Tayug, Pangasinan conducted cooking lessons and talks during the "ALS Learners of Pangasinan II in All Walks of Life" Program.

The ALS or Alternative Learning System of the Dept. of Education is offered to persons who were not able to finish elementary or high school education. The ALS students are mostly young mothers and some male adults who belong to the low income sector. The Queen of Peace Circle through its Upliftment of Workers Committee decided to help these students by teaching them how to be productive and have their own livelihood activity to augment their family's income.

showed the participants how to prepare and cook squash fritters or *okoy* using their local produce. Aside from being nutritious, squash is readily available at low cost in the community and *okoy* is very saleable to both children and adults. Sisters Angelica Burce and Francis Lyn Rosario also taught the participants how to make siopao. With these two products, they can already start a small business at home or online.

The participants later learned costing, pricing and marketing their products from Sis. Olive Mae Lamagna.



The ALS student-participants with the DMI sisters of Queen of Peace Circle.

Sis. Miriam Dasing

THREE KINGS CIRCLE SPONSORS FEEDING PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

*By Sis. Josefina Masilang,
Circle Regent*

The Three Kings Circle of the Three Kings Parish in Cabanatuan City launched a feeding program called “Pag-asa sa Hapag ng Paaralan” when a Memorandum of Agreement was signed at Gapan North Central School (GNCS) last August 13, 2025. Present during the event were Rev. Fr. Alvin Domingo, parish priest and Ms. Lucina Angelo, school principal in the presence of DMI sisters and teachers.

The beneficiaries of the three-month feeding program were school pupils in Grades 2 to 6 who were identified in need of proper nourishment.

Before the start of the program on August 15, the participants' date of birth, height, weight and body mass index (BMI) were recorded to identify their initial health status. They were given nutritious lunch and multi-vitamins and their weight monitored weekly to track their progress.

Started on August 27, 2025, the program ended on October 27 during which a final evaluation was made by a health expert. Parents of the beneficiaries attended the closing program.



The DMI sisters and school teachers with the program beneficiaries



SAN JOSE CIRCLE REACHES OUT TO VICTIMS OF RECENT CALAMITIES IN SAN JOSE CITY

By Sis. Evelyn Nocum, Circle Scribe

In a heartfelt expression of compassion and service, the San Jose Circle conducted an outreach activity extending assistance to families and victims of recent calamities, particularly the typhoons that ravaged some areas of San Jose City, such as Bgy. Cumabol, Sto. Nino 1st, Cabatuan, Del Pilar Street and Villa Ramos. The initiative formed part of the organization's continuing mission to serve communities in need and extend the love and care of the Blessed Mother to them.

Organized through the collective efforts of circle members, the activity included the distribution of essential goods and relief items to residents who were among those most affected by the calamities. DMI sisters personally visited the communities to offer support and comfort.

Through this outreach activity, the DMII continues to embody the spirit of Christian compassion and solidarity with those who suffer, true to its mission of helping uplift both the physical

and spiritual lives of the people. The successful activity was made possible by the generosity of the DMI sisters and the circle's friends and benefactors.



The DMI sisters of San Jose Circle who participated in the outreach activity.

SAN JOSE CIRCLE LEADS DIOCESAN PARTICIPATION IN THE GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR “ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY”

Catechists among the San Jose Circle members played a pivotal role in the participation of the Diocese of San Jose in the nationwide “One Million Children Praying the Rosary” Campaign last October 7, 2025. The global initiative, now on its 20th year, seeks to unite children around the world in prayer for peace, unity, healing and repentance.

The DMI catechists worked closely with teachers and students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 in Sto. Tomas Elementary School (ES), Tondod ES, Abar 1st ES and San Jose West Central School to ensure the prayer event went smoothly. Their tasks included preparing instructional materials, guiding the prayer sessions, coordinating logistics among classrooms and helping to instill the reverence and purpose behind the rosary prayers.

This grassroots engagement by the DMI catechists

underscores their commitment not only for catechetical instruction but also to fostering spiritual formation of the youth. Their efforts facilitated the meaningful participation by the pupils in a movement that echoes St. Padre Pio’s belief that “when one million children pray the rosary, the world will change”.



The pupils of San Jose West Central School in prayer during the 1 Million Children Praying the Rosary Campaign.



From the Diocese of Malolos – Region IV

DIOCESE OF MALOLOS INDUCTS INCOMING VICARIAL REGENTS

Here are the incoming Vicarial Regents to serve the 11 Vicariates under the Diocese of Malolos: Sis. Cecilia Estinopo, Sis. Paulina de Regla, Sis. Jessica Villano, Sis. Linda Lunaria, Sis. Yolanda Fernandez, Sis. Lourdes Robes, Sis. Luisa Villegas, Sis. Luzviminda Ortencio, Sis. Evangeline Enriquez, Sis. Corazon San Pedro, Sis. Nilda Macalinao.



***DIOCESE OF MALOLOS’ APPRECIATION RITES -
OFFICERS 2024-2025***

MALOLOS CAPITOL GYMNASIUM



From L to R Sis. Catherine Francisco, Sis. Marlyn Regondola, Sis. Teresita Labilles, Sis. Leonisa Francisco, Msgr. Albert Suatengco, Sis. Marilyn San Diego, Sis. Ma. Theresa Curia, Sis. Apolonia Misleng, Sis. Reyline Nicolas, Sis. Aida dela Cruz

DMI Mission in Action: Reaching Out to Prisoners' Families and Their Victims

San Roque Cathedral, Caloocan City

*By: Sis. Yollie E. Del Pilar
Regent, Our Lady of Divine Love Circle*

Last October 25, 2025, the DMI Our Lady of Divine Love Circle once again embodied its mission of compassion through a meaningful outreach for 24 families from the Paghilom and Kalinga programs. These families—who carry the deep wounds of incarceration, violence, and loss—were welcomed into an atmosphere of care, prayer, and genuine sisterhood.

