

INTRODUCTION

The first copy of our book third edition "In the Footsteps of La Madre", was given to the at Most Rev. Daniel O. Presto, D.D., bishop of the diocese of San Fernando de La Union at San Vicente Bishop's Residence, early morning of August 9, 2020. That day proved to be quite remarkable as Luz together with driver Lito went out to distribute the invitation for OCDS @ 45 program to the members staying at Caba, Agoo and Aringay.

Luz shares a faith experience on their way to Aringay where Anita lives. Asking for directions along the way, they were told just to proceed and proceed. Afraid that they have already missed the place, they asked a store owner where is Barangay Sta. Cecilia. The person said they have passed the place since they are already at Barangay Sta. Teresa. Luz was ecstatic, as in front of her stands the Sta. Teresa de Avila Chapel! She took it as a sign that St. Teresa intentionally wanted her to see the chapel built in her honor at Barangay Sta. Teresa, the northernmost barangay of the municipality of Tubao.

Everyone has their own *way* of showing *gratitude*, and Luz feels that it was a way for St. Teresa to express her gratitude to the Community for their 45 years of service to God and preparing a celebration amidst COVID-19, great faith in action. Luz had visited Anita when she was just starting to be a member, and she's surprised that she had never shared with the community that she studied in elementary at Barangay Sta. Teresa.

Luz' family disapproves on her past undertakings: statues, pilgrimages, spiritual books, stage play, and films. However, she and her twin sister have not slowed down. Director of Formation, Caridad Sobejana in her acceptance speech, "I am extremely very happy today". The celebration graced by Bishop Daniel O. Presto, D.D. and with a great attendance of the members speak well of our community living up to the expectations of our Holy Mother St. Teresa.

Sta. Teresa of Avila's Bookmark is a prayer in which she summarizes her experience in seven tips to find true happiness and hold on to God – the most important thing in life. In her account of the founding of the first Barefoot Carmelite monastery, the convent of St. Joseph at Avila in 1562 (*Life* 32-36), God gave her a locution that forced her to action: "One day after Communion, His Majesty earnestly commanded me to strive for this new monastery with all my powers.... He said it should be called St. Joseph" (*Life* 32.11).



SAINT TERESA OF JESUS MATER SPIRITUALIS

Bookmark of St. Teresa

Let nothing disturb thee,
Let nothing affright thee.
All things are passing
God never changes.
Patience gains all things.
Who has God, wants nothing
God alone suffices.

October 15, 1981-82
4th Centenary of her death

She always abandoned herself to God's will, and was a very determined woman who knew where she was going. She often used to say, "I am yours, Lord; I was born for You. What do you want from me?" Following St. Teresa's determined determination, we finished our 500 page document, "In the Footsteps of La Madre St. Teresa de Avila", a great feat to accomplish involving three resources: time, talents, and treasures. Time incurred in making the manuscript; writing and computer skills; and money for printing and delivery of the 200 copies to the recipients.

Teresa defines the impetus for the additional foundations in relation to Spain's evangelical enterprise in the New World. After a Franciscan friar told her about the millions of non-Christians in the Indies, she pleaded with God for a part in the project of conversion. I cried out to the Lord, begging Him that He give me the means to be able to do something to win some souls to His service, since the devil was carrying away so many, and that my prayer would do some good since I wasn't able to do anything else. (1.7)

God answered her prayers with a prophecy: "'Wait a little, daughter, and you will see great things.'" Rubeo's permission for additional foundations fulfilled this promise: "Remembering the words our Lord had spoken to me, I now perceived some beginning to what before I could not understand"

Unflinching faith is holding on to God's promise that one day, if it is His Will, it will come. Luz never gave up on the television project. She kept on believing, but was not yet aggressive. Then twin Nila affirmed that the time has certainly arrived. Luz had no recourse but to agree.

