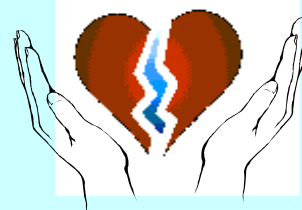


# ***St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church's Philippine Medical Mission***



Fall 2000

## **PMM—Privileged to Help**

"Love does not live on words nor can it be explained by words — especially the love which serves God. Simple acts of love and care keep the love of God burning"

**—Mother Teresa—**

## **HOSPITAL FOR THE POOR: PHASE I INAUGURATION**

**Coastal Road, Parañaque  
Metro Manila, Philippines**

On June 27, 2000, Cebu's Archbishop Cardinal Ricardo Vidal blessed the Foundation of Our Lady of Peace Mission's (FOLPM) Staff House and a pile driving ceremony was held to mark the laying of the cornerstone for the hospital. The hospital will have 300 beds, 100 of which are reserved for the poor.

The FOLPM Board of Directors and staff members witnessed this event, together with high ranking government officials, representatives from various private foundations, volunteers and beneficiaries of FOLPM projects. Several speakers including Sr. Eva Maamo stressed the need for a nationwide effort to fight poverty. She emphasized that it takes the concerted effort by government, non-government agencies (NGOs) and private citizens in the country and from overseas, to reduce our poverty from a major to a marginal level".

The hospital will be built with funds donated largely by private foundations and other groups as well from the USA. St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church's Philippine Medical Mission (PMM) has committed to support this hospital project.

**From Sr. Eva Maamo, SPC, MD**

*October 4, 2000*

*Dear St. Charles Parishioners and PMM Volunteers,*

*Congratulations on your first anniversary on August 15, 2000. The entire staff of the Foundation of our Lady of Peace Mission, Inc. sincerely extends our deep appreciation for all your help in our apostolate for the poor. Many blessings have enriched us through your efforts during your first year. Your commitment to provide continuing assistance to our medical and health outreach programs have been an inspiration to our staff and volunteers.*

*The financial help that you have sent over the past year was primarily used to support the medical and surgical missions in Leyte, March & July, 2000, where 2300 people were treated. The immunization project against DPT, Typhoid, Measles, Cholera benefited 1350 indigent children in Navotas (Brgy Putting Bato & Sto. Nino), Paco (Under the Bridge & Brgy Nazareno), Cavite (Brgy Wawa), Malate, Gala Subic Zambales (Aeta Resettlement Area), Helped support our 8 feeding Centers and soup kitchens in Metro Manila, where 350 children are fed one full meal daily.*

*Your generous and compassionate spirit remains in our heart as we continue with our apostolate to provide basic health and medical services to our poor brothers and sisters. I would also like to thank Fr. Gerry Creedon and Micheline Toussaint for their genuine interest in PMM's work. I pray that you may all be rewarded with innumerable blessings in the coming years.*

*May God bless you all!*

*Sr. Eva Fiedela Maamo, SPC*

### Personal Experience: Litong Roa, St. Charles Parishioner

"On July 10, 2000, I was fortunate enough to attend the FOLPM's Board Meeting held at the conference room of the new Staff House of the Hospital. It was heartwarming and gratifying to observe and experience firsthand the wonderful mission that the St. Charles Church's Philippine Medical Mission, an outreach of our Social Justice Ministry, is involved with in caring for the poor and indigent in his native country. As I delivered a check from PMM to the FOLPM, the Board expressed their gratitude to St. Charles parish and PMM for their continuing support. I hope our giving does indeed go on".



St. Charles' member Litong Roa with Fr. James Reuter, S.J., Sr. Eva Maamo and other FOLPM Directors, at the new Hospital Staff House.

## OUR LADY OF PEACE MISSION DIARY

### Medical-Surgical Mission

September 28- October 4, 2000. A team of 30 volunteer doctors, and nurses will provide free medical & surgical services in Imus Cavite.

### Surgical Mission

October 8-15, 2000. A surgical team of 23 members will perform minor surgeries in Pintuyan Panaon Island, Southern Leyte. This consists of abdominal tumors, cataract, thyroid, harelip and others.

### Free Clinic

Located at St. Paul's College (Gen. Malvar Gate) in Malate, Manila, is continuously serving the poor in this area. It operates Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Three consultants, together with different groups of medical interns from Manila Doctors' Hospital treat the patients for free. The clinic services approximately 200 patients a month.

### Hospital for the Poor

Construction of the emergency room and outpatient services for the Hospital for the Poor is in progress.

**NEWSFLASH: PMM receives a \$10,000 donation from an anonymous donor!**

### OUR VERY SPECIAL THANKS

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The Fiesta Oriental Store (Open Daily), 4815 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Arlington, VA 22202 [International Food & Gifts; Groceries; Video Rentals Money Remittance & Door To Door Service — Owner: Fred & Vangie Sunga; Business Tel. (703) 516-9160].

## PMM IS ONE YEAR OLD!

On the feast of Our Lady's Assumption August 15, 1999, PMM was launched at the St. Charles Library. Sr. Eva Maamo, SPC, MD, Head of the Foundation of Our Lady of Peace Mission (FOLPM) was there.

In its first year, PMM has generated total cash donations in the amount of \$10,500, entirely sent to FOLPM to support the medical and health programs of the foundation. Funds were raised through various activities: Christmas letter to family and friends, Bukas Palad Concert, Spring Yard Sale and the Anniversary Raffle. Donations also came from the Phil-Am Association of Manassas, the Simbang Gabi Group of St. Charles, and tithes from St. Charles Church. A 300-pound shipment of medical supplies, dental instruments, toiletries, clothing and food were also sent to FOLPM.

From a group of two, we now have six in our core committee and twenty volunteers in our support committee. The Core meets on a monthly basis and coordinates the projects. The support committee performs a variety of functions such as the development of flyers, database management, hospitality, shipments, website, medical and dental consultants, and spiritual support.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for making our first year a success: Fr. Gerry Creedon (Pastor, St. Charles), Micheline Toussaint (Director, Social Justice Ministry), Brigid Doherty, Tricia Clark & Staff, Cora Tiglao (Consultant), Mark Alves (Web Team), Jandi Arboleda, Armida San Jose, Noella Balatbat, Eva Balino, Peggy Carrington, Vicky Coronado, Franco Jacinto, Mark Katzman, Gail Goodridge, Mary Lawler, Mila & Danny Lunaria, Claudia & Paul Maloney, Doris Mitchell, Vilma Pauig, David DePerro, Joe Perez, Tillie Radzavage, Marga Ramirez, Neneng & Pong Riguera, Rachel & Litong Roa, Fred & Vangie Sunga, Bertha Zimmerman.

*For more information on volunteer opportunities with PMM please call Maricel Bretault at 703-734-8670.*

### RAFFLE 2000

PMM's raffle 2000 succeeded far beyond our expectations! A brainchild of Mr. Fred Sunga, Manager and Owner of Fiesta Oriental Store, a total of \$3,283 tickets were sold. Proceeds will benefit the Immunization Drive of the FOLPM. *Many thanks again to our generous sponsors and dedicated volunteers.*



Pictured L-R: PMM Member Celia Coronado, Mr. Fred Sunga, and PMM Member Grace Holden.