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## BEACONS OF LIGHT

Nowadays, as we walk in the midst of darkness of a Pandemic; Jesus invites all of us to be the "light of the world." (Mt. 5:14) We are all called to kindle the light in us and be an effective light-sharer. Likewise, Pope Francis explicitly expressed that, "it is not enough to receive light. We need to "become light... in order to manifest it with our whole life." (March 20, 2020, before reciting the Angelus prayer Sunday)

The Clerics Regular Minor (CRM) Adorno Fathers and Brothers worldwide, and particularly the USA-PHILIPPINE Delegation, wholeheartedly responds to this invitation through its humble ways of becoming light to others. In this year, the Order is celebrating the gift of light--- the gift of vocation through the presence of these two courageous men who solemnly profess vows before God as the first two Adorno Filipino Coadjutor Brothers. As Coadjutor brothers, they, in virtue of baptism and of religious profession are called not only to personal holiness, but also to the spread of the kingdom of God. Wherefore, they are to feel themselves committed in the apostolic work together with their clerical confreres (*Constitutions R, 56*). It is a proof of unceasing prayers and perpetual mercy to the True Light -Christ. Indeed, what a beautiful light in the midst of darkness!

Who are these two men? Without further ado, we are pleased and honored to present our very first Filipino Adorno Coadjutor brothers.

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### CRM Joins the *Brigada Pabasa* Program

Paracale, CN, August 31, 2021- The Adorno Fathers and Brothers Vinzons community participated in the *Brigada Pabasa* Program in Igang Elementary School Brgy. Igang, Paracale through the invitation of Ms. Jean C. Madridejos, Acting- Principal.

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### Vinzons Community holds a 3-day Retreat

Vinzons, CN, June 15-18, 2021---The Adorno Fathers and Brothers community formally opened the formation year with a three day retreat facilitated by Rev. Fr. Michael Marotta, CRM, Local Superior.

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### Bro. Aldriem professes Simple vows

Vinzons Camarines Norte (CN), June 4, 2021— Novice Aldriem Cecilio y Gomez of Jose Panganiban, CN, professed his Simple vows on the Feast of St. Francis Caracciolo. The Eucharistic Celebration began at 5:00 in the afternoon in the Sanctuary of Jesus, the Risen Lord (Seminary Chapel). It was presided by Most Rev. Rex Andrew C. Alarcon, D.D., Bishop of Daet, with the priest concelebrants. The Bishop gave emphasis to the newly professed that "by the profession one freely chooses to bind oneself to the regulae, to the rules: to the rules of prayer, community life, and service of charity, as well as to the rule of humility."

Rev. Fr. Liam Reza M. Panganiban, CRM, witnessed by the Novice Master and out-going Superior of Vinzons community, Rev. Fr. Michael Marotta, CRM and the incoming Superior, Rev. Fr. Rufino C. Madridejos, Jr., CRM, received the vows and welcomed him into the family of the Clerics Regular Minor. After the Holy Mass, the simple banquet was served in the Adorno Hall. \*Nov. R. Estella



## MESSAGE OF THE SUPERIOR DELEGATE US-PHILIPPINE DELEGATION

My Dear Friends,

Greetings of Peace! It is a joy to give this congratulatory message to the seminary community of the Adorno Fathers in Vinzons, Camarines Norte in re-launching the CALLE CASA publication which started in 2009. This newsletter will provide everyone with the latest events and happenings at our seminary.

Next year, we, the Adorno Fathers will celebrate the 20th anniversary of our presence in the Philippines. Since 2002, our seminary in Vinzons has formed men in embracing the religious life as priests and brothers of Jesus Christ. We started from very humble beginnings and the sacrifices of many have proven to be a blessing to all.

Today, we strive to continue that legacy through providing a rich culture of formation where we form joyful religious priests and brothers who are prepared to lead and serve God's people.

This newsletter will give updates to our friends and benefactors who have supported our mission for two decades. We are all excited to celebrate this milestone in the life of the Adorno Fathers in the Philippines. I ask you dear friends to continue to support us as we live our charism in a very challenging world today. Continue also to pray for an increase of vocations to the Church and in particular to the Adorno Fathers worldwide.

May God bless you and your family.

**Rev. Fr. Jason S. Caganap, CRM, JCL**  
Delegation Superior



### EDITOR'S NOTE

By the Editor-in-Chief



The Clerics Regular Minor (CRM)---Adorno Fathers and Brothers Formation House (Vinzons, Camarines Norte) humbly presents the re-birth of CALLE CASA, an official newsletter of this institution, with gratitude and passion for new evangelization. This year's theme: CRM: Celebrating and Radiating our Mission provides a theological and pastoral profundity on the existence of the CRM in the Universal Church. It is biblically anchored with these words, "God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all." (1 Jn1:5)

Amidst this catastrophic state---Pandemic, the CRM interminably celebrates and radiates its mission---of arising the Light to the world. Now, the Adorno Fathers and Brothers USA-PHILIPPINE DELEGATION marks another lampposts as it celebrates the: the twenty (20) years on existence in the Philippines and the Solemn Profession of the first two (2) Filipino Adorno Coadjutor Brothers.

