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Aspiring members of the Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo with Br. Michael L. Inovero, CRM (far left) and Br. Michael George H. Mercado, CRM (far right).

Br. Rafael Professes His Simple Vows

Marian Orchard Pilgrimage Center, Balete, Batangas, December 11, 2021 – The Adorno Fathers celebrated with joy the gift of a vocation to the religious life of Br. Rafael M. Estella. Promising to imitate the chaste, poor, and obedient, Christ, he made his Simple Profession of Vows in the presence of Rev. Fr. Edgardo “Egay” O. Enverga, CRM, delegate of the Father General and the Adorno Fathers in the Philippines. It was well attended by his family, relatives, friends, and parishioners of his home parish.

Br. Rafael Malipol Estella hails from Brgy. San Pedro, Sto. Tomas City, Batangas. It seems like yesterday when he knew the Order through Rev. Fr. Nony Villaluz, CRM, who was then assisting as a resident guest priest of the National Shrine and Parish of St. Padre Pio. He was an altar server of his home parish when he first felt the call to enter the religious life.

In his homily, Fr. Egay reflected on the definition of the vows to the religious life and that we are called to be “Men of Christ”. He reminded Br. Rafael that the religious must imitate and deepen his love for Christ by growing in this love and serving one another. He invited everyone present in the celebration to recognize our “responsibility to intensify our love for the Lord”, and to continue to pray for Br. Rafael as he continues his formation to the religious life. After the Eucharistic celebration, all the attendees had their simple lunch in the Marian Orchard Hall. *Ad Maiorem Resurgentis Gloriam! *ILAGAN*



DIET 2022 ROME

It has been over three years since the election of Fr. Teodoro O. Kalaw, CRM during the 63rd General Chapter in July 2019 as the 60th Superior General of the Order of Clerics Regular Minor- Adorno Fathers. From day one, he has been working tirelessly, with his fellow CRM priests and brothers, to update and renew the Order in consideration of the signs and challenges of the times.

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EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERIOR

Rev. Fr. Rufino C. Madridejos, Jr., CRM

Alaluya! Alaluya!
*Si Kristo'y inihang na
 pamaskong maamong tupa.
 Magsalo tayo sa kanya!*
Alaluya! Alaluya!
 (1 Corinto 5, 7b-8a)

Mapagpalang Pasko ng Pagkabuhay po sa lahat!

Ngayon ay ipinagdiriwang natin ang isa sa dalawang pasko ng ating pananampalataya. Ang mga paskong ito ay nagpapatunay lamang na buhay at namumuhay sa atin ang Panginoon. Ang pagdiriwang nating ito ay nagbibigay sa atin ng pag-asa at kapanatagan sa kabila ng epekto ng pandemya na ating naranasan at nararanasan. Oo nga at marami sa atin ang nawalan ng kinabubuhay at mahal sa buhay, naubusan ng pasensya at pagpapatawad, at ilan naman sa atin ay naligaw ng landas, pero patuloy pa ring bumabangon at nagpapatuloy sa pagkapit sa pananampalataya at pag-asang hatid ni Kristong muling nabuhay.

Atin nawang panatiliing buhay ang pagbangon na ito tulad ng pagbangon ni Kristo Hesus mula sa libingan. Ipagpatuloy ang pagkapit sa pananampalataya at pag-asa na makadarama muli tayo ng ginhawa at tagumpay tulad ng pinangako at inihanda sa atin ng ating Panginoong HesuKristo.

Bumangon tayo, magpatuloy tayo, Alaluya, Alaluya, sa Higit na Kaluwathatian ni Kristong patuloy na nabubuhay at bumubuhay sa atin!



LASFC: WALKING TOGETHER AS PEOPLE OF GOD

Last October 10, 2021, Pope Francis formally opened an extraordinary two-year global consultation process leading to the 2023 Synod on Synodality. His Holiness explicitly expressed that "we, as one People of God must journey together, in order to experience a Church that receives and lives this gift of unity, and is open to the voice of the Spirit." (*Address of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Opening of the Synod, Saturday, 9 October 2021*).

The Adorno Fathers and Brothers (CRM) respond enthusiastically to Pope Francis' invitation on journeying together by bringing each one closer to Jesus. As a concrete response, the CRM-Vinzons community opens its door to all who want to experience the real and loving presence of God. This humble community provides different programs and activities namely: Holy Mass, Confession, Retreat, Recollection, Lectio Divina, Spiritual Conferences and Catechetical instruction for children and adults, which greatly contribute to the spiritual nourishment of God's people.

