

THE EDITOR'S NOTES

Philippiniana Records

A. A Visual Documentation of Fil-Hispanic Churches

A.1 Part I: Batanes

In this blessed issue, we are fortunate to start the much-awaited series on *A Visual Documentation of Fil-Hispanic Churches* selected and annotated by Regalado Trota Jose of the Archives of the University of Santo Tomas (AUST).

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for the Cultural Heritage of the Church of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP). These pictures were taken under a joint project of the National Committee of Monuments and Sites (NCMS) of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) thru Marichu G. Tellano (PPFD) and Bishop Julito B. Cortes of the Permanent Committee for the Cultural Heritage of the Church of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines gave written consent and permission to the publication of the pictures in this Journal.

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B. *Discursos Inaugural*

The two *Discursos Inaugural en la Apertura del Año Escolar de 1868 and 1869* in this issue are by Joaquin Fonseca, O.P. *La Idea del Yo; la idea del Mundo* (1968), and the other by Benito Corominas, O.P. *De Como Conocerá El Joven La Carrera A Que Le Llamó El Señor* (1869). Dr. Belen Tangco, O.P. (Laity) writes the FOREWORD to both *Discursos* in response to various requests from non-Spanish readers.



The *Discurso Inaugural* delivered by Benito Corominas, O.P., then Rector of Colegio de San Juan de Letran, Manila, mentions the auspicious event of the University of Santo Tomas being empowered to exercise functions of the Ministry or Bureau of Education for the past three years since 1869. Hence the message of this particular *Discurso* to the young who seeks the career to which God calls him. “Desire for truth, education and learning because this desire is the beginning of wisdom.”

C. *Cruzada Espanola En Vietnam: Mártires Annamitas*

The *Mártires Annamitas* by Francisco Gainza, O.P. and Fidel Villarroel, O.P. recount the sufferings indeed no less bloody of the Dominican missionaries in Annam. The mission was initiated in 1676 by Fr Juan de Santa Cruz whose pastoral experience was rooted in *Parian*, Manila, and Fr. Juan de Arjona, a professor of the University of Santo Tomas. These two missionaries secretly entered the country through the Batavia-Yakarta route. Their mission station grew rapidly so that by 1698, there were approximately 18,000 Christians and believers. By the beginnings of the 18th century, the clouds of conflict and persecution descended. Today, we celebrate on the altars thousands of martyrs headed by Dominicans Vicente Liem de la Paz, Ignacio Delgado, Domingo Henares, Jeronimo Hermosilla, and Valentin-Berrio-Ochoa, to name a few. This article written by Francisco Gainza, O.P. and Fidel Villarroel, O.P., includes a typical record of statistics of the status of the personnel of the Vicariate Mission of Central Tonkin in 1854, headed by the Bishop Sanjurjo, O.P.



Articles

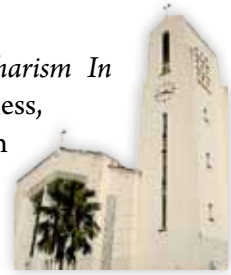
A. *Gregorio Hontomin, O.P.*

The section on articles reads *Lay Brotherhood in the Dominican Order and the Filipino Dominican Lay Brothers* by Cecilio Vladimir Magboo, O.P.. St. Dominic included lay brothers as integral part of the Order. However, different components of any living system evolve and change and sustain. Gregorio Hontomin, O.P. stands out as paragon and paradigm.



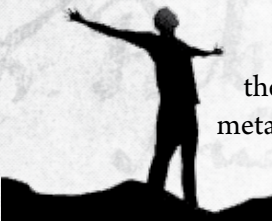
B. *The Dominican Charism in Education*

Jesus Miranda, O.P. writes *Living the Dominican Charism In Education in the Philippines*. “The concerns, consciousness, thoughts and observations of people involved in Dominican learning institutions reflect the dimensions of living the Dominican charism.” The author writes with passion, conviction and a characteristic hands-on vocation.



C. *Communing Philosophy and Holiness*

The article *Philosophy and Holiness* by Macario Ofilada breathes the transcendental spirit of philosophy within the “perspective of metaphysics” as the author conjures, towards spirituality. Reflective and emotive, this article bonds and energizes.



Studies

A. *Cases of Sexual Misconduct*

Father Mayong, an Indonesian Capuchin writes on a topic quite extensively, that should provoke interest within cross-sectional audiences in his engrossing study on ... *The Dismissal Process of Religious in Cases of Sexual Misconduct, Part I*. “The dilemma of the Church in striking a balance between asserting its grave obligation to protect potential victims and promote its spiritual welfare on the one hand, and assisting troubled clerics and religious with dignity and compassion on the other, has inevitably put the Church at the central sphere of scrutiny and discourse.”

B. *Towards a Shepherd Spirituality*

The reading of Psalm 23’s image of sheep-and-shepherd in the light of the Church *Magisterium* provides a fundamental significance to seminary formation. The shepherd theology of Psalm 23 inspires and highlights the present context of Philippine priestly



training, particularly in terms of self-offering and living service which are central anchors of the Good Shepherd spirituality. The image of sheep-and-shepherd becomes both a guiding and unifying force in the spirit of formation.

Other Matters

This being the final issue of 2010, the *Index* is presented to cap the three issues e.g. January-April 2010, May-August 2010, and September-December 2010.

For the first time, we feature our *Journal Exchanges* pages to thank the various publications abroad with whom we transact exchanges.

We are particularly grateful to many personages who have assisted us *from the heart* especially the tricky conceptualization of the Philippiniana Records which is the treasure trove of this Journal. Hence the *Copyrights* we have obtained to safeguard and monitor the documents. Notice please the availability of our website: <http://philsacra.ust.edu.ph>

