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Congratulations Sisters from Asia for the success and joy of our First Assembly!!!



May 20, 2018 at Notre Dame Retreat House:

The First Asian Assembly of the MSCS Congregation was held with an energy befitting a young delegation. Some 27 sisters of Asian origin attended and participated in full force at the assembly, namely sisters from the Philippines, India and Indonesia. Also present very significantly are the Superior General, Sr. Neusa de Fatima Mariano, and the Provincial Superior of the Our Lady of Fatima Province, Sr. Marissonia Daltoe .

Thank you to everyone for the historic and fruitful assembly that gave birth to the MSCS Asia Delegation!



ASIA DELEGATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

During the Assembly, the MSCS Superior General, Sr. Neusa de Fatima Mariano, announced the sisters who will compose the leadership team of the Asia Delegation.

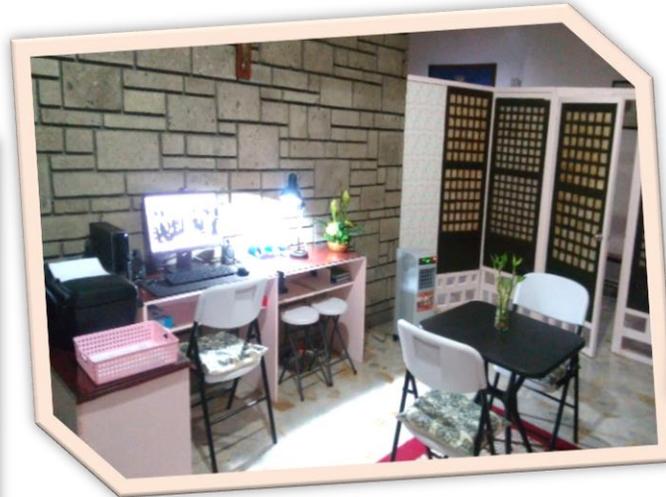
Sr. Noemie E. Digo is appointed as Delegate Superior with councilors Sr. Maruja S. Padre Juan and Sr. Melanie Grace D. Illana.



Congratulations

Welcome to the newly opened office of the Asia Delegation

The headquarters of the Asia Delegation at 132 Panay Avenue, Quezon City, was opened after its blessing by Fr. Paul Aquino, SVD on June 4, 2018. Despite the simple ceremony attended by some sisters in transit to their respective missions abroad, the blessing of the Asia Delegation headquarters proved to be a sign of the busy life ahead of the delegation. What with the “capiz” walling that signifies a home that is identifiably Asian with pile of documents that list the tasks of the delegation, the sisters present waiting for instructions to their respective missions, awaiting infrastructures repairs, scheduled meetings, networking and communications to be done and a lot more for a newly born delegation. However, there remains time and space for smile and hospitality that is truly Asian!



MISSION



Let's call them the Itinerant Scalabrini Projects,
Taiwan and Vietnam, in the making



June 28 – 30, 2018, Taiwan R.O.C

Full of vision and energy for its mandate as MSCS Asia Delegation, the leadership team headed for Taiwan on June 28, 2018 for the completion of its networking with prospective sponsors of the first ever congregational project for migrants in Taiwan.

The team was led by Asia Delegation 1st councilor, Sr. Maruja S. Padre Juan, who is also in-charge of the mission expansion in the region. Accompanying her were 2nd councilor, Sr. Melanie Grace D. Illana, and Sr. Roschelle T. Isada, who will be assigned in said mission project.



July 9 – 11, 2018, HCMC Vietnam

Still celebrating the results of the trip to Taiwan, the leadership team, again represented by Sr. Maruja S. Padre Juan, went to HCMC Vietnam to consolidate efforts for the opening of the MSCS Congregation presence in Vietnam. This significant achievement emanated from earlier networking and sustained exchange of information which strength lies in mutual sincerity and goodwill in partnership. Sisters assigned to this new mission project are Sr. Eufrocina Z. Sumampong and Sr. Ma. Teresa V. Mercado.