A special grace of the event was the presence of Fr. Cris Cellan, SVD, parish priest of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, this year's designated Jubilee Church for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs). As our guest speaker, Fr. Cris offered a deeply enlightening message about the real conditions prisoners face and the often unseen emotional and spiritual needs that burden them. Beyond our prayers, he reminded us that what PDLs long for most is the physical presence and consistent visit of their families—a lifeline of hope that affirms their dignity and humanity.

In partnership with Fr. Flavie Villanueva, SVD, 2025 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee, and the dedicated staff of the Kalinga Center Foundation, the outreach provided not only gift packs and food support but also a moment of shared healing and solidarity. Fr. Flavie's own message of hope echoed the call to restore dignity and accompany families carrying the weight of incarceration and violence. For the DMI Sisters, this mission under the Assistance to Prisoners' Families and Their Victims thrust is more than a scheduled activity—it's a living expression of our Marian identity, a call to extend mercy where it is most needed. We remain grateful to other Circles in the Archdiocese of Manila and parish collaborators, whose support made this initiative a blessing for both the families served and the other people in attendance.



DMI Brings Hope and Learning to Gabay Aral Children

*By: Sis. Yollie E. Del Pilar
Regent, Our Lady of Divine Love Circle*

December 1 Community Outreach | Education • Pro-Life • Service

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate - Our Lady of Divine Love Circle joyfully joined a community outreach for the children of the Gabay Aral Program of the YMCA, a basic literacy initiative helping children ages 10 and below learn how to read, write, and count.

This meaningful activity was made possible through the partnership of BH Properties, the National





Shrine of the Sacred Heart, and the DMI. Educational supplies were donated to support the children's learning, while rice, grocery items, and Jollibee snacks were distributed to bring nourishment and joy to the 59 children and the 51 families in the two barangays.

For the DMI, education is foundational to one's quality of life—a vital tool that nurtures human dignity, empowers growth, and opens doors to hope-filled futures. Rooted in our Pro-Life mission, we believe that upholding the sanctity of life means caring for life at every stage, especially by supporting children's right to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe and loving environment.

Guided by the maternal love of the Blessed Mother, the DMI remains committed to serving with compassion and faith, promoting life through education, care, and service.



Marian Talk: "The True Devotion to Mary"

*By: Sis. Yollie del Pilar
Regent - Our Lady of Divine Love Circle*

September 8 – Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

For the second year in a row, Our Lady of Divine Love Circle held a Marian Talk in our Sacred Heart parish as part of the joyful celebration of and devotion to the Blessed Mother. Last year on August 15, 2024, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Marian Talk was on the "Flame of Love".

The talk this year entitled "The True Devotion to Mary," was delivered by Rev. Fr. Jocis Syquia. It deeply enriched Marian faith and further strengthened love and devotion to Mama Mary. Fr. Jocis recalled Mary's powerful role in salvation history. At the very mention of her name, the enemy loses control and is vanquished; such is the strength given to her by God, making her the most powerful of all the saints. More importantly, true devotion to Mary is not limited to prayers alone, but is lived out by imitating her virtues—humility, obedience, faith, and love—so that the virtues of her Son, Jesus, may be reflected in us.

May Mama Mary's tender maternal love

continue to guide us, protect us, and always draw us closer to her Son, Jesus. Truly, she is always by our side; we only need to call on her.



RISEN CHRIST CIRCLE CONDUCTS VALUES FORMATION SEMINAR FOR APFV MISSION

*By Sis. Edna R. Alvarez, Circle APFV Chairperson
and Sis. Florian Su, Chancellor*

A Values Formation Seminar was held at the Holy Eucharist Parish Church in Moonwalk Village, Paranaque City on September 20, 2025. Sponsored by the Risen Christ Circle, it was attended by 151 DMI sisters from 37 circles from the Dioceses of Antipolo, Kalookan, Cubao, Imus, Manila, Novaliches and Paranaque headed by Region V Representative and International Secretary Sis. Lorie Manalansan.

An opening prayer led by Sis. Edna Alvarez, Pro-Life Chairperson, opened the seminar. Program host, Sis. Sonia Manlapig, past Morality in Media International Chairperson, welcomed the participants.

Sis. Milde Tong, International Chairperson for Assistance to Prisoners' Families & their Victims (APFV) gave the opening remarks and introduced the guest speaker, Sor Myrna Bas of the Daughters of Charity and former president of Sta. Isabel College Manila.

Sor Myrna started Part I of her talk with a video of the song "How Did You Know" focusing on the theme about LOVE. She said that man is at the peak of God's creation, the last to be created, to be loved unconditionally and without doubt. God gave man talents and treasures to make use of in taking care of the world He had created. Having been endowed with such gifts, He also gave man free will to decide for himself, to act morally and responsibly.

Sor Myrna underscored the fundamental truth that for every woman's age there is a reason and a purpose which could not be altered or interchanged by any creature. God's purpose is non-negotiable. She ended Part I of her talk by asking: How do you spend your time and with whom do you share it the most? What feeling are you experiencing now, in this present stage of your life?

Part 2 of her talk focused on how to LISTEN, starting with the song "Mission of Man". She then discussed the current condition and situations impacting on the lives of a prisoner (PDL) and the family he left behind: the overcrowding in our prisons and very limited resources leading to easy transmission of diseases and the psychological and emotional distress caused by the almost sub-human living condition in the prison cells. On the part of families left behind, Sor Myrna pointed out that the financial problems, the slow legal process of cases, drop-out from school by many of the PDL's children are problems that they have to face. Add to these are the lack of family values, the emotional distress and the many challenges confronting the family,

The seminar ended with a plaque of appreciation awarded to Sor Myrna by Region V RR Sis. Lorie Manalansan, Sis. Milde Tong, Risen Christ Circle Regent Sis. Sylvia Arellano and Fr. Rodyn de la Torre, pastor of Holy Eucharist Parish, who also gave a brief inspirational message. Sis. Sylvia led the closing prayer.



