#### 14.1 Carlatan Home

Danny, my husband to be, surprises me with a house even before getting married. He bought it from a foreigner who works at Wallace Air Base. Of course, that is the best gift one could get to be able to build a family independently.

However, I wanted that we build our dream house with the coming of our third child. I was teaching at St. Louis College at Lingsat that time and the Carlatan lot purchased by Danny from my obstetrician from Dr. Alex Alviar was great. One could see the lights at night at the San Fernando Bay.

I requested my brother-in-law, architect Gerry Ocampo to make a house plan. Young and full of energy, I was in-charge in the purchase of construction materials.







February 1987—Danny and Luz at the construction site.



March 1987 \_ Maridi and JB at the staircase for the second floor



Blessing by Fr. Mons Lacsamana.

### 14.2 Sea and Sky Hotel

The Sea and Sky Hotel stands on the lot of our late aunt Consuelo Ubaldo. On May 19, 1991 we see the Ubaldo sisters \_ Consuelo and Rosa, our mother. The lot was blessed by Fr. Perpetuo Concepcion. The mountain has to be levelled before constructing the hotel. Luz is beside the Baluerte tree and Maridi, our eldest children witnessed the levelling of the mountain.

A year later, May 8, 1992, joint birthday of Maridi and Ludi is the blessing of the building by Bishop Salvador Lazo.

It is indeed a landmark in La Union for two Philippine Presidents have been in the hotel. Former president Joseph Estrada and Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. Both occasions were held at the Consuelo Hall.













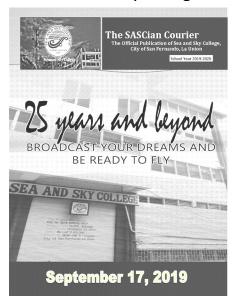








### 14.3 Sea and Sky College





Groundbreaking



San Fernando City Parade



# Foreword



MA. LUZ O. BOLONG, Ph.D. EVP/Academic Dean

This year Sea and Sky College (SASC) marks its 25th year Anniversary. I couldn't be more thrilled about where we have come over the years and the exciting future that lies ahead. And what a time it's been! As you flip through the pages of this commemorative magazine, you are transport back in time as you witness some of SASC most memorable moments in history.

I want to credit Dr. Magdalena Jasmin, Higher Education Chief of the Department of Education Culture and Sports (DECS), Region 1 as the driving force in my putting up of the Sea and Sky College. In fact, it was through her advice that our founding anniversary coincides with an important celebration.

SASC President Daniel T. Bolong, Jr. and I, your Academic Dean, were wed at Ermita Church on September 17, 1978. Last year we had a very happy and memorable Ruby celebration at the College lobby.

It is an honor to have Tourism Secretary Gemma Cruz Araneta, former Miss Universe as a Commencement Speaker during the college's 2nd commencement exercise. Actually, she is the first Filipina to win the title. In her message, Secretary Araneta challenges the graduates by saying,

"Learning does not end when someone leaves school

but is the only beginning of education.

Aim for continuous advantage.

Be deserving of promotion and advancement."

The institution is dedicated in honor of the late Judge Evaristo L. Ortega whose life is an exemplar of a father who believes that education is the best legacy and to Dr. Daniel S. Bolong, Sr. the head of the Bolong family, an epitome of noteworthy ideas and a development-oriented man.

Since this year is a milestone celebration, we have prepared a marker which will be unveiled on September 16, 2019 after the Holy Mass at the lobby of the SASC.

The Sea and Sky is a catchy name denoting the beauty of nature (the sea and sky) which must be amply nurtured. Here, I saw the need of developing manpower for the booming tourism industry in the region. I also observed the inadequacy on educational institutions responding to this growing need. Thus, it was clearly evident that the SAS School has a critical role to play. Ultimately, the goal is to provide the students a ladderized scheme of knowledge and skills acquisition, imbibing virtues and social values that would enable them to have an improved quality of life.

Working hand in hand with our partners — the CHED, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the City government is a great help.

