

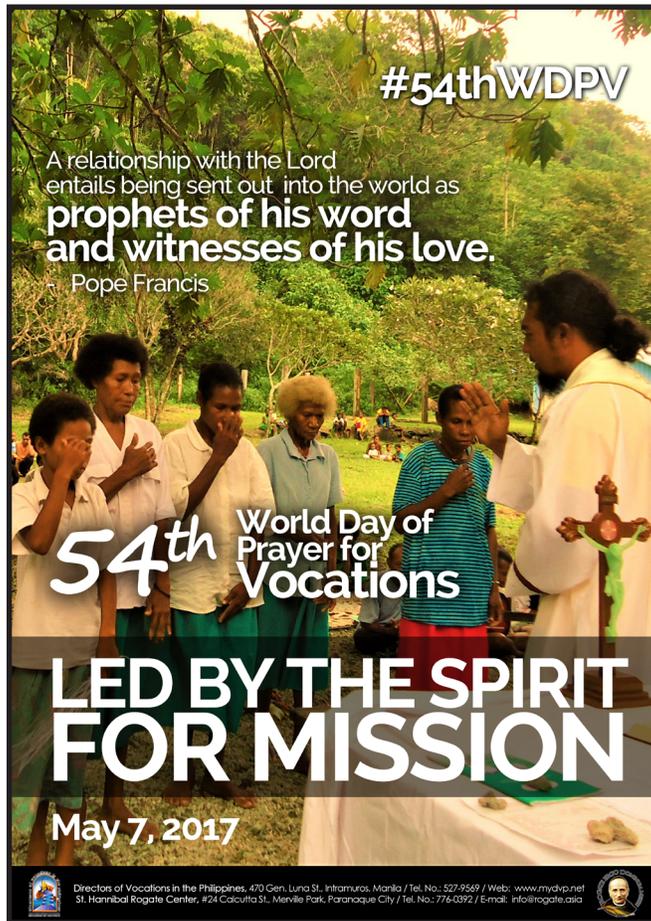


# 54<sup>TH</sup> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS LED BY THE SPIRIT FOR MISSION

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## Greetings!

This year's 54<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations, celebrated on May 7, 2017, had the theme: **“LED BY THE SPIRIT FOR MISSION”**.

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The featured photo was taken from one of the mission areas of the Rogationist Mission Station-Papua New Guinea in Sideia, Milne Bay Province.

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# DIOCESE OF PARAÑAQUE

## CELEBRATES 54<sup>th</sup> WDPV BY OVERNIGHT YOUTH PRAYER VIGIL

The Diocese of Parañaque held its annual Magbokasyon sa Bakasyon, an overnight youth prayer vigil, for the celebration of the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations held at the Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Multinational Village, Parañaque City last May 6-7, 2017. Inspired by the message of the Holy Father Pope Francis, the event also took the theme of the 54th WDPV, which was "Led by the Spirit for Mission". During that overnight activity, more than 750 participants came from the parishes and youth associations of the Diocese, including some members of religious congregations.

In collaboration with the Diocesan Vocation Ministry, the Rogationist religious students coming from Fr. Di Francia Center of Studies and St. Hannibal Rogate Center jointly organized the event. The core committee was then spearheaded by Fr. Dante Quidayan, RCJ, assistant pastor at the Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Multinational.

The core committee's organization and planning gained support mainly from the OLMHRP youth, who collaborated specifically through invitations from and visits into different Parishes and Vicariates, religious congregations and youth associations, and likewise as animators and co-organizers of the event. Some of them also served in the logistical and secretarial



Fr. Joel Ricafranca, RCJ was the guest speaker of the Magbokasyon sa Bakasyon in the Diocese of Parañaque.



Participants were immersed into a Praise and Worship moment.



More than 750 youth participants attended the annual event.

tasks before and during the celebration. Meanwhile, the Rogate Youth-Merville Chapter served as Marshalls during the event. For the event's Taize and Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM) based from the Holy Infant Jesus Parish in South Admiral Village, served as its animators. In a special way, the governing body of the Commission of Youth of the Diocese, together with its Diocesan, Vicariate and Parish Youth Coordinators, greatly helped in the dissemination of the invitation in the Parishes.

The event started with the registration of the youth participants, who also had their opportunity for a photo booth. At 8:00pm, the opening salvo energized the participants, who in turn, joined the animators in the dancing. Then, they were organized into groups, facilitated by some brothers and sisters coming from various religious congregations.