The Risen Christ Circle members with Sor Myrna Bas (at center). To her right is APFV Chairperson Sis. Edna Alvarez and to her left is APFV Int'l Chairperson Sis. Milde Tong.



Sor Myrna receives a plaque of appreciation from (at center) Region V RR Sis. Lorie Manalansan, Sis. Milde, Fr. Rodyn de la Torre and Circle Regent Sis Sylvia Arellano. At left of the photo are Sisters Edna Alvarez and Sonia Manlapig, program emcee.

A Legacy of Faith and Achievement: Mothers and Daughters in DMII

By: Sis. Cora Soliven/Past Regent,
Immaculate Conception of Karangalan Circle

Faith, perseverance, and hard work truly bear fruit. As one family in the DMII & SMI Immaculate Conception of Karangalan Circle, the Knights of Columbus, and the Columbian Squires, Council No. 12549 joyfully share this story of how our six children—guided by God’s grace and the loving intercession of Mama Mary—have successfully completed their studies and are now pursuing their chosen vocations.

Our eldest daughter, Maria Caroline, once the National President of SMI and now a full-fledged DMI, completed her Master’s Degree in Mathematics and currently teaches at Ateneo de Manila University. Our fifth daughter, Marianne Chrislyn, also a former SMI Circlette President, earned her degree in Accountancy and now serves in the corporate world at a prestigious bank. Our sixth, Marielle Charlotte, also a SMI has likewise fulfilled her dream of becoming a nurse, now a graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Beyond academic achievements and professional success, our family’s journey is above all a testimony to the power of faith. With God’s grace, we have been able to complete our studies—an accomplishment we hold close to our hearts. This milestone is not only for ourselves but also for our families, our parish, and the community we serve. Education has not only equipped us with knowledge, but has also strengthened our faith, preparing us to become better leaders, servants, and witnesses of Christ’s love.

As mothers, we take pride in seeing our daughters walk the path of perseverance and integrity. As daughters, we look up to our mothers as models of strength and devotion. Together, we celebrate not only academic success, but also the gift of being instruments of inspiration—proof that faith and hard work, when anchored in God, always bear fruit.

Our story is a reminder to the youth: dream big, work hard, and remain steadfast in faith. With Mary

as our guide, nothing is impossible. May our journey as mothers and daughters in DMI continue to shine as a light—encouraging others to embrace both learning and service, for in doing so, we help build a brighter, stronger, and more compassionate community.

“It is only through the Lord’s blessings and Mama Mary’s guidance that we have come this far.” Truly, our family’s story stands as an inspiration for parish families—that with prayer, commitment, and trust in God, dreams can be fulfilled and children can flourish in their vocations, no matter the path.

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37:4)

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50th Anniversary of Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados Circle

"Through the years...to Jesus through Mary"

1975 - 2025

By Sis. Meliza Guzman

The DMII Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados Circle was formed with 34 registered Catholic women on April 20, 1975. The 34 members were chartered and organized to maintain a DMII Circle within the Parish of the Our Lady of the Abandoned, Marikina City. Sis Purita de los Angeles was the 1st Regent who led the circle from 1975 to 1977. During her regency, the DMI OLA Circle, in cooperation with the Catholic Women's League (CWL OLA), was able to donate 2 classrooms to Marikina Catholic School. It is also worthy to note that the DMI sisters, through the leadership and efforts of Sis Natividad Cabalquinto, Sis Purita Angeles, Sis Rita Lucena, Sis Cora Justo and Sis Engr Julie Malaya were able to build its own DMII Center. The DMI sisters have contributed their share, in cash or in kind, for the construction and, after three years, the center was finally inaugurated in 2007 during the term of Sis Remedios Ducusin.

Having done those very significant projects, the DMII NSDD (OLA) Circle has never stopped since then! Through the years, every Regent has made sure that previous efforts done by the chartered members would not go in vain and so the benefits of every Mission Thrust have reached its deserving and rightful beneficiaries.

There were so many reasons to celebrate, so many projects and events to be remembered, so many people to thank for as we implement our missions continuously with so much faith, resilience (especially during the pandemic), and perseverance. Thus, the officers and members of the circle have decided to celebrate the 50th Anniversary in October, instead of April when we were so much into carrying out our mission thrusts. Nevertheless, the more important part is to celebrate the milestone with exceedingly grateful hearts.

Hence, the simple yet elegant celebration was held on October 15, 2025 with the "Parade of Regents", each regent bearing the DMI paraphernalia which we use in

our activities; such as the crown, crucifix, the image of our Lady-Mary Immaculate, gavel, Holy Rosary, among other items, and the banners of our virtues of Unity, Friendship, Charity, Humility, & Sanctity. As each Regent entered the hall, the emcee explained the significance of each symbol or image she held.

The event would not have been complete without acknowledging the presence of our scholar, Ella Castañeda (who is now a member of the SMI), and the grandmother of John Jasper Cruz whom we took as our scholar in 2007 until he graduated in 2024 with Bachelor of Industrial Technology Major in Electrical Technology. Both scholars are under the PDL's Mission Thrust program.

The celebration was graced by the presence of Regional Representative and International Secretary, Sis Lorie Manalansan; past Chairperson for Prolife, Sis Cora Afuang; Diocesan Regent, Sis Alma Lucas; Vicarial Regent, Sis Rose Diaz, and Past Diocesan Regent, Sis Mercy Ong. We were also blessed by Fr. Marcy Rapayla, Jr., the representative of our Circle Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Lamberto S. Ramos.

