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## FOUNDATION OF OUR LADY OF PEACE MISSION, INC. (FOLPMI) – Day Care Graduation

On March 16, 2008, FOLPMI graduated 240 five-year olds from the Day Care Centers established by the Foundation in Navotas, Sta. Ana, Paranaque in Metro-Manila, and Zambales, one of the provinces in the Luzon island of the Philippines. The Day Care graduation was held at the Our Lady of Peace Hospital grounds attended by proud parents of the pre-schoolers.



Gilda Ordonez-Baric, SCBPMM VP, was invited by FOLPMI to be one of the graduation speakers. Other speakers included Mr. Manoling Morato, former Chairman and General Manager of Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office and Hon. Eduardo Zialcita, congressman from the 2<sup>nd</sup> district of Paranaque, MM.

FOLPMI Chairman Fr. James Reuter, S.J. and Founder and President Sr. Eva Fidela Maamo, SPC, M.D. also graced the occasion with Sto. Nino Barangay Chair Hon. Ismael de Leon in Paranaque.

## Volunteers' Corner

Opportunities for involvement in SCBPMM abound

- Fundraising planning
- Grants search
- Grant proposal writing
- Project management assistance

Come and join us and help make a difference in the Philippines

We need your help ...

In order to continue providing services to the poor in the Philippines, SCBPMM must continue to raise funds and seek donations.

If you are interested in making a donation, you can mail a check or send a money order to:

St. Charles Borromeo  
Philippine Medical  
Mission or SCBPMM  
2914 Adams Place  
Falls Church, VA 22042

Include your name and address if you would like to receive a receipt for tax purposes.

FOLPMI would like to thank SCBPMM for the financial support they have provided and continues to provide. This financial assistance has been a big help in funding FOLPMI projects.

### **FOUNDATION OF OUR LADY OF PEACE MISSION, INC. (FOLPMI) – 6<sup>th</sup> Community Health Workers Training Program for Indigenous Peoples**

Pioneered by FOLPMI in 2005, the Community Health Workers Training Program for Indigenous People graduated its 6<sup>th</sup> batch of participants in November, 2007.

Through this program, FOLPMI has reached 80 of the 127 ethno-linguistic tribes in the Philippines. Approximately 200 participants have taken the training program since its inception. Remarkably, the training has developed confidence and initiative from the community health workers to serve their communities.

This is a development project of FOLPMI to empower the indigenous tribe through human development. Funding of these programs have been made possible through the assistance of Misereor, the Philippine government, and the Civic Advisory Group of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) of Washington DC through St Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission (SCBPMM).



A trained indigenous Community Health Worker attends to a tribe in the municipality of Malungon, province of Sarangani in the Mindanao island of the Philippines.

Dr. Joven Abello, the full time volunteer doctor at Our Lady of Peace Hospital, is also involved in providing medical service and training at the Aeta Resettlement and Rehabilitation Center.

## Partners in the Philippines

Foundation of Our Lady of Peace Mission, Inc. (FOLPMI) - a non-profit non-governmental institution serving the poorest of the poor in the Philippines. Its projects include, among others, feeding centers, livelihood projects, and immunization programs.

Childhope Asia, Philippines (CHAP) - a non-profit non-governmental organization established to address the plight of street children in the Philippines. It provides, among others, basic education, health care services, livelihood training, shelter and counseling support to street children

Religious of Notre Dame of the Missions (RNDM) - a group of sisters who work in remote and poor areas in the Philippines. Their ministries include community development, basic health care services, health education, nutrition programs and provision of education opportunities.

ANAWIM Lay Missions Foundation, Inc. (ANAWIM) - a refuge for the abandoned elderly, a few orphans and physically and mentally handicapped persons.

## FOUNDATION OF OUR LADY OF PEACE MISSION, INC. (FOLPMI) – Hospital Fund Crisis

Sister Eva Maamo, President of FOLPMI reported that Our Lady of Peace Hospital has converted 7 non-paying rooms into private rooms for paying patients to augment the declining funds received by the hospital.

The hospital has been experiencing a funds crisis since government assistance was cut off a few months ago. Despite the decline in funds, it continues to provide free medical treatment to the poor communities in the Metro Manila towns of Paranaque and Las Pinas as well as in neighboring areas. Every Tuesday and Thursday, the hospital continues to offer free eye check-up and treatment. Its association with the Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation also enables the hospital to provide free surgery and on-going medical care for children with cleft lip, cleft palate, and other craniofacial abnormalities. This project is funded by Smile Train.

## RELIGIOUS OF NOTRE DAME OF THE MISSIONS (RNDM)

In her visit to the Philippines in August, 2007, Vanette Lagera, volunteer RNDM coordinator of SCBPMM, met with the Sisters of the Religious of Notre Dame of the Missions (RNDM).

During the meeting, Sister Petite Lao and Sister Helen Curie discussed their current projects in healthcare and education, crafts and livelihood programs. According to Vanette, they talked lovingly about the Dulangan Manobo villagers, especially the children, whom they work with in Cotabato.