### 14.4. Sea and Sky Broadcasting Systems, Inc.

### **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

DATE ACTIVITIES PLACE				October	10th Anniversary of	Sea and Sky
October 19, 1999		La Union Consecration of the Philippines to God The Father		19, 2009	La Union Consecration of the Philippines to God the Father officiated by Bishop Rillera and Bishop from Baguio and Cebu. Present was Congressman Victor Ortega	Broadcasting / College
Audi 24 2004		Bishop Tobias. Present Gov. Ju Orros				
April 24, 2001		SAS Broadcasting Franchise granted by Congress Republic 9129	Manila Act			
January 16, 2003		Blessing of FM Radio by Bisho Tobias. Present Congressman Manoling Ortega & Mayor Ma Jane Ortega. Also CHED & NTO Director	ry			
February 11, 2003		SAS Broadcasting recognized Catholic Media Network mem- under Fr. Reuter	Manila			
June 19, 2003		CHED approves Bachelor of Ar Communication Course to be offered School Year 2003.	ts in Sea & Sky College	2013	Twins TV 5 aired programs by Luz and Nila entitled "Kambal Para Sa Diyos" and Feed Thy Soul	Sea and Sky Broadcasting / College
August 20, 2003		God The Father huge size state brought to the vacant lot at Pagdaraoan	Bantay Ni Ama Ken Mari			
February 25, 2004		Blessing of Nuestra Senora de Luz concrete statue at Bantay Ama ken Maria				
April – June, 2004		Luz & Nila granted scholarship Gregorian University, Rome on Pastoral Communication. Recommended by Arch Bishop Abaya & Bishop Tobias with		January 16, 2019	Twins turned 65 years old.	Sea and Sky Hotel
December 8, 2004		consent of Apostolic Nuncio Franco 150 <sup>th</sup> Proclamation of the Dogr of the Immaculate Conception	na Bantay Ni Ama Ken Maria	October 19, 2020	21 years Anniversary of La Union Consecration to God the Father. Bishop Daniel Presto officiated 1st Mass at Sea and Sky College Chapel	Sea and Sky Broadcasting / College
May 11, 2006		officiated by Fr. Rabon, SVD  TV test broadcast. Luz found of tv screen at Biday, Parian, llocanos, etc carries videos transmitted from Sea & Sky	Sea & Sky Broadcasting			
October 3,	3, Launching of TV		Sea and Sky Broadcasting / College			
2007				April 24, 2021	To renew the 25 years Franchise given by NTC to Sea and Sky Broadcasting. Application for renewal to be received by Congress 5 years before 2006/	Manila
September 17, 2009			Bantay Ni Ama Ken Maria			
	Grou Altar Carm Mont	nd Breaking of by Fr. Lazo. elite Fr. Ernie tuerto, OCD oresent	530			

### An Inspiration to do mission at Tacloban City By: Ma. Luz O. Bolong, OCDS

A daily mass goer, my favorite spot at the Carmel of the Holy Family Monastery chapel at Pindangan, City of San Fernando, La Union is

the middle pew on the left side.

In between two great Carmelite saints \_ St. Teresa of Avila on the Altar of Saints and St. Elijah, the Prophet at the garden of the nuns. I am

Attar of Saints and St. Elijah, the Prophet at the garden of the nuns. I am privileged to receive inspirations.

On November 26, 2013 after mass, I dropped by the OCDS House of Prayer. I told Carmela Palaroan, I am inspired to go to Tacloban. Then at the Sea and Sky Hotel, I read at national daily newspaper about the burial sites for Supertyphoon Yolanda victims.

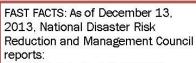
I informed Ma. Nila of my desire to go to Tacloban and she said she will accompany me. I immediately requested my staff at the Travel and Tours to hus my ticket.

Tours to buy my ticket.

On December 4 we prepared the Christmas package which includes the following: Christmas wreath, Christmas card with prayer for the dead at the back, vigil light candle, stampita with the image of Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the King, and big laminated picture of God the Father with prayer and crucifix.

Since we are celebrating the 500 Birth Anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila, the inspiration so as to be symbolic is to give P500.00 for each 50 victims with a total of P25,000. We inserted the P500 bill at the centerfold of the eight pages "Born Your You\_ the life of Teresa of Avila" last October 3 and 4, 2011 flyer we distributed during the presentation of the stage play at the de Jesus Avenue, Camp Aguinaldo Theater, Quezon City, Philippines Philippines.