By 9:00pm, the participants listened to the talk of Fr. Joel Ricafranca, RCJ, assistant to the Novice Master of the Rogationist Novices based in Cavite. The core of his talk centered on the importance of God as "the Faithful Lover". That because of God's faithfulness in loving his people, vocation and mission becomes possible. Through the love of God that is faithful, man's response to his vocation becomes authentic and a mirroring of that same love to the rest of God's people.

The youth from the organization Youth for Life animated the Praise and Worship after the talk. The participants were once more immersed into prayer, accompanied by charismatic music.

After the talk, all the participants had their turn to share their insights about the talk through an hour of group sharing. There they were able to express their feelings, insights and struggles thanks to the talk of Fr. Joel. However, not only the young people were able to discover the opportunity to share about how God moves in their lives, but also the religious sisters and brothers who facilitated the groups. One sister related how she was able to discover new friends with the group assigned to her. She added that it was important for the facilitators to give that "sacred space" for the youth to share, while encouraging them to focus on reflecting on what the speaker shared with the rest.



The Rogate Youth and the OLMHRP Youth animated as Mass Choir.



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Rev. Zander Conson, RCJ led the Taize and Adoration for Vocations.



Fr. Dante Quidayan, RCJ presided the Culminating Holy Mass.

Right after the sharing, the participants gathered once more in preparation for the Taize and Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations. All of them had a simple procession going to the Parish Church, where they spent an hour of conversation with the Eucharistic Lord. Rev. Zander Conson, RCJ animated the whole hour, together with his short homily.

As the participants went back to the venue, they prepared for the film viewing. One youth shared about her life-changing experiences upon encountering the Lord in every Eucharistic Adorations she attended. Eventually, the participants watched the recently released film, "Silence".

After the film, the young participants had their Dawn Rosary, with a procession from the Parish compound going around some streets of Multinational Village, then back to the venue.

Eventually, the Holy Mass culminated the event. The liturgy was presided by the Head Coordinator of the event, Fr. Dante Quidayan, RCJ, assisted by Rev. Harvey Cestina, RCJ and Bro. John Francis Aberion, RCJ, who were also part of the core committee. In his homily, Fr. Dante urged the young people to continue praying for holy vocations as part of their witnessing as Christians. He invited them to pray, "Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into your Church," as soon as they wake up in the morning. Then the usual liturgy followed.

Before the final blessing, the participants prayed the "Vocation Prayer Habit" which was printed in their IDs. Likewise, Fr. Dante asked the crowd to keep on the habit of praying for holy vocations. At the conclusion of the Mass, all the participants had their general group photo souvenir.

Throughout the Holy Mass, the Rogate Youth from Holy Spirit and Merville Chapters as well as the OLMHRP youth served as the choir.

Andrew Rasonabe, a Postulant of the Rogationists and a member of the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM), together with Daniella Rose Posadas, one of the OLMHRP youth, served as Masters of Ceremony.



Fr. John Lucas, RCJ was the Keynote Speaker in the Conference.



Religious and lay comprised most of the participants.



After the conference, participants celebrated an hour for Vocations.



Venue of the WDPV celebration.

In celebration of the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations (WDPV), on May 7, 2017, the first Reflection was delivered by Fr. John Joffer Lucas on "The People of Israel as God's Chosen Community: Its Meaning and Impact in our Community Living". Fr. Lucas opened his reflection by speaking about the obvious individualism creeping through society and even in religious communities in particular. Then, in contrast, he introduced the concept of communion as seen in the Old Testament stories of creation, life Abraham and that of people of Israel - their exile from their native land and their return therefrom.

In these narratives, Fr. Lucas said, the call for us to be in a community - as we serve God and observe His commandments - is repeatedly stressed. He concluded by leaving the audience, composed mainly of religious from varied congregations, members of the Union of Prayer for vocations, and friends, some questions to ponder upon.

The Talk was succeeded immediately by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, presided over by Fr. Jessie Martirizar. Fr. Joel Ricafranca delivered the homily, recounting how struck he was by Pope Francis' reference to every Christian, being a "Christopher" - a bearer of Christ (from the Pontiff's message for current WDPV, with the theme, "Led by the Spirit for Mission").

In his usual lively fervor, he exhorted everyone that as missionaries, they must to learn as they pray before the missionary par excellence - Jesus - how they can bear Him for the people they serve, as did their saintly founders. The insightful and prayer-filled event ended with a simple refreshments.

