

## THE EDITOR'S NOTES

### PHILIPPINIANA RECORDS

A. *A Visual Documentation  
of Fil-Hispanic Churches  
Part X: Parish Church and  
Sanctuary of Our Lady  
of the Rosary, Manaoag,  
Pangasinan*

**Professor Regalado Trota**

**Jose** features this time  
Part X: Parish Church and  
Sanctuary of Our Lady  
of the Rosary, Manaoag,

Pangasinan. It was in 1605 when the missions dedicated to Santa Monica, mother of Saint Augustine, was turned over to the care of the Dominicans. Owing to the intrusion of attacks from the hill tribes nearby, the mission was transferred to the present site. Manaoag occupies an elevated terrain which enabled the faithful to better defend themselves against the enemy. Many miracles were attributed to the Lady, and many more continue to be attributed to her intercession. On the 15th of January 1926, on account of an agreement made between the Dominican Province of the Holy Rosary and the Diocese of Nueva Segovia, the Holy See entrusted the parish of Manaoag to the former *ad nutum Sanctae Sedis*.

### ARTICLES

A. *Thomas Aquinas on the Emotions*

Any attempt at discussing emotions via Aquinas would raise not a few surprises. But it is a fact that a study on emotions runs deep and central in Aquinas' ethical and theological project. Being so, the impact and role of human psychology feature interestingly. Ethics and psychology connect, emotion and virtue as well, and the influence of Christology emerges. Emotions are therefore fundamentally good even if they are

prone to distortion and deception. A good understanding of emotions is better anatomized



by way of an analysis of ordinary human experience which illustrates humanness or the lack of it. That "passion is an interior movement triggered by a sensible object"... affecting both our mind and body, should be an interesting piece to dwell and ruminate care of the pen of **Nicholas Lombardo, O.P.**

*B. Lessons on Marriage from the Speeches  
to the Roman Rota*

This article seeks to highlight some critical points contained in Canon Law which underline the institutional support for Matrimony and the Family. As a result, a synthesis of the Church's doctrine is formulated using the Papal Discourses to the Tribunal of the Roman Rota (RRT) of John Paul II and Benedict XVI. These Speeches which appear regularly in the *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* mirror the life of the Church even if these talks were primarily addressed to jurists. This article written by **Dean Johnpaul Mechavez**, who is an ordained Catholic priest incardinated in the Prelature of Opus Dei and the Holy Cross, should interest even non-jurists, for these same themes embed the roots of the Family Code. The article is heavily footnoted which serves notice to readers of the refined and extensive character of this study.



**STUDIES**

*A. Fr. Fidel Villarroel,  
O.P. and the History of  
the University of Santo  
Tomas: A Life Dedicated to  
Historical Writing*

Fidel Villarroel, O.P., author of the recently published two-volume history of the University of Santo Tomas, is known for his immense scholarship, and wrote 23 major books which include biographies

on personages such as Miguel de Benavides, San Lorenzo Ruiz, and St. Liem de la Paz



for Church history; Marcelo H. del Pilar, Jose Rizal and Apolinario Mabini for Philippine history. These personages which Fr. Villarroel's pen mined and resurrected were in one way or another connected with the early foundation years of the University. His treatment of history was like a colorful pyrotechnic display of an artistic intersection of concentric circles of the Dominican Order in the Philippines, the University, in the context of the history of the country. It was of course a major turn of providence that Fidel Villarroel, O.P. worked at the UST Archives during his more active and dynamic years. He saw the growth and the expanse of the Archives through the years, imbibing the juice and flavor of *live* history. It is no small wonder then that he captivated his audience whether it was an oral discourse that he engaged in, or it was otherwise through immortality of his pen, which we will forever relish and contemplate down the memory lane. This study based on the life of a renowned historian and his historical writing, is written by a fellow historian and academic, **Augusto V. De Viana**.

B. *Canonical Issues in  
Pope Benedict XVI's Letter  
to the Catholic Church in China,  
Part III*

We now come to the final portion of the series of this study which appeared consecutively in this journal. "There is just one Catholic Church in China and her independence from political power seem to contain the main concern of

the *Letter*." It must be oft-repeated that the intention of the *Letter* is rooted in "the Pope's expression of sincere admiration and sentiments of friendship to the entire Chinese people." The *Letter* recognizes the long history of Catholicism of the Church in China, including the recollection of the series of persecutions the Church has suffered. While these difficulties were not primarily doctrinal in nature, it has to be recognized that the grave sufferings of the faithful was a result of the roles played "by entities that have been imposed as the principal determinants of the life of the Catholic community." By and large however, the Church in China is seen as a focus of the new evangelization in the third millennium. Dialogue must continue in a serene and constructive manner so that the relationship between the Holy See and the Government of the People's Republic of China will normalize. The dialogue will continue to prosper as it is nourished by example and prayer and forgiveness. With the revocation of all the earlier and more recent faculties and directives of pastoral nature, the desired dialogue will have been paved with greater possibilities of communication and recourse to the Apostolic See vastly encouraged. **Hyacinth He, O.P.**, authored the whole series of this *Letter*.