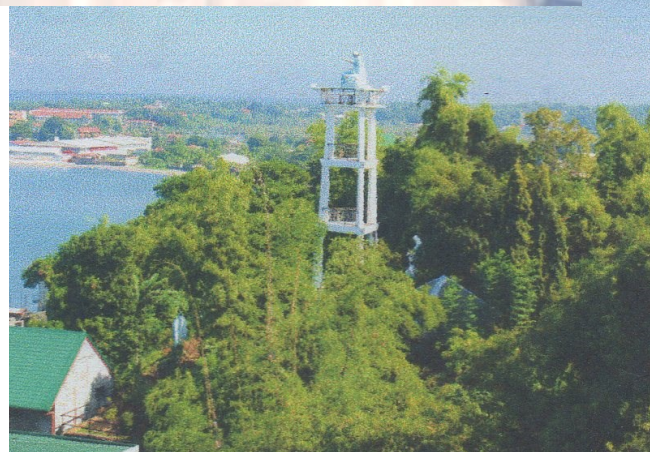
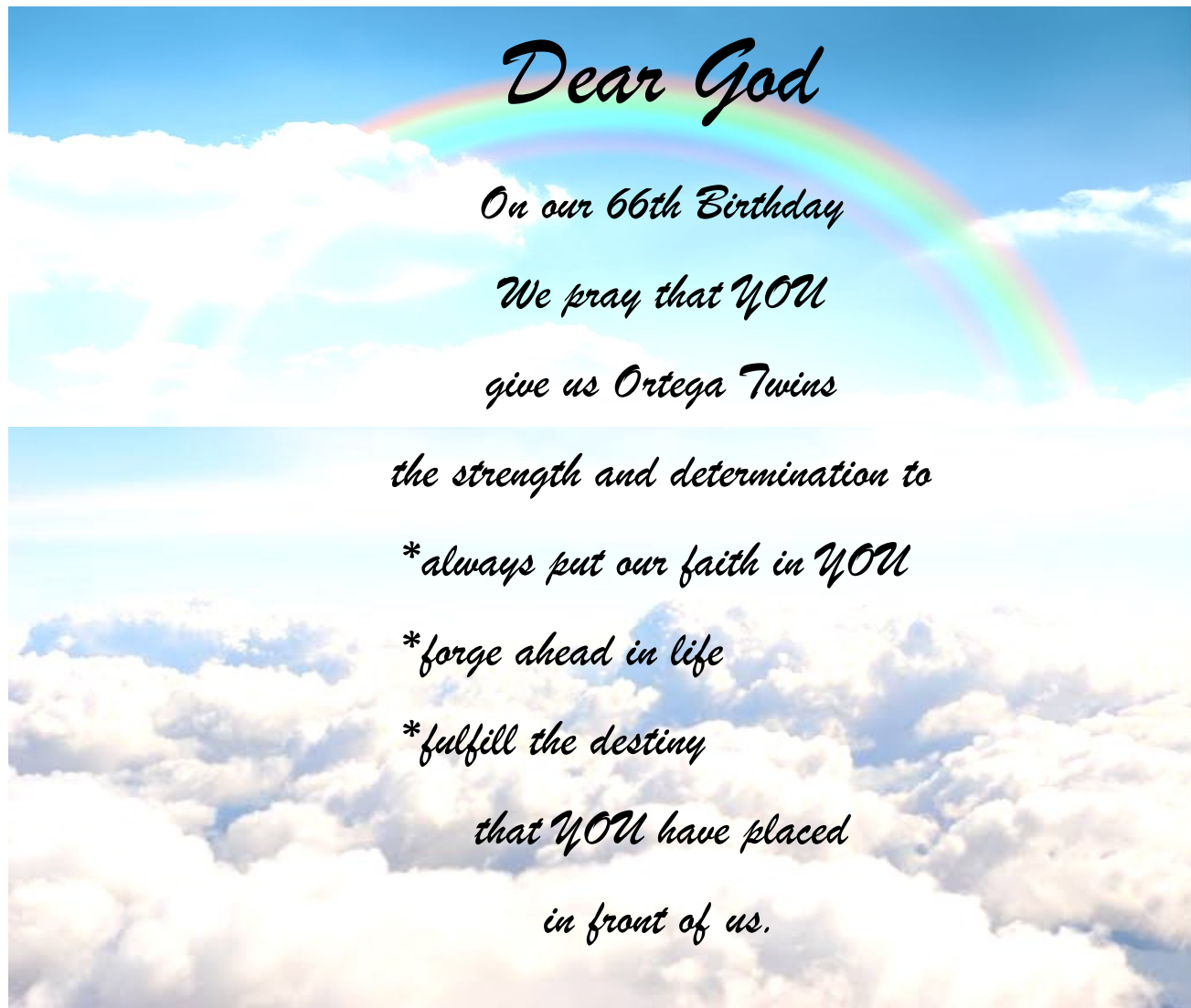
The year 2020 is faith in prayer and action. There are many celebrations lined up, that include the 1) Preparation for the 500 Years of Christianity (YOC); 2) 50th jubilee of the diocese of San Fernando de La Union; 3) 505th birth anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila on March 28; and 4) 45th foundation anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila Community, August 14, 2020.