We ended the night with a smile on our lips and the warmth of love in our hearts as we present the Rigodon de Honor; a dance in honor of the DMII ladies who have demonstrated selflessness and generosity in the fulfillment of the Mission Thrusts of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, International throughout the years!



Parade of Regents

So Many Things to be Thankful for

By Sis. Irene Dimaculangan

Indeed, there were many things to thank for. Going back in 1975 when Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados Circle (OLA) started, we did not have our building of our own and were sharing a room near NSDD church to a small part of the Knights of Columbus (KC) building. Now we have our own DMI Center. We also have a grotto built along Marikina river for our 1st Saturday Devotion. So many things and events had happened but we remain steadfast in our faith. Regent Sis Emily Gumaru is thankful for the concerted efforts of DMI sisters. RR Sis Lorie Manalansan commented in her speech that the celebration that we had for the 50th Anniversary was a program so relaxing and meaningful. Looking forward to more years of blessings for the NSDD Circle!



RR Lorie Manalansan with Circle Regent, Emily Gumaru



The DMII Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados Circle (OLA Marikina) with guests



The 2025 Officers and Mission Thrust Heads



The Squirrelles of Mary Immaculate, NSDD (OLA) Circlette



RIGODON de HONOR

MOTHER OF LIFE CIRCLE UNDERTAKES GIFT-GIVING ACTIVITY FOR STUDENTS OF MAAHAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Sis. Liza Arpon, Circle Regent

Students of Maahas Elementary School in Los Banos, Laguna were the recipients of gifts from the Mother of Life Circle last December 17, 2025 at the school's covered court

The activity was a project of the circle's Pro-Life Committee headed by Mission Chairperson Sis. Amelita Rodriguez. The gift-giving activity aimed to provide nutritional support to selected students and spread the joy of Christmas

A total of 70 indigent students, carefully identified by their respective class advisers, were the beneficiaries of the activity. Each beneficiary received a gift pack containing one liter of Alaska Evaporated Milk and one

80-ml Alaska Fruit Yo! Strawberry Yoghurt- Flavored Milk Drink donated by Alaska Milk Corp. upon the circle's request through Circle Regent Sis. Liza Arpon's letter addressed to Atty. Cashmer Dirampalen, Alaska's Corporate Affairs Director. The letter-request was co-signed by Sis. Annabelle Soliman, Youth Welfare coordinator and Pro-Life member who conceptualized the project. Endorsed by Barangay Chairman Ferdinand Vargas, School Principal Ms. Sylvia Encabo approved the activity to be held at Maahas Elementary School.

The Gift-Giving Project successfully fulfilled its objective of serving indigent students through a simple yet meaningful act of generosity during the season of giving.



The students of Maahas Elementary School happily show the gifts they received.



The DMI sisters with the school faculty.

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PSKFI AND PARTNERS CELEBRATE 38 YEARS OF COMMUNITY CARE

*By Sis. Ivylou Flores,
Region VI Newsette Correspondent*

The DMIs of the Diocese of San Pablo extended and actively participated in the 38th Anniversary celebration and Annual Outreach Program of the *Pagmamahal sa Kapwa* Foundation, Inc. (PSKFI) last December 6, 2025. The event was held at the Angela de Lucia de Rosa Chapel in Los banos, Laguna in collaboration with the Philippine

Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PCCI).

A Eucharistic celebration opened the day's activity with central focus on the Act of Giving, Art of Healing and Heart of Service.

Act of Giving: “If you’re a giver, find another giver, If you’re a giver,, then you have been with a lot of takers. Find someone who values generosity the same as you do. Find another giver because you deserve to be given to, too.”

Art of Healing: “We are wounded healers. If you got hurt and then healed, you may become an inspiration for others to heal as well.”

Heart of Serving: “True service brings joy, even without acknowledgment or recognition. Those who serve sincerely are seen by God Who will reward their efforts”.

A welcome message by Region VI RR Sis. Norma

Eusebio, PSKFI founder followed the Eucharistic celebration. About 500 guests attended the event.

The PSKFI members and partner collaborators then began their outreach activity offering various free services to the community such as free medical check-up and consultation, blood chemistry testing, X-ray, vision care, dental service,. a legal clinic and gift-giving. Beneficiaries of the outreach were children, women, senior citizens and families from Los Banos and neighboring communities

The PSKFI members and volunteers later gathered in fellowship to celebrate “Christmas in Our Hearts”, sharing the joy of the season with gift-giving and other communal activities.



The DMIs and outreach volunteers prepare the site of the event.



Free medicines are given to outreach beneficiaries.

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SAN PEDRO CATHEDRAL CELEBRATES WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

By Sis. IvyLou Flores

The Cathedral Parish of St. Paul the First Hermit, commonly known as San Pablo Cathedral in San Pablo City, celebrated the 9th World Day of the Poor by way of an outreach activity benefitting 90 children in the community of Kuligligan last November 16, 2025.

Through the collaborative efforts of various parish ministries, snacks and toys were distributed to the children bringing them joy, comfort and hope. This simple gesture served as a reminder that the children are valued by the Church and the parish community.

The outreach program was spearheaded by the St. Paul the First Hermit Circle, the Ecology and Social Action Ministries, barangay chapels and the Kingly Group who generously gave their time and resources to the activity.

Beyond the distribution of gifts, the activity embodied the true

essence of the celebration of World Day of the Poor - to deepen awareness of the realities faced by the poor and to encourage sustained action toward building a more compassionate, just and inclusive society.



Distribution of gifts to the children of Kuligligan.

SAN LORENZO RUIZ CIRCLE JOINS GRAND MARIAN PROCESSION

*By Sis. Helen Cocson,
Regional Chairperson for Morality in Media*

The Parish of San Lorenzo Ruiz in San Pedro, Laguna held a Grand Procession of Marian images last October 26, 2025 as a culminating activity of *Rosaryong Pamparokya* in celebration of Rosary Month.