Based on a report for the use of the SCBPMM's funds provided to RNDM, a little more than \$2,000 was able to:

- Help in the hospitalization and medical expenses of 11 children and 23 adults
- Provide formula milk for a baby (Kibet Labi) born in extremely poor circumstances
- Provide ongoing care for a 6 year old (Hanny Oding) with tuberculosis
- Pay for regular transportation for 3 volunteers

Additionally, for about \$160, the RNDM sisters were able to continue the health care training for 22 young Dulangan Manobo girls and provide them with school supplies and T-shirts for uniforms.

The RNDM sisters expressed their heartfelt thanks for SCBPMM's support.

## Useful links: (PMM Partners)

Religious of Notre Dame Missions (RNDM)  
<http://www.rndm.org>

Childhope Asia, Philippines (CHAP)  
<http://www.childhope.org.ph>

Anawim Lay Missions Foundation (ANAWIM)  
<http://www.anawim.com.ph>

If you are interested to meet our partners and to visit the projects we support, please send us an email at:  
[pmm@stcharleschurch.org](mailto:pmm@stcharleschurch.org)

## CHILDHOPE ASIA, PHILIPPINES (CHAP) – Tahanan Santa Luisa Shelter

Tahanan Santa Luisa Shelter, home for former street children, had 19 girls as of the end of 2007. The girls, who have all been physically and sexually abused, are provided with proper health and home care. Psychiatric treatment is also provided to those who have been psychologically affected by the abuse that they have experienced at such a young age.

As part of the Shelter's goal to rehabilitate, ensure and sustain the integration of these young girls with their families and to society, educational services are likewise provided. Regular basic literary classes are conducted daily. A livelihood program is also integrated with the daily activities of the girls. Presently, the girls are involved in preparing native sweets, creating origami (Japanese paper art), and cross stitching needlework.

The Shelter holds activities for the girls to develop positive values. The Center also organizes social events to enhance in them feelings of self-respect and self-esteem. For celebrants in the last quarter of 2007, the Center held a joint birthday party. A Halloween party and a Christmas party were also held. In addition to the annual Christmas party, there were also small Christmas gatherings held at the Center sponsored by different private groups and donor individuals.



*'By saving one child, we bring the kingdom of heaven to earth.'*

## Who we are ...

St Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission (SCBPMM) is a 501(c) (3) organization, dedicated to promoting the inherent right of the poor and the underprivileged in the Philippines, to receive basic and adequate health care and to empower them, through education, to become responsible and productive members of society.

## What we do ...

To accomplish its mission, SCBPMM works in partnership with established non-profit organizations in the Philippines. SCBPMM undertakes fund-raising activities to support its partners' poverty alleviation projects and programs.

*'To The World, You  
Might Be One Person,  
But To One Person, You  
might be the World'*

## From the Treasurer ...

### SCBPMM 2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

St Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission (SCBPMM) raised over \$66,000 in cash and in kind donations for the calendar year 2007, an \$11,000 increase over that in 2006.

During 2007, SCBPMM distributed \$30,888 to its partners in the Philippines:

- \$ 13,101 – FOLPMI
- \$ 10,487 – CHAP
- \$ 2,300 – RNDM
- \$ 5,000 – ANAWIM

Since its creation in 2006, the Celia Coronado Endowment Fund has grown to \$11,680.

SCBPMM would like to thank all of our generous donors and dedicated volunteers for their continued support.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On December 2, 2007, SCBPMM had its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Christmas Caroling at the Arlington residence of Ms. Cherry Melencio. Mrs. Evelyn Vicente was instrumental in making this event a success by providing music and assisting in getting the choir organized.

As one of our fundraising efforts, SCBPMM was able to raise \$ 990 during the event. SCBPMM would like to thank everyone who was able to join us in this event. We also would like to thank Ms. Cherry Melencio for graciously opening her home to host the SCBPMM Annual Caroling. We hope to find more families to host the event in the future.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF CELIA CORONADO

March 13, 2008 marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> death anniversary of Celia Coronado, co-founder of SCBPMM. A chain of prayers was offered by Fr. Gerry Creedon, the volunteers of SCBPMM, Celia's family, and countless friends. The day was marked by private prayers and memorable thoughts of her work for the poor.

### Coming up Events:

- ANAWIM Founder Talk
- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Raffle
- Rod Garcia Band Concert

*'Life is God's gift to us ... what we make of it is our gift to God!'*

### JOIN US AT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

ANAWIM Lay Missions Foundation founder and chairman, Bo Sanchez, will be the guest speaker at a symposium at St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Filipino Ministry of Northern Virginia, his talk will be on a "New Culture of Pentecost: From Mary, One Family of God". Bo Sanchez is a Catholic lay preacher and author. For information, please contact Ed Tiong 703-403-5624.

SCBPMM is going to hold its 9<sup>th</sup> annual raffle on August 16, 2008. Over the years, this fundraising event has enabled us to continue our support for the programs of our partners in the Philippines. We call on our volunteers, donors, and parishioners of St Charles Borromeo Parish to again support us in this effort.

The fundraising concert with the Rod Garcia Band scheduled around the end of April has been rescheduled for the Fall, around the end of October. More information will be sent out in the next few months.

Please watch for announcements about these and other events. For more information, you can send an email at [pmm@stcharleschurch.org](mailto:pmm@stcharleschurch.org)

*'The important thing is not how much we accomplish, but how much love we put into our deeds every day.'*

--- Mother Teresa

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