And the greatest testimony of faith —God's time is always on time for the operation of the Digital TV. God makes things beautiful in His time for a television station in San Fernando City _ God's City. If God deems it we will follow the footsteps of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, (born May 8, 1895, El Paso, Illinois, U.S an American religious leader, evangelist, writer, Roman Catholic priest, and radio and television personality who hosted a weekly television series, Life Is Worth Living (1951–57), that attracted about 30 million viewers.

Venerable Sheen had said, "My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back,²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins." We twins pray that with the TWIN TV, we could bring sinners back to God, His creator and enjoy eternal life in heaven.

PART I. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH HEIRARCHY

1.1 Dear God

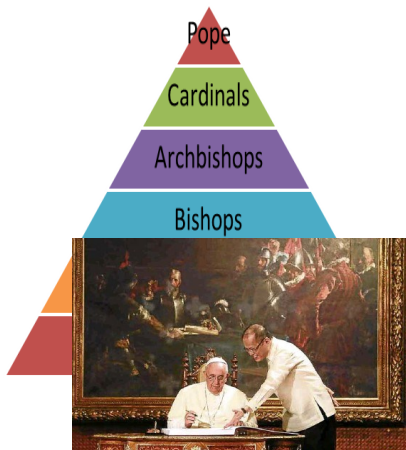


At the Sea and Sky College, Greenhills Subdivision, Pagdaraoan, City of San Fernando, La Union
one can have a panoramic view of the Sea and Sky.

Sea and Sky Hotel & Restaurant

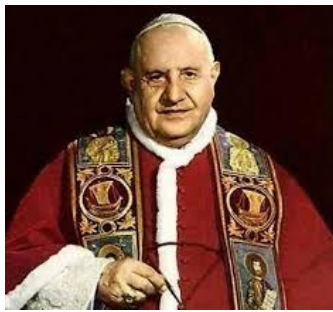
God the Father Tower, Bantay ni Ama ken Maria

1.2 Pope's Visit to the Philippines



The Catholic Church has a hierarchy, just as any other structured environment. Having a hierarchy helps the Church lead the faithful at local and increasingly higher levels.

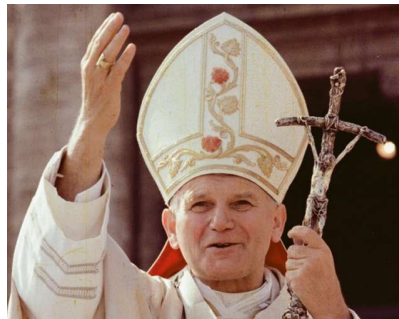
The bishop who heads the diocese is not an ambassador of the pope but governs the local diocese as an authentic successor of the apostles, just as the pope governs the universal Church as the successor of St. Peter.



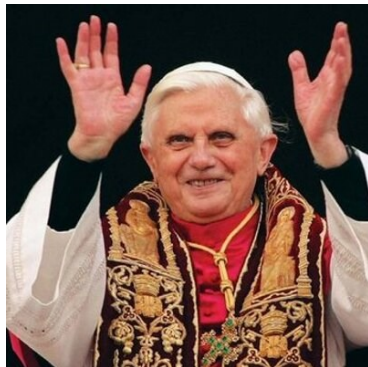
John XXIII — Oct. 28, 1958-June 3, 1963. **Paul VI** — June 21, 1963-Aug. 6, 1978.



John Paul I — Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 1978.



John Paul II — Oct. 16, 1978-April 2, 2005.



Benedict XVI — April 19, 2005-Feb. 28, 2013.



Pope Francis — March 13, 2013-

Past popes meet former Philippine presidents

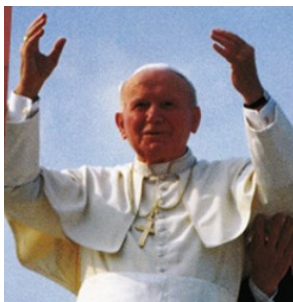
Past visiting popes were welcomed by presidents, and commented on state affairs. In the Philippines, the Catholic church – which boasts up to 80% of the country's population as members – is perceived to wield much influence on government policies.