All parish organizations and the entire community joined the procession, making it a true expression of prayer, unity and love for the Blessed Mother. The entire community remained unhindered by the slight drizzle during the procession, considering the gentle rain as a blessing from above.

Rooted in centuries of Christian tradition and deeply embraced by Filipino faith and culture, the procession becomes in motion – a living celebration of Mary’s motherly care for her children. Families, members of the parish ministries and devotees came together to accompany the beautifully decorated *carrozas*, each bearing an image of Mary under her many beloved titles. Every step, every prayer, and every offering were expressions of their *panata*, a

vow of thanksgiving, petition and unconditional love reminding all of the words from Scripture: “For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed.” (Luke 1:48)

As members of the Marian family, the San Lorenzo Ruiz Circle actively participated in the Grand Marian Procession.



The DMI sisters during the Grand Marian Procession.



INVESTITURE OF NEW SMIs AT STS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH

*By Sis. IvyLou Flores,
Region VI Newsette Correspondent*

The Sts. Peter and Paul Circle of the Diocese of San Pablo formally organized its youth arm, the Sts. Peter and Paul SMI Circlette during the investiture ceremony held on October 12, 2025 at the San Pablo Cathedral in San Pablo City.

This milestone event was attended by family members, friends and parishioners who gathered to witness the significant event. The investiture ceremony highlighted the values of dedication, spiritual growth

and community involvement. which the new Squirettes are expected to uphold in accordance with their motto: “to Know, To Love, To Serve”. They received their official SMI insignia and charge sheets during the ceremony.

Regional Youth Welfare/SMI chairperson Sis. Liza Quidayan, Vicariate of San Antonio de Padua Regent Sis. Bennie de la Cruz and Sta. Peter and Paul Circle Regent Sis. Minerva Urrize expressed

their support to the new Squirettes, encouraging them to continue living out the values of the Church through active participation in parish activities and outreach programs.

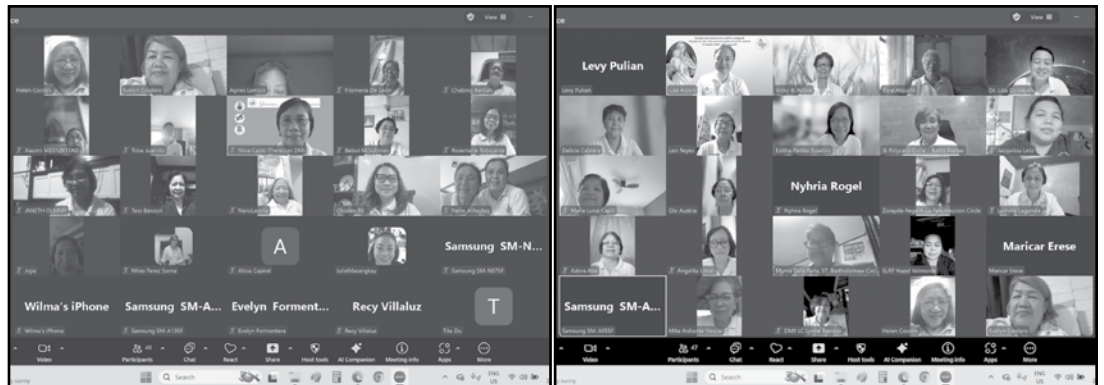
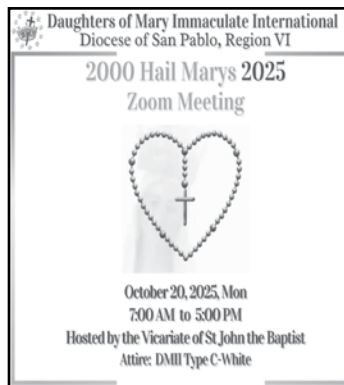
The event ended with a fellowship gathering during which the new Squirettes were congratulated by their Tita DMIs, their families and friends.



The Sts. Peter and Paul Circlette members with their Tita DMIs



VIRTUAL 2000 HAIL MARYS HELD



The Vicariate of St. John the Baptist headed by Vicarial Regent Sis. Edith Eusebio hosted a virtual prayer of 2000 Hail Marys last October 20, 2025 as part of the celebration of Rosary Month. Sixty DMI sisters participated in the prayer. Region VI Representative Sis. Norma Eusebio and Diocesan Regent Sis. Chodee Amoranto gave their full support to the activity.

From the Archdiocese of Lipa – Region VII

DMII Vicariate I Conducts Vicarial Assembly and Christmas Party

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate International Vicariate 1, composed of Marian Circle, Nuestra Señora de la Paz y Buen Viaje de Wawa Circle and Our Lady of Peace Circle conducted their Vicarial Assembly and Christmas Party.

It started with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the St Francis Xavier Parish, celebrated by Rev Fr Nepo

Fruto. After the mass the DMI members proceeded to The Pearl Beach Resort, for their registration, breakfast, and merienda.

The assembly started at 9 am with the presence of our Archdiocesan Regent Sister Ysabelle G Daria, who gave a very inspirational speech, to pep up the members

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of the vicariate. Introduction of the circle members was done.

The circles' fourth quarter mission activity reports were discussed during the assembly.

Every one had an indepth understanding of every circles' activities with appreciation of their efforts, of sharing their time and resources. Sometimes, it may not really be easy to conduct DMI activities due to undue concerns and problems affecting the members lives, but each one extends extra effort and time to accomplish their missions and commitments to the organization.

It is with great pleasure, gratitude and appreciation expressed for each circle for their achievements for the good of all, especially the beneficiaries.

After the assembly, lunch was served by 2 pm, followed by singing, dancing, raffle and gift giving. Later in the afternoon, when members opted to depart, some members stayed to enjoy the waters till evening.

It was a great fun day for all members present.