# CONFERENCE AND WDPV CELEBRATION

# WHEN CHARITY INSPIRES PRAYER

The St. Hannibal Empowerment Center, (SHEC) together with St. Hannibal Christian Communities (SHaCC), Federation of People's Organizations and ROGATE Youth Ministry SHaCC Chapter (RYMSC), celebrated the 54th World Day Prayer for Vocations in 4 moments:

The first moment was last May 5, 2017, at around 5 pm, when they joined the Parish Community of San Juan Nepomuceno Parish, Malibay, Pasay City, for a Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations. This was headed by the Parish Priest of the said Parish, Fr. Ed Coroza. After the Adoration, there was a Holy Mass and a talk about the apparition of the Our Lady of Fatima.



Fr. Orville Cajigal, RCJ gave a talk during the WDPV celebration.

On the second moment, there was a rosary and prayer encounter for vocations last May 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m., at St. Hannibal Subdivision Phase 2, Malibay, Pasay City. It was attended by different members of the organizations assisted by SHEC. Two Rogationist seminarians from RYMSC shared their vocation stories. In the same moment, the Port Area of Baseco Neighborhood Associations' League (PABaNAL) and ROGATE Youth Ministry PABaNAL Chapter



Walking the talk: the celebration of the 54th WDPV became an opportunity for the SHEC Community to distribute the goods to over 118 families whose houses and livelihood were razed by a raging fire last April 29. The goods came from various helps, ranging from the communities of Rogationist St. Matthew Province, to groups and individuals.

organizations had a prayer encounter for vocations. They offered prayers for the same intention.

On the third moment, the involved organizations participated in the Holy Mass last May 7, 2017, 7:00 a.m. at the San Juan Nepomuceno Parish, Malibay, Pasay City, presided by Fr. Dexter Prudenciano, RCJ, Executive Director of SHEC. During the Holy Mass, they offered a prayer for vocations, imploring the Lord to send more holy vocations into His Church.

On the fourth moment: leaders of the said organizations gave goods to 118 families affected by fire from Barangay 157, Pasay City at St. Hannibal Training Center, Malibay, Pasay City. The said families were given pillow, blanket, towel, plates, drinking glasses, spoons, forks, frying pan, pot, ladles, pail, dipper (tabo), clothes. SHEC collected donations from the said organizations, some Rogationist Communities and generous individuals who helped to purchase the said items. Meanwhile, some leaders of the said organizations worked hard to prepare all the said items for their needy brothers and sisters.

As they gathered together to pray for more and holy vocations, their prayer was concretely translated to sharing goods to our needy brothers and sisters whose houses were razed by fire last April 29, 2017.

*Prayer and charity go together:  
As people continue praying for vocations,  
charity becomes all the more compelling and vibrant.  
Beneficiaries received the goods packed and organized  
by the SHEC Community.*





About 262 youth participants gathered at St. John Paul II Sub-Parish in Davao del Sur for an overnight youth camping last May 6-7, in celebration of the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

These youth came from Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs), locally known as Gamayang Kristohanong Katalingban (GKK), from the nearby St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Sta. Cruz, and from the schools like the Rogationist Academy and St. Joseph School, both who are in Toril. The event was jointly organized and facilitated by the seminarians from Rogationist Seminary Cebu and Religious Students based in Davao.

The event started with the registration of the participants, then with the liturgy of the fire and with the animation of the opening salvo. The welcome remarks were delivered by the youth in-charge of the SJPII Parish, Fr. Carlo Balaguer, RCJ. Meanwhile, Bro. Clenton Oplas, RCJ gave the orientation of the overnight camp for the participants.

After dinner, Fr. Antonio Nocellado, RCJ,



The youth participants gathered at St. John Paul II Sub-Parish for the celebration of the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



Top: Listening to one of the talks during the youth camp.

Middle: Group Sharing after the talk

Right: Morning exercises and animation in preparation for the Holy Mass.

Principal of Rogationist Academy, presided the Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations which spanned for an hour.

At the conclusion of the Adoration, Fr. Carlo Balaguer gave the talk in relation with the theme of the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which was "Led by the Spirit for Mission". The group sharing of participants then followed it. A simple cultural show was presented, as a showcase of the participants' talents. After a long break, they had a rosary for vocations outside the Parish grounds.