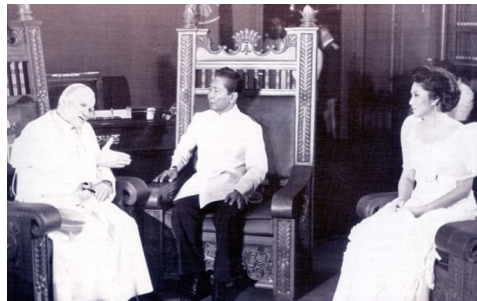
Pope Paul VI
Nov 27-29, 1970



President Ferdinand E. Marcos



Pope John Paul II
First Feb 17-22, 1981
Last Jan. 12-16, 1995



President Ferdinand E. Marcos



President Fidel V. Ramos



Jan. 15 to 19, 2015.



President Benigno C. Aquino III

About 11 years after the first papal visit to the country, Saint John Paul II became the first pope to come to the Philippines on an official Vatican visit. He said he chose the destination himself.

“In my desire to know personally the peoples of Asia, I wanted my first papal visit to be to the Philippines. I come here retracing the steps of Paul VI, whose memorable visit to this land is still recalled, I am sure, with love and gratitude, and whose inspiring presence still lives on in the hearts and the minds of the Filipino people,” he said in a statement to the Filipino people.

John Paul II was in the country from February 17-22, 1981, a 5-day visit that included pastoral visits to Manila, Cebu, Davao, Bacolod, Iloilo, Legazpi, and Baguio. During his stay, he also officiated the beatification of Lorenzo Ruiz, who later became the first-ever Philippine saint.

On his second visit to the Philippines, Saint John Paul II gathered the largest crowd recorded at that time, according to papal visit organizers, when 5 million mostly young people came to Rizal Park for the 10th World Youth Day. The Polish pope was in the country from January 12-16, 1995, for a pastoral visit. He also paid a courtesy call to President Fidel V. Ramos at Malacañang Palace.

The trip was focused on the youth gathering. At Rizal Park, John Paul II acknowledged the youth's "difficulties that previous generations experienced only partially and in a limited way," citing "the weakness of much of family life, the lack of communication between parents and children, [and] the isolating and alienating influence of a large part of the media."

He expressed optimism in the increasing focus on human rights which are "being codified and included in legislation both at national and international levels," but reminded the youth that "the effective and guaranteed observance of respect for human dignity and human rights will be impossible if individuals and communities do not overcome self-interest, fear, greed and the thirst for power." He encouraged them to follow the path of Christ.

Similar to Paul VI however, John Paul II was the subject of an assassination attempt, although Philippine authorities managed to thwart it before his arrival. Six days before John Paul II came to the Philippines, security officials foiled a plot to kill the Pope when they discovered a Malate apartment with bottles of chemical bomb components and a photo of the Pope. The apartment was occupied by Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the first World Trade Center bombing in the US 1993. John Paul II departed the Philippines unscathed.

Pope Francis' speech at Malacañang

Pope Francis made a pastoral and state visit to the Philippines from January 15 to 19, 2015.

He visited Tacloban and Palo, Leyte, "to bring Christ's compassion" to the survivors of the magnitude-7.2 earthquake and Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan). The Filipinos nicknamed Francis Lolo Kiko ("Grandpa Francis") as a term of endearment, which he commended.

On an in-flight interview on his return to Rome from Manila, Pope Francis said that the most moving experience of his Jan. 15-19 pastoral visit to the Philippines was his visit to Tacloban -- Typhoon Haiyan's ground zero .



The 1995 World Youth Day closing Mass in the Philippines set a world record for the largest number of people gathered for a single religious event with 5 million attendees— a record surpassed when 6 million attended a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in the Philippines 20 years later in 2015.

University of Santo Tomas (UST) stop for Popes

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) has always been a stop for Popes who visit the country. The Central Media Committee for the Papal Visit, states: "the University of Santo Tomas is a pontifical university, directly under the authority of the Roman Pontiff—the successor of Peter, the first pope. Aside from its function as a regular university, a pontifical university has a special mission of spreading the Gospel and promoting the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Rector of a pontifical university is appointed by the Vatican, and whenever the pope travels to a country where there is a pontifical university, it is his duty and pleasure to visit this university not only to see how it's doing but also to inspire and encourage its students, faculty, and staff in their evangelization efforts."