The use of the resort was a complimentary gift of our DMI Sister Cosette Schmidtfranz, who is currently in the USA to be with their daughter. The assembly was hosted by VR Sister Vissia C. De Guzman.



MORALITY IN MEDIA ARCHDIOCESE OF LIPA

*By: Sis. Mariefa M. Manalo,
Region VII Secretary*

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate International - Holy Cross Circle Conducts Successful Symposium at Bauan Technical High School.

In a dedicated effort to promote moral awareness and mental well-being among youth, the Holy Cross Circle of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate International recently hosted a meaningful Symposium at Bauan Technical High School. The event was attended by 100 student leaders, including Grade 10, 11, and 12 Class Officers and Student Council Officers, aiming to equip them with vital knowledge on pressing social issues.

The resource speaker for the occasion was Rev. Fr. Adrian G. Caraos, a parish Deacon of the immaculate Conception Parish in Mataas na Kahoy, Batangas. Fr. Caraos shared insightful discussions on topics that resonate deeply with the youth today, focusing on the influence of media, morality, and mental health.

The symposium covered three key areas:

Media and Social Comparison - Addressing issues of cyberbullying and the phenomenon of FOMO (Fear of Missing Out).

Morality and Psychological Distress - Exploring the impact of the cyberworld on moral values and mental health.

Mental Health and Addiction - Discussing challenges related to gambling, substance abuse, and other community concerns.

The participants actively engaged with the topics, cascading the information to their peers, thereby amplifying the symposium's reach within the school community. This initiative was part of the DMII Mission Thrust on Morality in Media, emphasizing the importance of responsible media consumption and moral integrity in the digital age.

The event was coordinated in close collaboration with Ms. Dulce Abante, Principal IV of Bauan Technical High School, ensuring a smooth and impactful program.

Through this symposium, the Holy Cross Circle reaffirmed its commitment to fostering moral uprightness, mental resilience, and responsible media use among Filipino youth, aligning with its broader mission to nurture morally upright and socially responsible individuals.



Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John the Baptist Parish



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the archdiocese.



Region VII Updates

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate International in Region VII continues to grow and strengthen their spiritual community through the successful establishment of new Circles across Batangas and Quezon provinces. Under the dedicated leadership of Regional Representative Sister Agnes R. Arada, these new circles serve as vital hubs for faith, service, and community bonding.



Our Lady of Good Voyage Circle Atimonan Quezon



Mater Dolorosa Circle- Matingain, Lemery Batangas

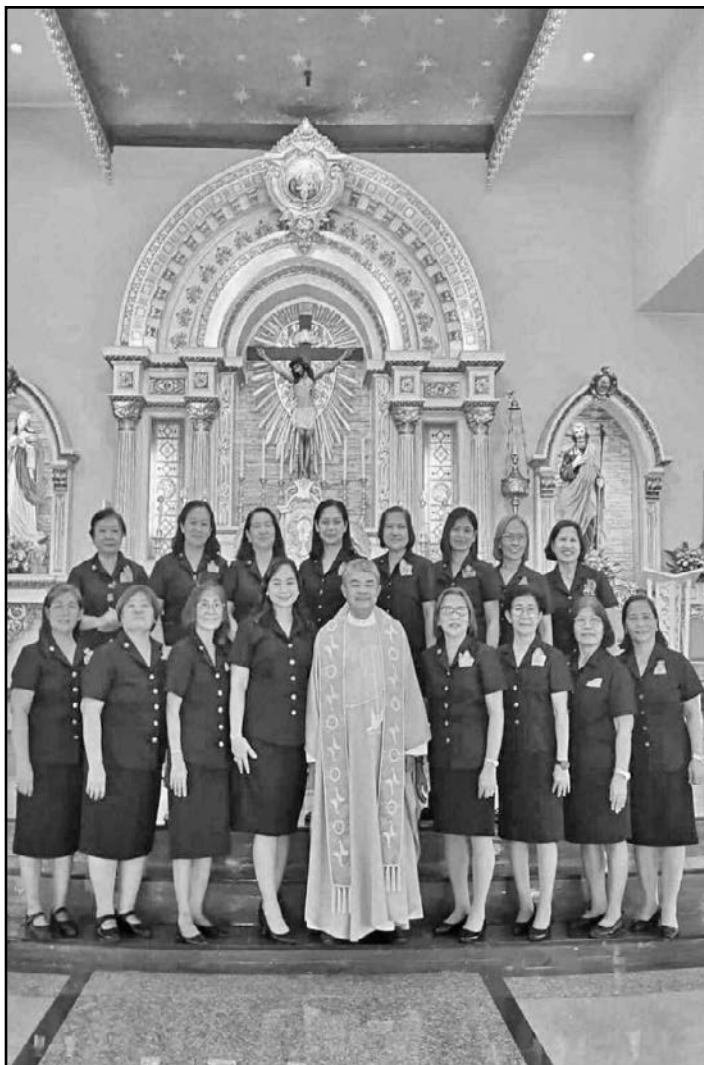
Since November 2021, the region has welcomed the Our Lady of Fatima Circle in Bolo Bauan, Batangas, marking the beginning of a series of expansions aimed at fostering devotion and unity among members.

The most recent additions include:

- Brgy Sang Virgen Circle in Mabini, Batangas – inaugurated on March 17, 2024.
- Minor Basilica of St. Michael Archangel Circle in Tayabas – launched on March 28, 2024.
- Mater Dolorosa Circle in Matingain, Lemery, Batangas– opened on May 18, 2025.
- Our Lady of Good Voyage Circle in Atimonan, Quezon – established on May 24, 2025.
- Our Lady of Grace Circle at Padre Pio in Sto. Tomas, Batangas – officially inaugurated on June 22, 2025.