Funds came from three sources: 1) Sea and Sky Hotel and College took care of the Christmas package; 2) Cash from Bolong Fire Ezxtinguisher, Aboitiz La Union and Daniel O. Bolong, Ill (DOB3); and 3) Checks from Atty. Luz Danielle O. Bolong.



- Official death toll at 6,009
- Nearly 2,000 others still missing.



Ortega twins at the Sea and Sky College preparing Christmas packages for Tacloban.





Prayer from Sister Andria and crucifix from Brother Litos Valero



## A Day of Remembrance and Prayer



A month after Supertyphoon Yolanda (international name: Haiyan) hit Tacloban City and other towns of Leyte province, Archbishop John F. Du of the archdiocese of Palo, Leyte set December 8 as a day of remembrance and prayer.

Arriving at the Tacloban airport, we saw the destruction wrought by the typhoon with the rooftops blown, doors and some chairs at the waiting area destroyed.

Riding on a public van, the twins proceeded to Basper

Village, 8 kilometers from the provincial capital to visit the dead bodies deposited in the public mass gravesite/cemetery. We read the epistle of the holy apostle Paul to the Corinthians: WHEN THE BODY OF OUR EARTHLY DWELLING

PLACE LIES IN DEATH, WE GAIN AN EVERLASTING DWELLING PLACE IN THE HEAVEN. We prayed in an open pit with bodies placed in body bags. After we prayed, we went to a shed across the road and introduced ourselves to the village people. We distributed the Christmas package to 25 persons . Ma. Luz demonstrated to them that the wreath could be hanged using the yellow ribbon or laid flat with the vigil candle in the middle.



Ortega Twins prays at Basper Village



Diocesan priests bless the mass grave site

Reaching Suhi village, 13 km from the city located at barangay San Isidro is more depressing. It is where recovered dead bodies are deposited. The bodies were still unidentified and we were able to talk to people searching for their missing relatives. While about to leave, some cars parked and we saw priests going out and so we stayed. Diocesan priests of Sto. Niño Parish, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Virgen de la Candelaria Mission Station prayed Ma. Nila hands Advanced Christmas gift and blessed the dead. We gave our gifts to some



to families of the dead.



Child receives early Christmas gift

relatives of the victims. The provincial spokesperson who was with the priests informed that the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) have taken photos of the dead and the government will provide a final resting place for them. We joined the group of Fr. Virgilio Murillo Jr., parish priest of Virgen de la



buried at the side of the DZR building

Candelaria Mission Station and Sister Myra to DZR building to pray for the victims from Peerless Subdivision.

The last gravesite visited for the day was at the St. Anne Chapel of Villa de San Juanico. Seven who died at the village had a decent burial because of the love of Sr. Myra. It was also

Victims from the Peerless Subdivision were where Ma. Luz laid seven wreath on each tomb.



Mass grave site at the backyard of the Palo

# Damaged Palo Metropolitan Cathedral undergoing repairs

Barely a year had Lord's the Transfiguration Cathedral known Palo the Metropolitan Cathedral undergone major renovation Archdiocese Diamond Jubilee celebration (75th anniversary) as a diocese



File Photo: Photo taken on January 25, 2012: Credit to gerryruiz and gerryruiz photoblog



Photo credit: panoramio.com

on November 28, 2012, it is once more undergoing repair due to Super Typhoon Yolanda that whipped Central Visayas.

Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle led the celebration of the culminating Mass of the Archdiocese of Palo's 75th jubilee anniversary in the midst of destruction caused by typhoon Yolanda. Because we need to pray, we need to gather, we need to give thanks. After all, with or without Yolanda, the Archdiocese of Palo is a diamond; and diamonds are forever," the cardinal said. "Buildings may collapse and fields may be flattened, but the Church will continue thriving, our Church will never be destroyed," Tagle declared. 
The archdiocese of Palo has a land area of 4,768.8 square kilometers. About 96.8% of the total population are Catholics.





# MSH Sisters Academy heavily damaged

The Missionary of the Sacred Heart (MSH) Sisters Academy at Tacloban was heavily damaged and its canteen and computer room totally wiped out will re-open on January 2014. Sr. Myra's spirit is not dampened with what happened to the school with 58 pupils from Kinder 1 and 2 and Grades 1 and 2, manned by three teachers and two sisters.