The Holy Mass culminated the event, with Fr. Antonio Nocellado as the Presider.



## MORE WDPV CELEBRATIONS

### OUR LADY OF PILLAR PARISH (BOLINAO) and ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH (BAUTISTA)

On the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations last May 7, the Our Lady of Pillar Parish Community organized an hour of prayer with the help of the Rogate Youth-Bolinao for the parishioners. On that day, the Parish Community of St. Catherine of Siena in Bautista sent youth representatives for the celebration. Fr. Welbert Llyd Suarez, RCJ, Collaborator at the Our Lady of Pillar Parish, spearheaded the whole event.

### ROGATIONIST MISSION STATION – VIETNAM

Last May 7, the community of the Rogationists in Vietnam celebrated the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations by organizing it with the students and formators of the missionaries in Vietnam. Whilst some students and religious went to other parishes to participate in the celebration of the WDPV, some religious and students remained with Fr. King in Saigon to facilitate the program and celebration. The celebration highlighted the Mass, Holy Hour, and sharing of vocation journey experiences of the speakers and participants, sisters and brothers.

# VOCATION YOUTH CAMP



The participants during the celebration of the WDPV.



During the group sharing.

*Triduum for the 54th WDPV - The Association of religious Congregations in the Diocese of Maumere namely MATRIDIS organized programs for the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations entitled: "Led by the Spirit for Mission" from May 4-6, 2017. One of the activities offered by MATRIDIS was the triduum of the Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations prepared by Vocation Committee coordinated by Fr. Herbert Magbuo, RCJ. The schema of the triduum prepared by Fr. Herbert and assisted by some members of the community was given to all the religious congregations. The triduum was held in the different parishes where the religious congregations present. Meanwhile, the Rogationist community had their triduum in the chapel of Wailiti, part of the Mary Magdalene Parish of Nangahure together with Benedictine Sisters, Sisters of the Mary Immaculate (SMI) and the parishioners. The presider of the first day of the triduum was Fr. Herbert Magbuo, then the next day by Fr. Edgar Dacaldacal, and the last day by Fr. Henrikus Gualbertus. The brothers and seminarians helped in the celebration of the triduum.*

*BEC Immersion in Celebration of the 54th WDPV - Another activity organized by the MATRIDIS through the vocation committee was the BEC immersion in the different parishes last May 6. The religious congregations were divided into small groups, and were sent to the different parishes to assist in the celebration of the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. They were distributed into the different Basic Ecclesial Communities (BEC) to experience the life of the people. At the same time, they also organized activities for the different level of the*



Fr. Edgar Dacaldacal, RCJ guides the participants during a Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations.



Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations.



The Mass at the St. Joseph Cathedral, presided by the Most Rev. Gerulfus Kherubim Pareira, SVD, D.D., during the culminating celebration of the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

ages starting with the children, youth and also with the different organizational prayer groups in the parishes namely Legion of Mary, St. Ann and St. Joachim. The members of the group of Rogationists, led by Bro. Damianus Doe together with some seminarians went to the parish of Magepanda for this activity. They stayed until Sunday afternoon for the whole activities prepared by the group. Meanwhile, another group of the seminarians organized an activity in the chapel of Wailiti together with the children called SEKAMI and the youth. After their triduum for the last day led by Fr. Henrikus, a simple program was organized for the parishioners and all those who were present. Games and presentations of each group entertained all.

*Celebration of the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations - On May 6, immediately after the triduum, the organized activities continued with the presentations from the Seminarians, SMI Sisters, the youth and the children. All the presentations were somehow voicing out the beauty and the struggles of journeying together with the Lord. At the end of the program, they had a bonfire during the sharing of the experiences from the seminarians and the youth. Fr. Edgar Dacaldacal concluded the sharing with some inspirational inputs. They concluded the vigil with snacks. The next day, May 7, Fr. Henrikus Gualbertus presided the Holy Mass in the same chapel at Wailiti, while in the afternoon all the members of the community joined the Mass in St. Joseph Cathedral presided by the Most Rev. Gerulfus Kherubim Pareira, SVD, D.D., Bishop of Maumere. The Mass started at five in the afternoon, concelebrated by Rogationist priests, SVD, Somascan Fathers, Camilian Fathers, Stigmatines, Missionary of God's Love, Vocationist Fathers, and Carmelites. The female congregations together with the parishioners also joined that event.*

# BECs, MATRIDIS and PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



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