



AJKABANAY

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YOU ARE A MISSIONARY!
Believe it, Live it.
Support the SVD World-Wide-Missions!

THINK LOCAL. ACT GLOBAL.

For almost a decade now the Arnold Janssen Kabanay (AJK) has continuously emphasized the missionary charism of the SVD, thus giving everybody a chance to become an active member of the missionary Church. It is important to be reminded that by baptism we became missionaries. Meditating along this line, the AJK blows its horn to move forward in our roles in the church.

Today, the SVD-PHS is rowing the boat once used by Jesus in order to preach the Gospel. We are then challenged to exit from our comfort zone, believing that shore to be not the place for a boat to risk the mighty waves while crossing the deep



ASPAC Mission Secretaries

blue ocean. The SVD is now highlighting its collaboration with the laity not just on the spiritual but also on the financial side of the mission.

Last February 8-16 Fr. Isagagni I. Ehido, the PHS mission secretary and coordinator

of AJK, was in Taipei for a meeting with 17 other mission secretaries of the Asia Pacific Zone. One of the questions discussed was the sustainability of our missionary work. Here again, the importance of the laity was highlighted to the extent that the laity are not just collaborators or partners – they are actually members of our missionary family!

The “ball” is now in our hands, and the challenge is how to form, send and support lay missionaries for foreign missions. We are commissioned to think local but act global. Thinking locally means forming our very own missionaries, encouraging people in our own respective places, emphasizing that our time, energy and efforts are focused and geared towards global mission. Thus, supporting our Filipino SVDs is on top of our priorities.

CALLING FOR COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS



Balay Samaritano needs more committed volunteers to share their loving presence

to the street children and elderly frequenters of the house, to spend a little while before and after serving meals.

The volunteer administrative staff of the Balay Samaritano at present are the following:

Fr. Eugene Docoy, SVD - Director
Sr. Eva Mazur, SSpS - Manager
Architect Jiandi Pages - Assistant
Manager
Coordinator - Mrs. Adelaida
Boiser
Assistant Coordinator - Ms. Isabel de
los Santos

Employed as Social worker is Ms. Amor Canete. Mr. Andres Ras Jr. is the Caretaker of the house.

Mrs. Glenda Antonio, President, International Registered Financial Consultant, is helping the administrative staff to discuss possible ways and means for the house to become a self-sustaining and self-sufficient institution.

Hopefully, Balay Samaritano will be blessed with more committed volunteers who can provide an even more meaningful and fulfilling management and service to our beloved frequenters of the house.

SSpS Centennial Presence in the Philippines



The Kasambagan SSpS Community had the launching of the one hundred years of presence of the S.Sp.S. in the Philippines on February 14, 2010 with the theme “Afire with Gratitude and Commitment to Life.”

The very creative and meaningful liturgy made us know more about the beginning of the Congregation in the Philippines. Four pioneering Sisters (Sisters Hieronyma, Cortona, Cleta and Cyrila) generously and readily responded to God’s call to go to the Philippines. Their love and zeal for the mission keep them persevering in the midst of trials and difficulties. The small beginning in Abra spread out to the different areas in the Philippines.

We are indeed inspired and challenged to continue what they had started. With grateful hearts, we strive to be faithful in our commitment to our mission – to life!

Our Beloved Dead



Josefina Tabanao, SSpS-A, “Pina” as she was fondly called by the AJ Kabanay and friends, died of brain herniation at Chonghua Hospital on February 11, 2010, at the age of 56. She was working with the Servant Sisters of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) in the Girls’ High School from 1968 until 1971, and in 1972 she worked at the University of San Carlos Maintenance Section.

From then on she worked as a janitress at the South Campus, in the Basic Education Department, until the day our Lord recalled her borrowed life. Interment will be in the afternoon of February 21, 2010 at Evergreen Memorial Park in Cebu City. The AJKabanay deeply grieves her sudden death.

Thank you very much, Pina, for being a part of our missionary family! What a more beautiful day is there to meet the Lord than on the feast of our Lady of Lourdes!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday. For us this means that we start another season in the liturgical calendar, and that is Lent. Today, then, is the first Sunday of Lent. And as a tradition, on every first Sunday of Lent, the gospel reading is about the temptations of Jesus in the desert. This year, the Gospel is taken from St. Luke, and the evangelist, like Matthew, gives a detailed account of the temptation of the Lord.

What can we learn from this Gospel reading? Luke details three temptations of Jesus. The first is about turning stone into bread, considering that Jesus was very hungry at the time for he had not eaten for 40 days. Today, let us try to consider this as a temptation to satisfy our bodily or physical desires: food for the stomach, sexual pleasures, vain appearance, comfort, etc. Like Jesus, we can be tempted on this level. Reflect: In which of these am I the weakest; in which am I always tempted and most tested? The response of Jesus is to rely on the Word of God.

The second temptation consists in demonstrating and promising to Jesus the kingdoms of the world provided that He will worship Satan. Today, let us try to consider this as the temptation to glory, power, security, and to unbridled treasures and wealth. Reflect: What will happen to a person who falls into such a temptation

consistently? What will be the consequence of this in his life and in the life of the society?

The third temptation is for Jesus to throw himself from the parapet of the temple, knowing that the angels will be there to save him. He was asked to do a spectacular thing. Today, let us take this as the temptation to be popular, to be honored and worshipped, to be acknowledged and recognized. Reflect: What can arrogance and pride contribute in my life and in the life of my group or community?

Somebody also says that the temptations of Jesus could be summarized in this way: they are an invitation to be unfaithful to the Mission entrusted to Him by the Father. Satan shows the easy way, but the Father wants Jesus to be faithful to his mission of suffering and death, and then to rise again. Reflect: Personally and as a group (or community) was there a time when you were tempted to give up the good work or your participation in it, for instance, in the AJ Kabanay activities?

Finally, this Sunday is also Migrant's Sunday. Are you aware of the plight of the migrant people? Do you know some OFWs, their lives and the families they have left behind? How can we, in our little ways, help them? And to the migrants here in the Philippines, what can we do for them? What attitude do we take towards them?