Coinciding with this year of Synodality and the Twentieth (20th) Anniversary of the CRM Presence and Mission in the Philippines, it is noteworthy to witness the presence of the Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo (LASFC). This association started in Italy many years ago. It was established in order to carry out socially useful activities through the coordination and promotion of spiritual, ecclesiastical, social and charitable activities and also by initiating and organizing different programs to benefit the Adorno Fathers. In particular and without limitation, the intention of the Association is to spread the spirituality and work of the Adorno Fathers by following in the footsteps of St. Francis Caracciolo through his thoughts and works. The Association is always in tune with the Order of Clerics of Regular Minor founded by him. (*Article 3, Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo By Laws St. Joseph Parish, 40 Spring St., Lodi, NJ USA 07644*)

What a beautiful gift for this year's celebration! Despite the diverse trials brought by this pandemic, the LASFC was providentially realized in Vinzons, Camarines Norte through the efforts of Br. Michael L. Inovero, CRM and Br. Michael George H. Mercado, CRM under the supervision of Rev. Fr. Rufino C. Madridejos Jr., CRM, Chaplain and Local Superior. It was formally launched during the Eucharistic celebration in the Sanctuary of Jesus, the Risen Lord this past December 5, 2021. This association is blessed with twenty (20) aspiring members: three (3) male and seventeen (17) female from Paracale, Labo, Vinzons, and Daet, Camarines Norte. The CRM community believes that through this initiative; we will be able to enter a process of communal discernment, dialogue, and encounter with our Rising Christ. *Ad Maiorem Resurgentis Gloriam!* *ILAO



Dalaw Patron

Vinzons, CN - With the objective of promoting the devotion to St. Francis Caracciolo and deepening the understanding of his heroic and virtuous life, the Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo launched the *Dalaw Patron* last January 23, 2022. All the members of the LASFC are involved in this activity. It is a one-week house visitation of the image and first class relic of the founder, family novena, and an intensive prayer for the intentions of the Order and its mission. *ILAGAN

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Adorno Initiatives: The Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo-Philippines

In October 2021, Fr. Jason S. Caganap, CRM, Superior of US-Philippine Delegation proposed an initiative to establish a lay group in Vinzons, Camarines Norte, Philippines. The objective of this initiative is to help support the Adorno Brothers and Fathers in their activities in the Church and to let the people in the community know about the activities, missions and spirituality of the Adorno Fathers in the Philippines. Furthermore, the formal Establishment of the Lay Association is one way of letting the people know more about St. Francis Caracciolo with the hope that this may jump start their devotion to our beloved Founder.

I and Br. Michael George Mercado, CRM were appointed by Fr. Jason to spearhead and oversee the "Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo-Philippines" also known as "Lay Adorno." As expected, when we first started looking for suitable members of the Lay Adornos, we encountered challenges. One of these challenges was to create a roster of plans that would effectively be aligned with the mission of the seminary. This mission is to help the Order to promote vocations to the religious life and priesthood.

In December 2021, three months after the launch of Lay Adornos, the group decided to perform the following programs:

- There is a regular spiritual and agenda meeting every first and third Sundays of the month.
- The fourth Sunday Mass will now be animated by the Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo and be known as "The Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo Sunday Mass". This means that the Lay Adornos are pledged to help the seminarians to prepare the seminary chapel for the fourth Sunday Mass of the month.
- The Lay Adornos launched the *Dalaw Patron*. This is similar to the concept of the block rosary. The objective of this program is to promote the devotion to St. Francis Caracciolo and at the same time to promote the love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The families are also requested to pray for the intentions of Pope Francis, Father General, for an increase of vocations to the Adorno Fathers and for the sanctification and success of the Adorno Missions.
- An important and essential part of the program of the *Dalaw Patron*, is for the Lay Adorno coordinators to pray with the family where the relic and image of Saint Francis Caracciolo are being venerated. The coordinators join the family in praying the novena prayers and at the same time taking the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie to the family.