1974 AB Communication Arts graduate

Pope Paul VI _ Nov. 28, 1970

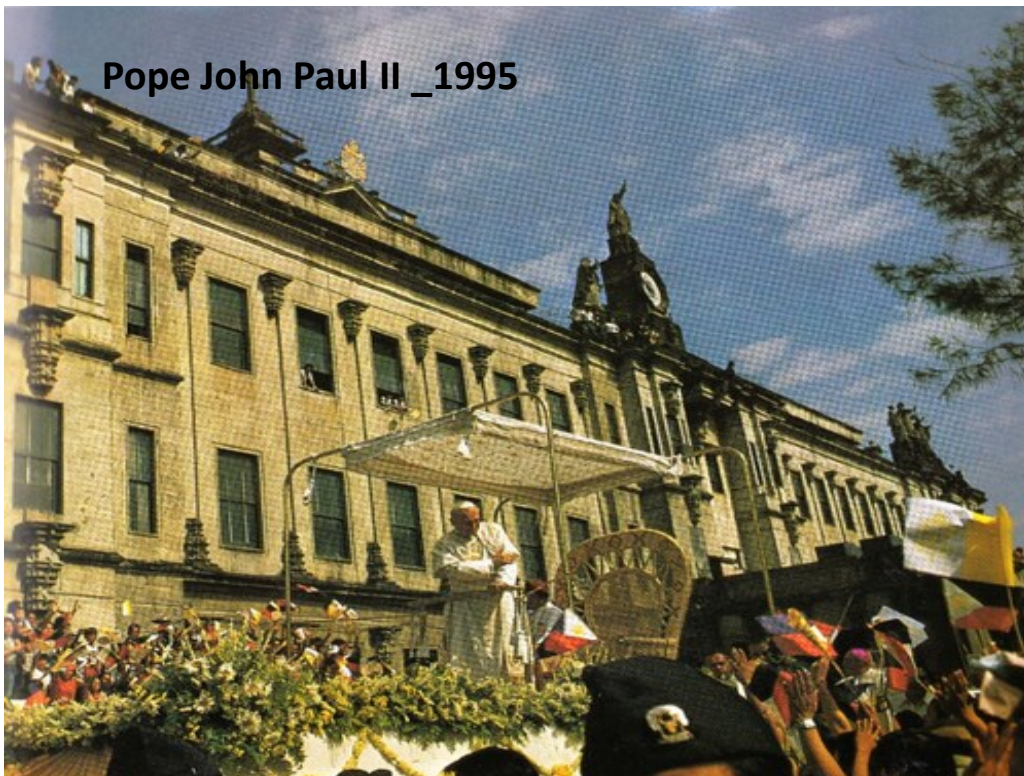
In 1970, Pope Paul VI had an encounter with the youth at the UST grounds on November 28. Pope Paul VI, and martyred Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador were declared saints on Sunday, October 14, 2018 in a ceremony led by Pope Francis and joined by 60,000 pilgrims and heads of state at St. Peter's Square in the Vatican.



Pope John Paul II, original name Karol Józef Wojtyła, (born May 18, 1920, Wadowice, Poland—died April 2, 2005, Vatican City; beatified May 1, 2011) and canonized April 27, 2014; feast day October 22).

Pope John Paul II, first visited the Philippines on February 18, 1981, and UST was one of his stops. Addressing the students of UST, Pope John Paul II said: “Dear young people, strive to build a character that is strong, rich and consistent, one that is free and responsible, sensitive to genuine values, a character that accepts the superiority of ‘being’ over ‘having,’ one that perseveres in challenges and shuns escapism, facile compromise and heartless self-centered calculation.”

In 1995, Pope John Paul II returned to the Philippines – and UST – for the World Youth Day celebration. In his January 13, 1995 speech at UST, Pope John Paul II said: “In Christ and in his teaching, you will find ‘the way, and the truth, and the life.’ In him you will discover the answer to all the fundamental questions. The world and the Church need young people who know that the beauty of living consists in giving oneself to others, in doing good to others. Let the light of Christ enlighten your consciences to true good, and to the evil of sin and everything that tarnishes true love.”



We twins left for Manila at 3 o'clock in the morning of January 14. We went to buy a statue of St. Teresa at the TMC Religious Shop wanting to give it to the Pope just like the gift-giving at the St. Peter's Square in 2004 when Luz handed the God the Father statue.