MSH Sisters Academy at Villa San

She started rebuilding without money but full of trusts in the Divine Providence. Assistance first came from the Mother Superior Gemma who handed P5,000 which was used for retrieving materials from the typhoon. She hired carpenters, asking that payment will be given later. She instructed them to pull old nails from the retrieved wood and start the work. Minnie, the granddaughter of Emiliana Gray gave \$100 as thanksgiving for the help extended to her aunt who survived from the typhoon. Tita Pedrosa, her Foster parent who gave an initial P3,000 asked Sr. Myra to help her pray so she could give additional help. That night, Sister dreamt of numbers and text it to Tita who bet in the



Sr. Myra with a Peace Corps

Lotto. She won P8,000 and gave to Sister the P6,000. Dr. Rey Revuelto provided galvanized iron and plywood. Having no more money, she told the carpenters to stop work as she looks for donors praying for the intercession of All Souls. I t is providential as we twins arrived on that day. Sr. Myra whom we saw at the Suhi village mass grave site forthe blessing that day acceded to our request we stay at their place.

Luz gave P5,000 to Fr. Virgilio. Later Fr. supervision of MSH Sisters. Virgilio told Luz that he had decided to give Sister



Pupils receive their early education under the supervision of MSH Sisters.

Myra the P5,000 for she needed it more for the repair of the school. Luz was inspired to give Sister another P5,000. Sister said she will use it for the carpenters' wages. On our last day, I woke up early



Damaged classrooms by typhoon Yolanda.

in the morning to interview Sister Myra. She said she is thankful for the help we had extended; ready for carpenters to resume work; but still need money for paint. While we were still talking, Luz came down and handed her additional P3,500 saying, for your carpenters. Sister

Myra said that we were her



Sr. Myra receives Christmas gift from Ma. Luz while being interviewed by Ma. Nila

answered prayers. In the same way, we were very grateful to Sister Myra for accommodating us during our short mission at Tacloban. We stayed at the very nice and comfortable home of Emelita Pimentel, where Sister Myra is presently staying together with Renato Homeres and his wife Belen.

While on our way home to

La Union, Sr. Myra informed us that for next school year, with God's blessings she



Emelita Pimentel's Residence where Ortega twins stayed at Tacloban City

will name the Grade 3 classroom under St. Teresa of Avila as patroness.

#### 14.6 A Mandate from Heaven

The Christian doctrine of the Trinity holds that God is one God, but three coeternal consubstantial person \_ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Great Jubilee in 2000 was a major event in the Roman Catholic Church, held from Christmas Eve (December 24) 1999 to Epiphany (January 6) 2001.

The third year 1999: God the Father was proclaimed by Pope John Paul II. It primarily states that \_ Blessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love, gave us your only begotten Son

Ma. Luz have the following huge statues of the Holy Trinity at the Sea and Sky establishments.

Hotel \_ bust of God the Father {fiberglass}
College God the Son (wood}

God the Holy Spirit (stained glass)

The Ortega twins looks forward to a Sea and Sky Broadcasting Systems, Inc. building to be located at Bantay ni Ama ken Maria at Pagdaraoan, City of San Fernando, La Union where the 12– foot statue of God the Father rests on top of the God the Father Tower.













After the blessing of the statues of the Angel of Peace and the Three Shepherd Children of Fatima, Maria Luz Ortega-Bolong, ocds recites the prayer to GOD THE FATHER composed by our Holy Mother, Teresa of Jesus of Avila, reformist and foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order.

#### A PILGRIMAGE SITE

The God the Father statue at Bantay ni Ama ken Maria was the statue blessed in 1999 by Bishop Antonio Tobias, during the La Union Consecration of the Philippines to God the Father.

Luz resides at San Fernando, La Union. Next town is San Juan, La Union. Surfing at the 2019 Southeast Asian Games in the Philippines was held at waters off Barangay Urbiztondo in San Juan, La Union.







Another statue was blessed by Archbishop Edmundo M. Abaya at the Vigan Heritage Village. Nila resides at Vigan, Ilocos Sur declared on Dec 8, 2014 as one of New 7 Wonders cities of the World.

