

THE EDITOR'S NOTES

PHILIPPINIANA RECORDS



A. *A Visual Documentation of
Fil-Hispanic Churches
Part XII: Parish Church of San Pedro
Apostol, Loboc, Bohol*

The visual documentation of Fil-Hispanic Churches by **Regalado Trota Jose** continues. This time, the author brings the Philippiniana Sacra readership to Loboc, Bohol that features the Parish Church of San Pedro Apostol.

The author relates his visual presentation to the Christianization history of the whole island of Bohol as a mission territory of the Jesuits which started in 1596. The transition event in evangelizing the island of Bohol from the Jesuits to the Augustinian Recollects in 1768 as well as the major repair that took place in the Church of San Pedro Apostol in 1730 were also discussed by the author. According to the author, much of the beautification and major renovations on this historical church in Loboc, Bohol were done through the initiative of the Augustinian Recollects. This article was in the process of being written by the author during the recent October 15, 2013 major earthquake that ravaged much of the historical churches in Bohol as well as the Catholic Churches in western Visayas. Jose relates that because of that earthquake, much of the portions of the walls were lost which caused the roofing to collapse. Readers would surely appreciate the extra detailed visual presentation of this historical Catholic Church from Loboc, Bohol.

B. *The Formative Years of the
Archdiocese of Manila (1565-1850)
– Continuation of Part Two*

This is the last installment on the topic of the formative years of the Archdiocese of Manila. This article actually serves as the continuation of part two (Formative Years of the Archdiocese of Manila 1565-1850) which was published in this journal two years back. In this



last section of part two, **Lucio Gutierrez, O.P.** presents some important facts and events in the creation and growth not only of the Archdiocese of Manila but also of the other dioceses in the Philippines borne out of the desire of the early missionaries to intensify their evangelization on the island. The author further discusses the creation of the Dioceses of Nueva Segovia (1595), *Santisimo Nombre de Jesus* of Cebu (1595), Naga (1595) and Jaro,

Iloilo (1865). The author does not miss to explain how the ethnico-geographical lands of the Philippines was divided among the early religious orders that served as their territorial mission. The author ends this historical piece on the formative years of the Archdiocese of Manila with the efforts of Archbishop Domingo Salazar on the initial evangelization of the Chinese in the Philippines and some reflections on the nature of the Spanish evangelization.

ARTICLES / STUDIES

A. *Secularization as a Challenge for a Contemporary Order Theology*

Ulrich Engel, O.P., the Director of the Institute M.-Marie Dominique Chenu, Berlin, presents the burning issue of theology today in the context of Europe. His article comes out as a product of the international symposium in Madrid, Spain in 2009 with the theme: "What Does Europe Believe In?" With secularization around, the challenge for religion, church, religious orders, faith and theology in Europe becomes very real. It is in this sense, that the author focuses on the idea that the secularized world and human experience are *loci theologici*. Moreover, the topic on revisiting the theology of religious life under secular conditions (particularly that of the Franciscans and Dominicans), the lessons of medieval thought, theology and spirituality vis-à-vis the much secularized world of Europe are also given emphasis in this paper. One can notice that this theological exploration and contemplation is a fruitful theological collaboration brought about by a team of Dominicans and Franciscans (OFM and OFMCap.).



B. *A Synthesis of Pope Paul II's "Theology of the Body"*

The partnership of **James McTavish, FMVD** and **Simone Lorenzo** in this paper, as its title suggests, synthesizes the theological thoughts of Pope John Paul II on the human body. The body of synthesis is divided into three parts: 1.) The ten key points regarding the Theology of the Body, which explains its theological and scriptural basis; 2.) John Paul II's vision of marriage in the Theology of the Body, articulates the Holy Father's theological reflection on the sacrament of marriage, its sacredness, divine purpose, theological and meaningful union of espousal love; and 3.) The summary of the former supreme pontiff's addresses on the Theology of

the Body. The systematic presentation of these theological themes is enfolded in the reality of Filipino life and context as intentionally written by the authors.



C. *Re-examining the Root Cause of the Calamba Agrarian Unrest of 1891*

What makes this article more interesting other than a peek in the small town agrarian turmoil issues in Calamba, Laguna, is the involvement of the family of the Philippine National Hero – Dr. Jose Rizal into the fray of the said agrarian unrest. **Rene Escalante** who authored this historical piece, masterfully navigates the crisscrossing of the three main historical events and group of characters

that turned into a small but historical landmark in Philippine history, mainly: the late 19th century volatile state of the sugar trade and business in the Philippines, the tenant-landlord relationships between the Rizal Family and the Spanish Dominican friars respectively, and the power of the world sugar trade and business market in the late 19th century. The author ends this historical piece with answers to the questions: Why did the relationship of the Dominican friars with the Rizal family turn from cordial to antipathy? Why and in what way did the Filipino sugarcane farmers and traders and the Spanish government in the Philippines become a victim of an economic onslaught brought about by an alternative commodity to sugar in the world market, which they could have avoided had they had the right focus on the problem and help one another collaboratively to achieve a win-win situation for all the parties concerned?

D. *Assessing the Developmental Potentials of Some Twelve Discourses of Filipino Philosophy*

This article presents a detailed analysis and assessment of some twelve discourses of Filipino Philosophy. **Feorillo Petronilo Demeterio III** who authors this article is the vice-dean of the college of Liberal Arts of De La Salle University, Manila. The article also provides his reasons for the underdevelopment of Filipino philosophy among others. The author systematically provides themes of analysis or rubrics of assessment of Filipino philosophy according to the following: the “Filipinoness” of the discourse; the cognitive level of the discourse; the inherent emotional energy of the discourse; the impact of the discourse; and the sustainability of the discourse. The author is not remiss in identifying some of the foremost contemporary Filipino philosophers from whom much of the discourses are drawn and their contribution to the philosophico-intellectual tradition of the Filipinos. Over all, anyone who is a student of Filipino philosophy trying to uncover the state of some of its discourses would find this article helpful and informative.