As the "Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo-Philippines" is still in its initial planning, more programs will be added in the coming months as the association brainstorms and thinks of the best ways to carry out their missions and give glory to the Rising Lord. * Br. INOVERO

Alay Linis

January 22, 2022- The Lay Association of St. Francis Carraciolo (LASFC)- launched their *Alay Linis* program at the Sanctuary of Jesus, the Risen Lord, Adorno Fathers and Brothers Formation House Vinzons, CN. *Alay Linis* is a monthly activity of the LASFC members where they voluntarily extend their help in the cleaning and maintenance of the seminary chapel every fourth Saturday of the month. Aside from that, the members also take part in the celebration of the Sunday Mass as lectors, commentators and collectors. In this humble and little way, the LASFC lived out their calling in the words of Pope Francis "to become a leaven of Christian living within the society" all for the Greater Glory of the Rising Christ. *ABUEG

EASTER MESSAGE

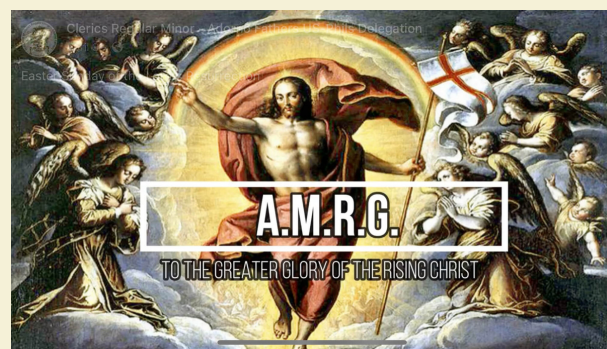
Rev. Fr. Michael Marotta, CRM



As we enter into the great season of Easter, we cannot help but proclaim the words of the great Easter antiphon, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." This is the day we have longed for. Jesus Christ who was dead has risen. Alleluia. He has won for us eternal life. We have been saved. Let everything that is within us rejoice. As we contemplate His resurrection, let us give thanks for His great mercy and forgiveness. Jesus loved us unto death, giving His life that we might live.

Easter is much more than a day that celebrates an event that has taken place in the past, namely the resurrection of Our Lord. Through the resurrection, a new world was born. On that Easter morning, Jesus stepped out of the tomb where He had laid for three days. The sin which brought darkness was obliterated and the world began anew, bathed in the light of the resurrection. This miracle therefore is not confined to that historical event. The miracle of Easter is alive in our midst, especially when we attend the holy Mass to celebrate the life, death and Resurrection of Our Lord. This is the miracle: the light of Christ banishes the darkness of hopelessness. This is very much reflected in the motto of the Adorno Fathers, "*Ad Maiorem Resurgentis Gloriam*". To the Greater Glory of the Rising Christ....Christ who is alive in our midst.

Let us not take the gift of Easter for granted. Let us rather offer songs of praise. In everything we do, let us give thanks to the Father.





Fr. Arjay Cecilio, Fr. Rufino Madridejos, Jr., Br. Rafael Estella, Fr. Edgardo Enverga, Fr. Michael Marotta, Fr. Emiliano Gutierrez, Jr., and Fr. Arnel Hagos



December 11, 2021 - Br. Rafael Estella's Simple Profession



January 4, 2022- Annual Renewal of Vows



March 10, 2022- Anniversary of the Chapel Dedication



Simbang Gabi 2021

CRM | "HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS WHEN BROTHERS LIVE IN UNITY."
Psalm 133



Community Station of the Cross



February 21, 2022- Rite for the Burning of Palms



March 19, 2022- St. Joseph's Feast and Blessing of the Bread



March 9, 2022 - LASFC Alay Linis



March 12, 2022- Visit to Our Lady of Peñafrancia



April 2, 2022- LASFC Lenten Pilgrimage

WITNESSING THE SPIRIT OF SYNODALITY



God's providence continues to flow in our midst here at our seminary in Vinzons, Camarines Norte. This is especially seen in the newly established Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo, headed by our superior Rev. Fr. Rufino Madrideo Jr., CRM and under our care (Br. Michael George H. Mercado, CRM and Br. Michael L. Inovero, CRM).

A few months ago, we began to gather lay people who were willing to be part of this association. They all came from different towns in Camarines Norte and most of them live near the seminary. Basically, our aim is to share the charism of our Order with them, which is, the imitation of Christ in the Paschal mystery. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is one visible sign of our charism that we would like to impart to them so that they may be better faithful members of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church.