On January 15, we attended the opening mass held at 6:15 a.m. and another mass at 8:00 at the UST Quadricentennial Pavilion for the start of the second Philippine Conference on New Evangelization (PCNE) that was set by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle from January 15-17.

Pope Francis had an encounter with the youth at UST on January 18, 2015. He urged on the youth to use the three languages of the mind, heart and hands – and to use them in harmony. What you think, you feel and you do. Feel what you think and feel what you do. Do what you think and what you feel. To be wise use the three languages: think well, feel well and do well. And to be wise allow yourselves to be surprised by the love of God. That will guarantee a good life.

Pope Francis _Jan. 18, 2015



We had souvenir t-shirts made for Pope Francis visit.

1.3 A Love Story...God the Father for the World

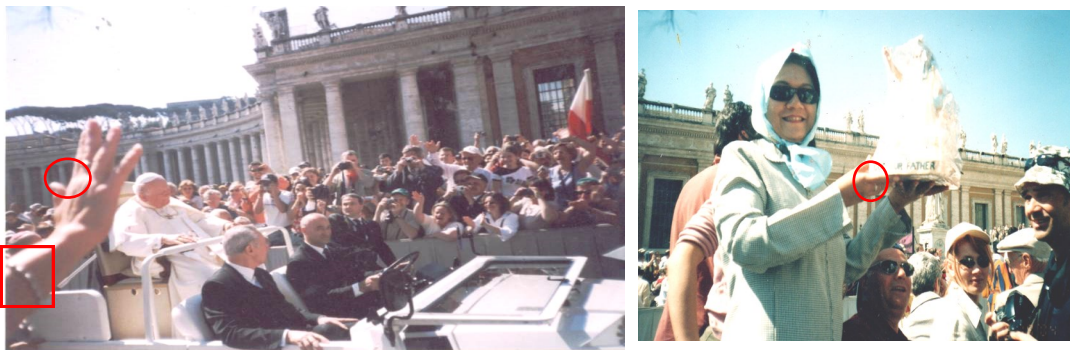


Ma. Luz beams as she gets an imprimatur from Most Rev. Edmundo M. Abaya on our article entitled: A Love Story —God Our Father for the World. Twin Nila captures the memorable happening.

"A life account is written not to call attention to the wonderful achievement of an individual but to bear witness to the wonderful on-going action of God in history or on-going presence of God in the world."

Robert Ellsberg

"Papa! Papa!" Luz shouted. She was able to hand the statuette to Pope (A gift-giving at the St. Peter's Square)



Luz proudly shows the statuette she gave to Pope

A Pontifical Swiss Guard _ inquired from Luz what she is holding. Luz replied "statuette for the Pope. Guard said "impossible to give".

As the Pope mobile is passing by, Luz shouted, "Papa! Papa!" "For the Pope?" One of his guards beside him asked. "Yes! She exclaimed. " He extended his hand for the statuette. The Pope smiled.

Those who witnessed the instant gift-giving were awed. Luz was doubly awed when she learned that the statuette was a fitting birthday gift, for that Wednesday's General Audience was a day after His Holiness' last birthday. He was 84, born May 18, 1920.

"The highest point a person can attain is not knowledge, or virtue, or goodness, or victory, but something even greater, or more heroic...sacred awe!"

The first time Luz came across this statement from Greek author Nikos Kazantzakis, she recounted that she had to read it again and wondered the authenticity of such revelation.

After that grace-filled moment with the Pope, Luz said, "Thank God! I've finally reached the point in my life where I could affirm with much conviction that, indeed, there's nothing comparable with sacred awe."

Divine interventions are given us at the opportune time, so that we can accomplish what God wants. Indeed, we are happy with the knowledge gained at the Gregorian University but we are overwhelmed having seen and felt God's power and love protecting my twin and I like a baby in its mother's arms. With all these realizations, we continually look at God simply in the faith of a child, after all, He is Father.

1.4 Cardinals in the Philippines

A cardinal is a leading bishop and prince of the College of Cardinals in the Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope for Life. Cardinal's duties include participating in papal consistories, and in conclaves when the Holy See is vacant.