Engaging with the Blessed Scalabrini Institute

July 14, 2018, Panay Avenue, Quezon City

An audit meeting was held on July 14, 2018 at headquarters of the MSCS Asia Delegation in Panay Avenue, Quezon City. It aims to engage the Blessed Scalabrini Institute in the effort to review and revitalize all areas of its mission on behalf of the MSCS Congregation. This was a course of action identified and approved during the First Assembly the MSCS Asia Delegation.

The leadership team of the Asia Delegation hopes to sustain the momentum that sprung from the desire of the sisters from Asia specifically from the Philippines to make the Blessed Scalabrini Institute serve the purpose for which it was established in 1999.

The audit meetings will continue until mid August and results will inform and guide the leadership team for the next move in the same direction, hand in hand with the MSCS General Government.



Parish networking for mission and vocation promotion

Sr. Roschelle T. Isada leads the parish networking for purposes of mission and vocation promotion. Recently, this month of July, she visited some 8 parishes and parochial schools in Quezon City and successfully connected the MSCS to strategic contacts. She hopes to continue this work with the help of Sr. Marcedita P. Saboga-a when she returns in August 2018.

The experience, according to Sr. Roschelle, has been very positive with contacts expressing support for the MSCS presence being created in their parishes on behalf of overseas Filipino migrants and students. She said that “talk sessions” were readily organized assisted by the parish priests and corresponding ministries. Sr. Roschelle said that young girls were present during these talk sessions and it’s her joy to present the origins of the MSCS and trajectory to mission in Asia.

Hopefully, the parish networking effort for mission and vocation promotion will bear fruit in the entry of young and capable vocations to the MSCS Asia Delegation.



Joining conclusion event of the “Year of the Clergy and Consecrated Persons”

July 15, 2018, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine, New Manila

On behalf of the MSCS Asia Delegation, Sr. Eufrocina Sumampong and Sr. Roschelle Isada participated at the closing event of the Year of the Clergy and Consecrated Persons on July 15, 2018 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine, New Manila. The main celebrant of the Eucharistic celebration for the occasion was Bishop Onesto Ongtioco. Several congregations were represented as well. The event was strikingly colorful and festive.

Bishop Ongtioco read the Pastoral Letter entitled “Rejoice and be Glad” issued by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), a reminder to Bishops on how to react on current issues as ordained ministers and an invitation to the faithful to “remain steadfast in their common vocation and mission to actively work for peace”. Rejoice and be Glad are the comforting words of Pope Francis “to those persecuted and humiliated”. In the Pastoral letter, the CBCP invited the faithful to join their Bishops in three days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving from July 17 to 19, 2018, invoking God’s mercy and justice in our country.



 **Participation at the 10th Anniversary of Spring Rain Global Consultancy Inc.**

July 16, 2018, Grand Convention Center, Cebu City

The Spring Rain Global Consultancy Inc., “a duly registered consultancy firm whose main thrust is Financial Sustainability, Family Harmony and Philanthropy”, celebrated its 10th Anniversary on July 16, 2018 at Grand Convention Center, Cebu City. Sr. Melanie Grace D. Illana, representing the MSCS Philanthropic Development Office in Asia (PDO), participated in the event.

A solemn Eucharistic Celebration was celebrated by Bishop Gerardo A. Alminaza, DD. The Spring Rain Global Consultancy Inc. gave special awards to the dynamic and supportive mission partners, collaborators and clients in the Philippines, USA and Singapore who journeyed with the Spring Rain Global Inc., through the years. Dr. Glenda thanked everyone who took part in this momentous celebration.

Dr. Glenda M. Antonio works as PDO consultant of the Scalabrinian Sisters of Our Lady of Fatima Province and MSCS Delegation in Asia.