LASFC's mission focuses on the different aspects of the life of our Order, and particularly focuses on various ways we can be supported. In this way, we may be able to continue the mandate of the Lord given to us, and above all, to offer these lay people a part of our Founder's desire for the salvation of souls.

We ask you, therefore, to pray for us as we strive to guide these lay people as they continue their formation, and by the grace of God grow in holiness. *Br. MERCADO



I feel so blessed and thankful that I have the chance to serve God as a member of the Lay Association of St. Francis. I want to share this biblical passage that serves as my foundation on responding to this call. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)". I believe that where I am now is part of God's plan. *Hindi naging hadlang ang trabaho ko para hindi makadalo sa mga pagpupulong*[...] My boss is very supportive as long as nakapagpaalam agad ako. I'm thankful that I have been given the opportunity to join and be part of this religious association.

-Aiza Bernardino



This community made me realize the importance of God and of fraternal bonding as a religious family. Being part of the Lay Association, I am able to keep on pondering the very reason why I have become a member. Simply, I am seeking God [...] I thank this community, which I may now say, my community for guiding me to the real Way, Truth and Life- JESUS

-Christopher Tan



At the age of eight, I started to come to the seminary in Vinzons and joined the Adorno Father's Children's Choir. As I grew up, the Adorno Fathers really made an impact on my life with the many achievements and problems I faced [...] As the year 2021 arose in the middle of pandemic Covid-19, the Adorno Fathers introduced the Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo Philippines and with no doubts, I gladly joined and became part as the Lay Association secretary. It is really a privilege to meet different individuals with the same goals in helping the community and serving God. It all started with helping during Mass, Mass sponsorships and helping in cleaning our chapel. The *Dalaw Patron* helps every family of the Lay Association know and meet St. Francis Caracciolo and share our faith and spirituality. We also reach out to the community by our successful community apostolate. As a Lay Adorno, we are God's servant, in God's place and doing God's will.

-Kiara Nicole Torrecampo

HOLY WAFER

by Sem. Jan Michael E. Abueg

O Sakramentong Mahal na sa Langit Buhat!

Madalas awitin at marinig sa tuwing may Banal na Oras. Tanda ng malaking pagpapahalaga at pagsamba sa Santisimo Sakramento ng ating niyakap na pananampalataya. Ngunit tila kabaligtaran ang nagaganap. Ang sakramentong dakila ay kadalasang nalalagak na lamang sa mga kapilya o tabernakulo, naliliwanagan ng mumunting ilaw at tila namamanglaw, naghihintay ng panauhin na sa Kanya'y dadalaw at makikipagkwentuhan. Mabuti pa nga ang mga tirikan ng kandila sa may pintuan ng simbahan, dinudumog at nagliliwanag sa mga kandilang di na malaman kung saan ititirik ng mga taong nagsisiksikan at waring di maabala sa kanilang mga ibinubulong na mga dasal na tila iniaakyat sa langit ng mga usok na mula sa sinindihang kandila. Ang mga naglalakihang imahen naman ay halos kumupas na ang pinta sa daan-daang mga kamay at panyong dito'y inihahaplos araw araw. Buti pa nga ang Nazareno sa Quiapo, pinipilahan sa gilid ng simbahan sa gitna ng tirik na araw, nariyan pa ang ingay at polusyong nagmumula sa mga sasakyang dumadaan sa Quezon Boulevard, ngunit ang Adoration Chapel, na airconditioned na nga, bilang lamang sa daliri ang naroon at tahimik na nakikipag-usap sa Kanya.



Bakit nga ba kasi Panginoon, sa kabila ng iyong pagka-Diyos, kaluwalhatian at karangalan ay niloob mong ilagak at panatilihin ang iyong presensya sa anyo ng isang tinapay, di pa nga talaga tinapay ngunit animo'y isang munting puting wafer na walang lasa. Kaya nga marahil walang maakit na ika'y parangalan sa ganitong anyo, di tulad ng mga imaheng pinapahiyasan ng mga camarerong naglipana kung saan saan. "taken for granted" na lamang Panginoon, at wala na ang pananabik di tulad noong ako'y nag First Communion.

Harinawa Panginoon ikaw ay aking makilalang lubusan, tuluyang yakapin ang kababaan mong ipinamalas sa isang munting *wafer*. Sa iyo aking natutunan na ang kababaang-loob ay susi upang maging ganap. Sa anyo ng isang munting *wafer* na nilikha ng makasalanang mga kamay ay aking nadama ang Diyos na sa aki'y unang nagmahal.