Indeed, a celebration of Light (Christ), who enfolds the darkness of the world. At the same time, a faithful response of the CRM to His invitation: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." (Mt. 5:14) As Pope Francis says, "You must be salt and light, but never self-serving: salt must add flavor and light must illuminate the other." Hence, the CRM incessantly celebrates and radiates the light to others by living out the mission and charism for the greater glory of the Rising Christ.

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### 49TH PARISH FIESTA OF SAINT ROCH-LARAP

Larap, Jose Panganiban CN, August 16, 2021---The Parish of Saint Roch celebrated its 49th Parish Fiesta. A brief background, this Parish was entrusted to the Adorno Fathers and Brothers by the Most Reverend Rex Andrew C. Alarcon, DD of the Diocese of Daet. His Excellency, appointed Rev. Fr. Arnel H. Hagos, CRM as Parish Administrator Pro Tempore on February 25, 2020. Fr. Arnel is the first Adorno to hold a parish assignment in the Philippines.

The highlight of this event was the Eucharistic celebration led by the Bishop of Daet, Monsignor Alarcon. He said in his homily that the basis of entering the Kingdom of God is not based on our professional accomplishments or achievements. For God, a simple act of kindness has the most bearing. We all know that kindness is not an easy thing to do, but kindness is something that people regardless of age and stature can accomplish. The celebration of the Feast of Saint Roch was simple because of the IATF health protocols. There were a few priests and parishioners who attended the celebration. It was not as vibrant and as cheerful as before, but the few attendees made the celebration a solemn one. The celebration ended with a simple lunch with the Bishop, priests and devotees. \* *Br. M. Inovero, CRM*



## BEACONS...

**Bro. Everhistro Cavite y Torrecampo** hailed from Makati City. He is the second among the three siblings of Mr. Pascual A. Cavite and Mrs. Socorro T. Cavite; born on April 2, 1991. He started as an Altar Server in the Parish of St. John of the Cross- Makati at the age of 14; it is where the light of vocation started to spark. After finishing his secondary education, Bro. Everhistro with now Fr. Kevin Daborbor, CRM entered the Adorno Fathers and Brothers Formation House -Vinzons, CN on May 2010 through the help of Fr. German "Gerry" Coquilla, CRM.

He finished his philosophical studies at Holy Trinity Seminary Labo, CN last 2015. After a year of Novitiate, he professed his Simple vows in the Sanctuary of Jesus, the Risen on June 11, 2016. Then, he took some theological courses in St. Francis de Sales Theological Seminary, Lipa City, Batangas from 2016-2019.

The community commonly refers to him as "Ever." Bro. Ever is a loving son and brother to his family, a zealous musician, devoted Kitchen Manager, a jolly and thoughtful friend and most especially a valiant and religious brother of Christ. His religious anchor: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) Indeed, his presence radiates the Great Light.



**Bro. Hardey Aguilar y Jacob** is from Pawa, Legazpi City. He is the fourth among eight siblings of a loving couple Mr. Pedro T. Aguilar and Mrs. Delia P. Aguilar; born on July 10, 1987. Before he entered in this religious order, he took his two-year course to become a Computer Technician while working as a student in Southern Luzon Technological College Foundation, Inc. His good performance as a hardworking and responsible student was greatly esteemed by the school administration. After finishing the course, he was appointed as a Computer Administrator from 2007-2009 then, Computer Network Technician from 2009-2010 in the same institution.

Three years after working in the corporate world, Bro. Hardey experienced an extraordinary longing for a meaningful life. His brother, Mardey J. Aguilar, a former seminarian of this Order, served as the John the Baptist of his life. According to Bro. Hardey, the spark of vocation started when he attended the Graduation of his brother in Vinzons, CN. He experienced a Great Light- Christ- in The midst of silence. He appreciated the prayerful silence. The community gives him numerous nicknames that best described him: Bro. "Aga" because of his promptness; "Gurang" because of his being young at heart.

and the tranquility of the seminary. From that moment, he started his discernment. God really moves in a mysterious ways; God put him into a great disturbance of the heart that led him to a beautiful and perfect place---this religious community. Afterward, he entered in the Seminary on May 2010.

He also finished his philosophical studies at the Holy Trinity Seminary Labo, CN. One year after his intensive religious program, he professed his Simple Vows on June 4, 2015. Then, he took some theological courses in St. Francis de Sales Theological Seminary Lipa City, Batangas from 2015-2019.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Mt. 5:16).