<p>1. Installed March 28, 1960 Cardinal Rufino Jiao Santos Birthplace_ Guagua, Pampanga Birthdate_ 26 August 1908 Former Metropolitan Archbishop of Manila (+Sept. 3, 1973)</p> 	<p>2. Installed April 28, 1969 Cardinal Julio Rosales Y Ras Birthplace_ Calbayog, Samar Birthdate_ 18 September 1906 Former Metropolitan Archbishop of Cebu (+June 2, 1983)</p> 	<p>3. Installed May 24, 1976 Cardinal Jaime Lachica Sin Birthplace_ New Washington, Aklan Birthdate_ 31 August 1928 Former Metropolitan Archbishop of Manila (+June 21, 2005)</p> 
<p>4. Installed May 25, 1985 Cardinal Ricardo Jamin Vidal Birthplace_ Mogpog, Marundique Birthdate_ 6 February 1931 Former Metropolitan Archbishop of Cebu (+Oct. 18, 2017)</p> 	<p>5. Installed June 28, 1991 Cardinal Jose Tomas Sanchez Birthplace_ Pandan, Catanduanes Birthdate_ 17 Mar 1920 Former Prefect of Congregation for Clergy (+9 Mar 2012)</p> 	<p>6. Installed Nov. 21, 2003 Cardinal Gaudencio Borbon Rosales Birthplace_ Batangas Birthdate_ 10 August 1932 Current Title_ Archbishop Emeritus of Manila</p> 
<p>7. Installed Dec. 8, 2019 Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle Birthplace_ Manila, Philippines Birthdate_ 21 June 1957 Current Title_ Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, Roman Curia</p> 	<p>8. Installed Feb. 22, 2014 Cardinal Orlando Beltran Quevedo, O.M.I. Birthplace_ Laoag, Ilocos Norte Birthdate_ 11 March 1939 Current Title_ Archbishop Emeritus of Cotabato</p> 	<p>9. Installed Nov. 28, 2020 Cardinal Jose Fuerte Advincula Birthplace_ Dumalag, Capiz Birthdate_ 30 March 1952 Cardinal- Priest of San Vigilio, Rome Italy Current Title_ Archbishop of Capiz</p> 

1. Cardinal Jaime Lachica Sin



Cardinal Jaime **Sin** received a hero's **burial** at the Manila Cathedral Tuesday. Philippine political leaders, foreign and local clergy, diplomats and hundreds of Roman Catholic followers attended the **funeral** mass. We the Ortega Twins were among those who attended ... Soldiers then fired a 21-gun salute before the casket was buried in a crypt inside the cathedral.

2. Cardinal Ricardo Jamin Vidal



His Eminence Cardinal Ricardo Vidal, Archdiocese of Cebu: There's nothing wrong. Go ahead with your mission!

3. Cardinal Jose Tomas Sanchez



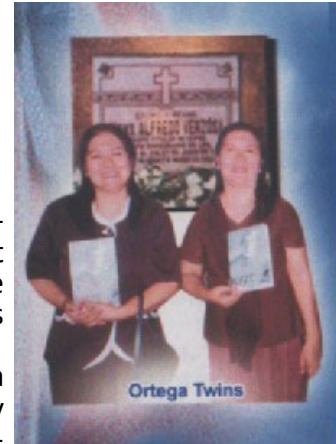
On May 2, Rosie Labon our landlady active in the San Antonio Filipino Community invited us to join her in going to Pontificio Collegio Filipino to witness its 43rd anniversary. The presider of the mass is His Eminence Cardinal Jose Sanchez. After the mass the sagalas lined up for the procession. The Image of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage was crowned by Her Excellency Nida Vera, Philippine Ambassador to the Holy See. It was a meaningful and joyful celebration for Filipinos.

4 Cardinal Gaudencio Borbon Rosales

His Eminence, Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales was presider and homilist at the Mass commemorating the 54th death anniversary of the late Bishop Alfredo Verzosa. Concelebrating were Archbishop Ernesto Salgado of Nueva Segovia and Bishop Sergio Utleg of Laoag, Clergy of Nueva Segovia, Laoag, and other visiting priest. The Mass was celebrated at the Vigan Cathedral at 5PM June 27, 2008. towards the end of the Mass, the Cardinal and the Bishops blessed the tomb of the bishops at the Cathedral Crypt.

Beginning his homily, Cardinal Rosales exclaimed, "You have a possible saint here." Sainly people though are not immediately known and recognizable. Like precious stones, they have to be unearthed and recognized. The lives of saintly people are usually unrecognized. They to have to be uncovered and unearthed, removing the debris of historical events. The Cardinal shared his contribution in unearthing and uncovering the holiness of this son of Vigan.