14.7 Trusting in God...He Makes All Things Beautiful in His Time

Trusting in God...He Makes All Things Beautiful in His Time

Sea and Sky Broadcasting System, Inc. (abbreviated SASBI), is school-based located at Barangay Pagdaraoan in San Fernando City, La Union with the power of 400 watts duly licensed by the National Telecommunications Commission.

Commissioner Gamaliel A. Cordoba has assigned to our Analog Channel 5 a Proposed Digital Channel 43 for areas Vigan/La Union/Candon.

GOD DREAMS WITH US, TOO

Franchise on Twin's 47th Birthday

God the Father made it possible for you. This was the remark of Congressman Manuel C. Ortega when Luz finally got the franchise for a radio-television station operation on January 16, 2001. It has been a long-time dream for her, a Communication Arts graduate from UST like myself, having applied for it since 1985. But as He is, God tickles us with His humor at times, perhaps postponing Luz' shallow perspective of evangelism and initiating change—speaking through a microphone in an enclosed room to reach fellow laity — to one that is more personal, more challenging, effective and outstanding. But with the radio station now near completion, evangelism through daily devotions and activities shall be sustained. I guess God dreams with us, too.

The grant of House Bill No. 4042 to Sea and Sky Broadcasting, Inc. to Operate and Maintain Radio and Television Stations in the Ilocos and Cordillera, is possibly the concrete token of God's trust in her noble intentions and His recognition for my sister's persistence and hope when God's answer to this particular dream was; Wait.

But our desired operation to run smoothly was hampered by internal and external factors, but it need not be expounded anymore. The fact is we still have the franchise, and that is all that matters while we hold on to operationalize on a digital transmitter.

The reason why we want to operate as soon as possible is because by April 2021, we have to submit to the Congress application for renewal of franchise \_ 5 years before franchise expires. It is hard for our 20 years dream to die.

"He has made everything beautiful in its time." (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

Our prayer: "Father, we believe that You are going to make all things beautiful in Your time for our television dream. We trust You. We wait in expectation.

GOD'S blessing is on its way. It's coming...it's absolutely certain. In Jesus's name, Amen."

What we have done while waiting for God's divine intervention. We had hoped for October 19, 2020 re-opening but it did not come. Well, it was not yet God's time. Peace flood our hearts in this moment. He made, He's making, and He will make everything beautiful...in its time. Twin TV Sign On.

This station is currently on the air with DTV Channel 43 in San Fernando City, La Union. The Television Network is operated and maintained by the duly licensed Electronics and Communications Engineer Roger O. Baliton with registration number 0077402 valid until March 3, 2023.

Lupang Hinirang by the Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students of Sea and Sky College. Angelus by the Ortega twins.

Balanced programming that inspires, informs, educates and entertains.

To maintain our venture we need the support of the community at large. We are presenting our programming and we will sincerely appreciate any kind of assistance you can provide.

Your support goes to a wonderful cause. Visit our website www.ortegatwins@yahoo.com

Mass-

I approached Fr. Eugene C. Llobrera Diocesan Director on Social Communications for program, but he said, "For start, I will hold mass daily. The program will follow when we have already maintained the reach of the television station.

Of course, Luz was ecstatic when I reported to her. The 30 minutes mass, the center of our life is brought to people who can not go to the church is already the best program for the TV!

Once, St. Teresa was overwhelmed with God's Goodness and asked Our Lord "How can I thank you?" Our Lord replied, "ATTEND ONE MASS." Saint Gertrude the Great once reported that for each and every Mass that we hear with devotion during our lives, Christ sends a saint to comfort us in death.









### 14.8 Preserved for posterity

We, Ortega twins had traveled around the world. Throughout the years, we have accumulated a lot of objects of spiritual, historical, artistic, or cultural interest. These are stored and exhibited in these places: Evaristo-Rosa Ancestral Home; Sea and Sky College; Residence of Maria Luz O. Bolong, and Residence of Maria Nila O. Argel.

Our exhibits can bring history to life, and be a light on both our present and our future – a light that is unique.

After our mother died, we twins unearthed enormous greeting cards, photos, prayer cards and novenas, souvenir items. Spirituality meant a lot to them.