Our Lady of Grace Circle Padre Pio Sto Tomas, Batangas



Our Lady of Fatima Circle Bolo, Bauan, Batangas



The 407 Regional Assembly Participants – Journeying together in the spirit of synodality

These new Circles symbolize the steadfast commitment of the organization to promote Marian devotion, spiritual growth, and community service among its members. Sister Agnes R. Arada expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to these milestones and emphasized the importance of faithdriven initiatives in strengthening regional unity.



Angelita Reynoso Pastoral
Circle Regent

Rev. Msgr. Dennis M. Imperial
Parish Priest and DMI Spiritual Director



Brgy Sang Virgen Circle- Mabini, Batangas

As the Daughters of Mary Immaculate International Region VII continues to expand, these Circles are expected to become vibrant centers of prayer, fellowship, and outreach, inspiring more Filipinos to deepen their devotion to Mary and serve their communities with renewed zeal.

VIRGIN MOST POWERFUL CIRCLE HOSTS REGION XI ASSEMBLY

*By Sis. Leny Basilan,
Visayas Coordinator
Upliftment of Women Workers*

The 34th Assembly of Region XI was held last October 25, 2025 at the Liceo del Virbo Divino in Tacloban City, Hosted by the Virgin Most Powerful Circle, the event was attended by 207 DMI sisters. Guests from the DMII International Board headed by International Regent Sis. Annie Ty who arrived a day earlier were welcomed by DMIs and SMIs headed by Region XI Representative Sis. Thelma Lim.

The Assembly started with the enthronement and consecration of the image of the Blessed Mother and the welcomer message of RR Sis. Thelma. The Parade of Circles accompanied by circle yells fired the energy of the delegates that was carried throughout the rest of the program.

Rev. Fr. Felicito Borres, SVD, chaplain of Liceo del Virbo Divino, delivered the keynote address focusing on the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was introduced by Past Region XI RR Sis. Igmedia Balagapo. The talks of the International Mission Chairpersons followed – Sis. Angie Baes for Pro-life, Sis. Shirley Corvera for Morality in Media, Sis. Milde Tong for Assistance to Prisoners' Families and their Victims and Sis. Teresita Labilles for Upliftment of Women Workers. e was introduced by Past Region XI RR Sis. Ignertia Balagapo.

In her message to the delegates, IR Sis. Annie Ty

spoke about “Mission in Times of Crisis”, a sobering report on the Magnitude 6.9 earthquake that struck Cebu on Sept. 30, 2025. DMII through its International Officers visited the affected areas in the province to provide financial assistance and relief goods. Sis. Annie emphasized that the identity of a DMI is defined by active service and presence during times of need.

Closing the afternoon session was a Eucharistic celebration presided by Msgr. Benedicto Catilogo, pastor of St. Arnold Janssen Parish, Tacloban City.

The daylong assembly ended with a vibrant Fellowship Night opened by Sis. Igmedia. Competitions and recognitions were featured during the night's program. Winners in the competitions were:

*Sis. Mirasol Lumpas of the Virgin Most Powerful Circle, Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Tacloban City was crowned Most Popular DMI 2025.

*The Our Lady of Assumption Circle, Archdiocese of Maasin was grand champion and “Best in Costume in the dance presentation contest. The St. James the Greater Circle won second place.

*Special awards went to the Sto. Nino de Tacloban



The assembly hosts, Virgin Most Powerful DMIs and SMIs headed by VR Sis. Concepcion Esperas and Past IVR Sis. Yolly Dagandan welcome the DMII National Officers headed by IR Sis. Annie Ty at the Tacloban Airport



Sis. Mirasol Lumpas, Region XI's 2025 Most Popular DMI

Circle as the “Beautiful Face of the Night” while Sis. Agnes Mira of the Tower of Ivory Circle received the “Best in Filipiniana Attire” award.

The night ended on a high note with the delegates dancing to the tune of “Dancing Queen” led by the Squirettes.



The Our Lady of Assumption Circle of Maasin City, grand champion in the dance competition with Sisters Annie Ty and Thelma Lim



From the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro – Region XII

SEAT OF WISDOM SMIs ATTEND FORUM ON HUMAN SEXUALITY AND CHASTITY

*By Sisters Nilda Villegas
and Margie Temple*

The Squirettes of Seat of Wisdom Circlette in Gingoog City attended a forum on Adolescents’ Reproductive Health, Human Sexuality and Chastity Education spearheaded by SMI Lady Counselor Sis. Luchee Lamban of the Perpetual Help Circle in collaboration with the Christian Family and Life Apostolate of the parish. The forum was held last November 9, 2025 at the Barangay 9 Hall in Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental

During the forum, the topics discussed were not a set of rules but a path to authentic freedom through the value of self-respect and self-control. The activity was not a

seminar but a conversation where questions were met with compassion and the journey of growing up was presented not as a series of challenges to be feared but as an adventure to be embraced with wisdom and grace.

The Tita DMIs who were with the facilitators – Sisters Sanny Valles, Cora Marquino, Salome Ganapin, Marisa Manulat and Georgina Abellano were very supportive, confident that the 20 Squirettes who attended the forum will not just navigate the complexities of adolescence but are being equipped to build lives of purpose, integrity and love.