His presence is deeply appreciated by his love for the Order and the universal Church, Simple living, Humble and selfless service to others, genuine friendship, and most especially promising religious brother of the CRM. His religious anchor: "Set your hearts on the greater gifts" (1Cor. 12:31) Truly, a special gift for the Church. Undeniably, the Adorno Fathers and Brothers USA-PHILIPPINE DELEGATION is more than blessed to have the first two Filipino Coadjutor Brothers as it celebrates the second (2nd) decade of providential existence in the Philippine Catholic Church particularly in the local Church of Daet.

Let us continue to offer prayers and sacrifices for these two brothers so that they may continue to spread the light of Christ's love. May Christ unceasingly illumine more hearts to boldly accept the invitation to be one of the good and holy Adorno. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 5:16). Ad Majorem Resurgentis Gloriam! \*Sem. J. Ilao





**BRIGADA PAGBASA...**

Present were almost 55 students with their guardians, four teachers, four volunteers (student-teachers), two priests, and nine seminarians. Fifteen (15) out of 55 students belong to the Manide (a local tribe). The activity started with a prayer led by Rev. Fr. Arnel H. Hagos, CRM, Parish Administrator of St. Roch -Larap, Jose Panganiban.

After the reading tutorial (Pabasa), all the participants had a simple lunch sponsored by the Adorno community. Rev. Fr. Rufino Madridejos, CRM, Local Superior, concluded the activity through a prayer and final blessing. The joy among the participants reflected the fruitfulness of the event and a positive response to the theme of 500 years of Christianity " Gifted to give, " by sharing the light with others. \*Nov. R. Estella

**3-DAY RETREAT...**

Fr. Michael promoted the time of prayerful silence, group sharing, and adoration, in order to attune the mood of the formandi to the sounds of the Spirit. He emphasized that the vocation to the religious life starts with the graces received in the Sacrament of Baptism, and is nurtured and fostered through the works of the Holy Spirit, the ultimate formator. He also reminded that the response to this life should always be "a yes with no strings attached... because God calls with no criteria, He calls us as we are." The said activity became days of great silence to reflect and discern the message of the Spirit. \*Sem. L. Ilagan

**THE PROMISING FUTURE**

*"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope." (Jer. 29:11)*

The Adorno Fathers and Brothers -Vinzons community is truly blessed to have new 5 aspirants. These five men had their one-month search-in as part of their discernment period where they immersed themselves on the four pillars of the seminary especially with the community. Now, let me present to you our new seminarians.



**Sem. Jan Michael F. Abueg**, 31 years old, is from Apad, Quezon, Quezon. Sem. JM is from the Parish of Holy Cross, Quezon, Quezon. Our community calls him "JM " as his nickname. He took some philosophical courses in Notre Dame of Marbel University, South Cotabato. The seminary assigned him as the Spiritual Chairman where he is in-charge on the different liturgical activities particularly the celebration of the Holy Mass of the seminary. His religious anchor: I am lowly but favored.

**Sem. Nathaniel R. Asis**, 18 years old, is from Brgy Sto. Domingo, Vinzons, Camarines Norte. Sem. Nathaniel is from the Parish of St. Peter the Apostle, Vinzons. He is one of the altar servers of the seminary, who responded to the call of religious life. He is now assigned as Assistant Kitchen Manager and Dormitory- Servant of the seminary. His religious anchor: To serve not to be served.

**Sem. Kristian Adrian E. Bravo**, 28 years old, is from Brgy Sabang, Lipa City, Batangas. Sem. Kristian is from the Cathedral of St. Sebastian, Lipa City. He is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Psychology. He became an instructor at Batangas State University. He is responsible for preparing the liturgical songs in the Holy Mass and spiritual activities. Also, he leads the seminary choir. His religious anchor: Unworthy Yet Blessed.

**Sem. Lander Joseph T. Ilagan**, 23 years old, is from Cuta, Batangas City. Sem. Lander is from the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Batangas City. He is a graduate of Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He was a former professor at Lyceum Batangas and a research teacher at St. Bridget College. Currently, he is the community chairman, where he makes sure that the seminary is following the schedule of and programs of the seminary and also, he is in charge of welcoming the guest(s) of the seminary. His religious anchor: Yes Lord... Thank You Lord... I Love you Lord.

**Sem. John Aldrin A. Ilao**, 29 years old, is from Bolbok, Lipa City, Batangas. Sem. Aldrin is from the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua Bolbok, Lipa City. He is a graduate of AB Philosophy and Communication Arts in St. Paul Seminary Silang, Cavite. He also took the Bachelor of Sacred Theology and at the same time, Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry at St. Francis de Sales Theological Seminary, Lipa City. The seminary gave him a responsibility as Academic Chairman where he is responsible for the Academic affairs and as CALLE CASA Editor- in Chief. His religious anchor: Self-Emptying (Kenosis) leads you to Metanoia. \*Bro. E. Cavite