MY HERO MY GOD

By: Kiara Nicole Torrecampo

Whenever I fall he hold me tight,
Whenever its dark he is my light,
He wipes my tears and pain,
He helps me pass by through the vain,

He is my strength when I can't fight,
When I'm blinded he is my sight,
He saves me in troubles like a flood,
He is my hero and my God.



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Religious Men and Women of Daet celebrate the Day for Consecrated Life

His Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop Rex Andrew Alarcon, D.D. presided the Eucharistic Celebration in the Most Holy Trinity Cathedral last February 4, 2022, together with the different congregations of religious men and women of the Diocese of Daet. Bishop Alarcon integrated his talk in his homily. He focused on the strength of one's vocation within the Consecrated Life today. This reflection was based on the book-interview of Fernando Prado, CMF in which the Pope appears as Peter confirming his brothers and in this case, his consecrated brothers, religious men and women. It addresses multiple themes related to the consecrated life which also effect the Church. The Mass was followed by a photo-opt and a potluck lunch prepared by each congregation as a means of strengthening the bond of the religious community. *BRAVO



DIET 2022...

Two notable undertakings the Father General was involved in is the updating and renewing of the Constitution and Rules and the Formation Itinerary of the Clerics Regular Minor.

The previous edition of the Constitution and Rules came out in 1982. The continued progress and signs of times have allowed the Chapter Fathers to refer to the Constitution and Rules, to help them, as CRM priests and brothers, to be more aware of their identity, history, tradition, charism, spirituality and apostolate.

Several Delegation Chapters took place after the 63rd Chapter in July 2018. The General Consulta, under the direction of Fr. Ted, worked on the new edition of the Constitution published in Rome in 2021.

The second undertaking is the Formation Itinerary of the CRM Order, the updated Ratio Formationes 2016 which was finalized and approved by the Consulta in 2022. This Ratio synchronizes the formation of those who seek to be part of the Order (propaedeutic, postulancy, novitiate), the professed, both temporary and perpetual, and the stage of permanent or ongoing formation.

With the input of all the formators of the Order from Italy, India, Philippines, Africa and USA, the document will guide us with the help of the Holy Spirit, to be able to accompany seminarians in their formation to become aware of their weaknesses and strengths, gifts and talents and to freely offer their life to Jesus, the Risen Christ, in imitation of the Holy Founders of the CRM, for the salvation of souls as religious priests and brothers.

The General Diet is a midterm meeting of all Adorno religious from four delegations, USA-Philippines, Africa, India-Germany, Italy, elected to represent their respective delegations. It aims to present the state of the Order in the various parts of the world where it is present through the presentation of the triennial reports from the different delegations and to make recommendations for the next three years.

The General Diet was held from February 6 to 18, 2022 at Fraterna Domus, Sacrofano, Rome, Italy. *Rev. Fr. Giovannie Nuñez, CRM

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE CRM FOUNDERS

O God Almighty, we come to you today to adore, praise and glorify you and to express our gratitude for giving us the privilege of knowing the Founders of Clerics Regular Minor, St. Francis Caracciolo, Ven. Augustine Adorno, and Fr. Fabrizio Caracciolo.

As we pray before their image, we lift up to you the members of this religious family of the Adorno Fathers and Brothers, the Caracciolinis, all their endeavors, apostolate and mission. At the same time, we come before you in loving remembrance of all our needs (*state your intentions*) and the petitions of your people. Grant us the same spirit and zeal of the CRM Founders in the way they lived their lives. Help us to trust, serve and love you more deeply Lord, by faithfully living our baptismal vows.

Sustain us always with your grace to build our Church community like the CRM Founders, in the spirit of fraternal charity and humility. Make our hearts like the heart of your Son Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord, for us to be always compassionate towards others, serving them with generosity and in a spirit of silence like St. Joseph, without calling attention to ourselves, in this way and with the help of your grace, we build your Kingdom and do all things for the greater Glory of the Rising Christ. AMEN.

Glory be to the Father...

Our Lady of the Immaculate Concepcion, pray for us!

Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us!

Saint Francis Caracciolo, Ven. Augustine Adorno, pray for us!