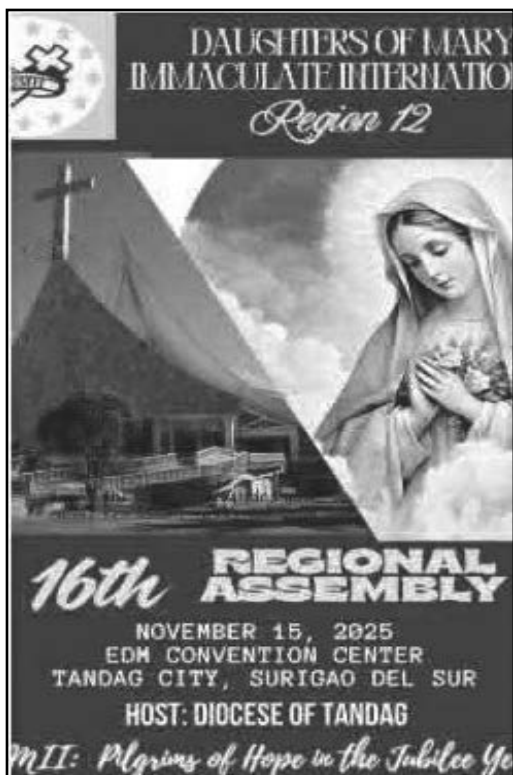


The SMI forum participants



The Tita DMIs with the forum facilitators

Witnessing Unity and Devotion: The 16th DMII Region XII Assembly 2025



The 16th DMII Region XII Assembly was successfully held on November 15, 2025, at the EDM Convention Center in Tandag City, Surigao del Sur, gathering delegates from across Region 12. The event brought together members from the Diocese of Malaybalay, Butuan, Surigao, Tandag, and the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro, uniting them in fellowship, reflection, and renewed commitment to the mission of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate International.



Our very own La Immaculada Conception Circle of Tago, composed of dedicated DMII sisters, joyfully participated in this meaningful gathering. Representing

our circle with faith, humility and sisterhood, we joined the assembly with hearts ready to listen, learn, and be inspired.



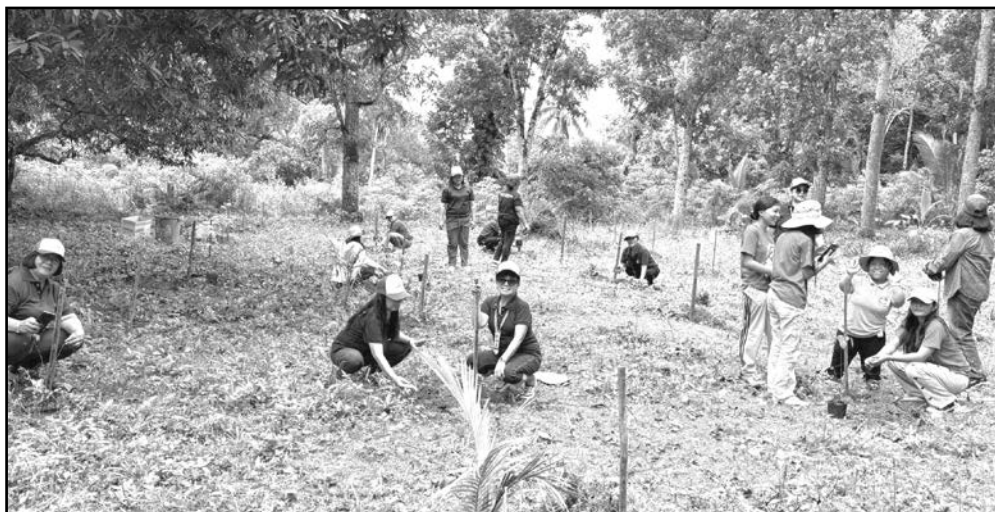
The assembly provided a rich program filled with spiritual nourishment, insightful talks, and strengthening of diocesan and inter-circle bonds. It was a day marked by prayerful moments, sharing of mission experiences, and a reaffirmation of the organization's core values rooted in Marian devotion, service to the Church, and love for the community.



As the assembly concluded, participants returned to their respective dioceses with renewed zeal, strengthened unity, and a deeper sense of purpose. The La Immaculada Conception Circle remains grateful for the chance to take part in this blessed event and looks forward to continuing its mission in communion with the entire DMII family. To God be the glory, and to Mary our Mother, our constant guide – Ave Maria!

TREE-PLANTING IN SANGKOL, DIPOLOG CITY

The DMIs and SMIs recently conducted a Tree-Planting project at the farm of Sis. Maritess Uy in Sangkol, Dipolog City. The group planted several Narra trees as part of their commitment to caring and protecting the environment. The tree seedlings were donated by Sis. Joy Cachin.



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From the Archdiocese of Zamboanga & Prelature of Isabela de Basilan – Region XIV

OUR LADY OF PURIFICATION CIRCLE CELEBRATES 42ND ANNIVERSARY

By Sis. Marilyn de Asis

To celebrate its 42nd Anniversary, the Our Lady of Purification Circle of Sta. Maria Parish, Zamboanga City held a team-building activity last October 26, 2025. Circle Regent Sis. Bernadita Pelayo Mariano led the celebration.

The Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Armand Aquino, parish priest, was followed by the team-building activity aimed at strengthening the bond of sisterhood among the sisters. They were divided into four groups with each group made to compose a jingle

or song to represent themselves and a Q and A with the group having the most number of correct answers proclaimed as champion. Questions fielded were mostly from the Bible's Old and New Testament. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

A sports competition was held after lunch.

Three charter members were still present during the circle's 42nd Anniversary celebration.



Team-building Activity 1; A group sings an original song its members composed.



Winning group in the Q and A contest

37th CIRCLE ORGANIZED IN ZAMBOANGA

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

A new circle in Tictapul Parish, some 87 kilometers from Zamboanga City, was chartered last October 17, 2025 to become the 37th circle in the Archdiocese of Zamboanga.

The Queenship of Mary Circle was organized through the efforts of the Divine Mercy Circle of Divisoria, Zamboanga City. The exemplification team

of Our Lady of Purification Circle of Sta. Maria Parish performed the exemplification rites and later installed the circle's charter officers led by Regent Sis. Pilar Fantillanan.

IVR-Mindanao and Region XIV RR Sis. Pinky Saavedra lent her full support to the activity.



The installation of the charter officers



The charter officers and members of the Queenship of Mary Circle.



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