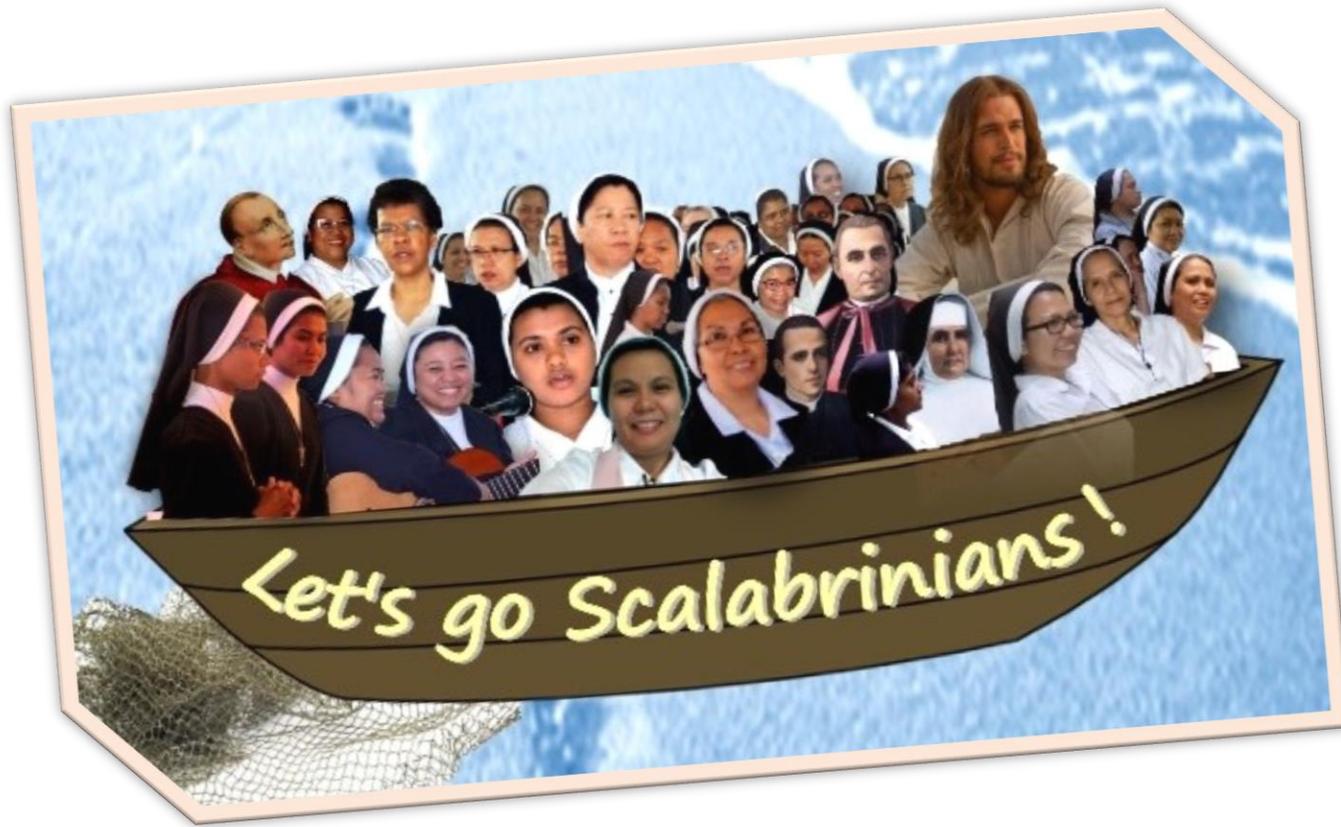
Together We Stand: Meeting of the 2 Communities in the Philippines

July 1, 2018 “Death Anniversary of Bl. Assunta Marchetti”, Panay Avenue, Quezon City

Together we stand in the spirit of unity at the service of people on the move, inspired by the life and work of our co-founder Blessed Assunta Marchetti whose death anniversary served as occasion for the sisters to meet, after the Assembly, representing the 2 communities in the Philippines.