It is no wonder that their deep spirituality had passed on to us their children, specially on us twins. The home is filled with a variety of things that bring back memories.

Our father, the late Judge Evaristo Ortega, was privileged to be sent abroad for special studies. As such, he had seen tourist spots like the Empire State Building that stood as the world's tallest building in New York City until the construction of the World Trade Center in 1970. Thomas Jefferson Memorial in Washington, DC.

The objective of sharing our memorabilia is for others to know our faith stories. At the Evaristo-Rosa Ancestral Home, the statue of Christ the King greets you at the second floor. It is modest but has great spiritual presence in the place. Visitors are allowed to touch, hold, sit upon, and read if you have time on certain documents and objects.

On our 84 days travel around the world, we brought along cloaks which are loose garment and floor length that is worn over indoor clothing and serves as protection from the cold, rain or wind and get us warm as much as possible. During our stay at Greece, it was too cold at night, that we resorted in using our red cloak as additional warmer.



Display of clothes



Twins Haven



October 25,



October 28, 2017



Sea and Sky College

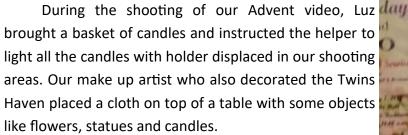
We are happier when we spend money on experiences rather than material purchases. Having gained information or insight during our trips and pilgrimages we hope that our visitors will also gain information or insight during a visit to our Exhibits.

In our persevering discipleship, we have written letters to different people, we have kept

letters received, copies of manuscripts on our books and books printed.

During our stay at the Twins Haven, Nila sometimes cook until she was frightened by a kettle she had left burning on the stove. She heard an alarming sound and went immediately at the kitchen. True enough the kettle had its handle burned and turned upside down. We have not thrown the kettle as a reminder to be careful next time.

When a newcomer to the OCDS House of Prayer needed a stove, we gave our stove for her. But when she had left due to sickness, Nila thought of bringing it back to the Twins Haven. It is faster to cook in a stove than using an oven toaster to reheat some food.



The director ordered that the door be closed for he will have a close shot of the Elijah door.







The ash mark after the cloth was removed on top of the linoleum.



We hope that our exhibits would provide an informal learning environment — a lifelong process whereby individuals acquire attitudes, values, skills and knowledge. From our exhibits, may the viewers form their own unique experiences.

Twin Luz attended a two week summer class at the Notre Dame De Vie School of Spirituality, Angat, Bulacan from May 15-29, 2013. SOS have lined up many activities and Luz chose icon framing. Religious icons are symbols or representations of a person: Christ or one of the saints in heaven. Religious icons are a form of prayer. When you look at an icon, it is meant to make you aware that you are in the presence of God. Icons, are sacred art because they bring the viewer to the sacred. "Icon is Faith made visible".

Photos taken from pages 118-119, 126 on her report On the Path that Leads to the Mystery of God, June 8, 2013.

Steps in Icon Framing

- 1. Burn polo china wood with glow torch.
- 2. Brush wood with steel brush then plastic brush.
- 3. Peel your icon.
- 4. Burn slightly the sides of the icon with a lighted candle.
- 5. Glue icon on piece of wood. Just enough glue is needed so as not to spill over the surface of the icon.
- 6. Put plastic that (clean one) on top of icon, and brush it slowly until icon shows grain of wood.
- 7. Have clean rags on hand to wipe glue away

















Having learned iconography, Luz wanted to share it to the Secular members of the St. Teresa of Avila Community. She bought 12 icons to be used during the activity. On May 18, during our monthly regular meeting, Luz showed the icons she got from SOS and the members were excited to learn.

After the July 16 feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the members listened to Luz as she demonstrated how to do icon framing. She gave away one icon on the Holy Trinity and Prescilla Costelo was the lucky recipient.





It is our prayer that the time spent viewing our exhibits would translate to a day spent with loved ones family and friends. With God's grace, It will leave a deep imprint on the mind and heart of people.

Knowing that it is hard to maintain exhibits, we hope that the house will have a gift shop and maintain a community center nearby so that the place could be visited not only once or twice in a lifetime but more often as the need for a time with the Lord is called for.