The meeting inspired the sisters with the announcement of new assignments and transfers as well as the presentations of prospective mission projects in Taiwan and Vietnam. The exchange was rich in information and ideas. A great hope smiles on us in Asia!





NEW ASSIGNMENTS AND TRANSFER OF SISTERS

The leadership team of the Asia Delegation on agreement with Sr. Neusa de Fatima Mariano, Superior General, created the Formation and Vocation Team to provide adequate preparation for leadership in formation and apostolate. In the same way, the creation of the team hopes to strengthen the capacities and competencies of community leadership, to implement the on-going formation of sisters specifically enhancing the quality of life in community. This initiative was a decision made during the First Assembly the MSCS Delegation in Asia

FORMATION TEAM:

Sr. Ma. Grace Mirabel, Sr. Ma. Teresa Mercado, Sr. Eufrocina Sumampong, Sr. Rodita Rogador,
Sr. Martini Azi Una

Formation collaborator in Indonesia: Sr. Zenaide Martins, mscs, from the Province of Our Lady of Aparecida (Sao Paulo, Brazil) will collaborate in the formation program of the Maumere Mission Susteran Missionaris community. She will arrive in Indonesia in September 2018.

VOCATION PROMOTION TEAM:

Sr. Marcedita Saboga-a, Sr. Roschelle Isada, Sr. Ma. Rosa Dimalanta

Congratulations

May 21, 2018, Los Desposorios Chapel, Panay Avenue, Quezon City

- Sr. Erlinda M. Empic, for her perpetual profession of Religious Vows
- Sr. Ma. Cecilia V. Guerrero, Sr. Andrelita C. Balmes, and Sr. Arlina A. Barral for their 25th Anniversary of Religious Profession



May 24, 2018, Panay Avenue, Quezon City

- Sr. Andrelita Balmes has been extended as a local superior of the Bishop Scalabrini Community, Panay Avenue, Quezon City. She will be transferred to the Our Lady of Fatima Community, Fairview, Quezon City in December 2018.
- Sr. Ma. Rosa Dimanta, mscs has been requested to act as local superior of the Our Lady of Fatima community, Fairview, Quezon City.
- Sr. Bernadeth Garcia, on her request, was given permission to take a 6 month leave from February to August 2018.

July 2, 2018, Bishop Scalabrini Community, Melrose Park, IL

- Sr. Rodita Rogador is back in the Province of Our Lady of Fatima to continue her work as provincial secretary until December 2018. She will return to the Philippines for new assignment after she serves her term in the OLF Provincial Government.
- Sr. Eufrocina Sumampong will finish her work at the Scalabrini Center for People on the Move on July 27, 2018 to prepare for the mission project in Vietnam.
- Sr. Teresa Mercado leaves the formation community in Maumere, Indonesia and will be back to the Philippines on July 25, 2018. She will prepare for the mission project in Vietnam.
- Sr. Roschelle Isada has been assigned to the mission project in Taiwan and while in the Philippines will stay at the Bishop Scalabrini community, Panay Ave., Quezon City.
- Sr. Marcedita Saboga-a finished her 1 year juniorate program in Rome, Italy and will be back to the Philippines on August 2, 2018. She is assigned to work at the mission project in Taiwan.
- Sr. Mary Grace Parayakattil will join the 1 year juniorate program in Rome and is expected to be in the formation community in Acilia, Italy on the last week of July 2018.
- Sr. Martini Azi Una, mscs finished her 1 year juniorate program and will extend her stay in Rome for a Formation course in preparation for her next mission in formation in Indonesia.
- Sr. Melanie Grace Illana, 2nd councilor of the Asia Delegation will be in India at the Scalabrini Mission community in Trivandrum in the month of July 2018.

Thank you and congratulations everyone!

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