Source : Nueva Segovia Chancery



5 Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle



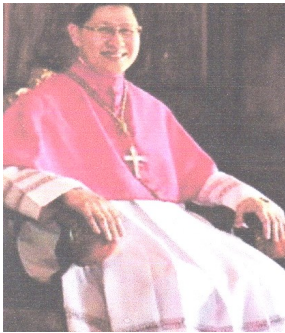
Cardinal Tagle holds the one-foot fiberglass statuette of God the Father from Ma. Luz at Pius XII Catholic Center, Manila.

6 Cardinal Orlando Beltran Quevedo, O.M.I.



Most Rev. Orlando Quevedo, CBCP President and Archbishop of Cotabato: I will let the liturgists study the statue/devotion.

Congratulations _ Cardinal Tagle and Archbishop Tirona



Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, D.D.

December 20, 2019

5th day of dawn masses

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, D.D.
Archbishop of Manila
Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples
Vatican

Your Eminence:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We twins, are Secular Professed Carmelites who vowed to love St. Teresa Forever. With childlike confidence, are offering our 500 page book, entitled "In the Footsteps of La Madre" in response to fulfill Jesus' mandate to bring the Gospel to all and witness to it in our lives. We pray that our humble work entitled "In the Footsteps of La Madre" be put in good use for the historic event marking Christianity's 5th centenary in the Philippines on March 16, 2021.

Our prayers for the success of your evangelization mission from the seat of the Roman Catholic Faith—the Vatican.

Yours truly in the spirit of Carmel,

MA. LUZ O. BOLONG, OCDS
1st Councilor
MA. NILA O. ARGEL, OCDS
President

Enclosures: Book on "In the Footsteps of La Madre"; USB contains 2 videos, 4 films and 500 page manuscript.

1. Like a Child on its Father's Lap
2. A Bible-enthusiast, Spirit-filled Child of God
3. Child's Genuine Voice in Prayer and Action

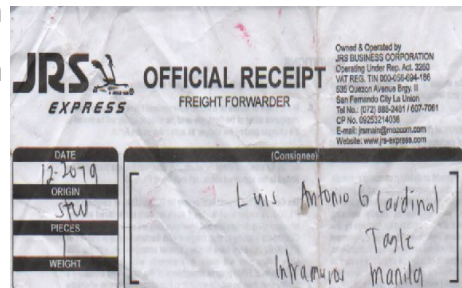
NEWS

Pope appoints Cardinal Tagle Prefect of Propaganda Fide

Published December 08, 2019 09:10 PM

Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle was appointed by Pope Francis on Sunday as the new prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples or Propaganda Fide.

This appointment means Tagle now heads part of the Roman Curia, which functions like a Cabinet of the Pope. It also comes as the Philippines is set to mark the 500th year of Christianity in the country in 2021.



Maria Luz kisses the ring of Cardinal Tagle

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25 March, 2004
Feast of the Annunciation

The Apostolic Nunciature of the Philippines
FAX: 0063.2.521.1235

Most Rev. Edmundo M. Abaya
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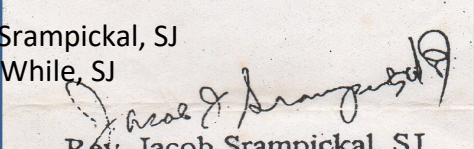
Attached to this letter is a letter of formal invitation from SIGNIS Missionary Service here in Rome offering an invitation to Maria Luz Ortega-Bolong to come to Rome for pastoral communication "Orientation". (Seek a tourist visa and do not talk about courses since this is not a regular degree program. The invitation is carefully worded.)

Note that the letter of invitation uses the formality of indicating that the host covers the travel expenses. It is understood that these grants require a local contribution, in this case, covering the travel and personal expenses of the participant. The diocese must cover the travel and personal expenses.

Maria Luz Ortega-Bolong should inform Fr. Jacob Srampickal, SJ (srampickal@unigre.it on the same fax number as you used to reach me).. When she has obtained the visa, when she will be arriving in Rome (exact flight no., time, everything so that someone can meet her at the airport). She should arrive no earlier than April 6 and no later than 11 April. The course starts on April 13. If it seems that Ms. Ortega-Bolong will be more than two weeks late, then she should wait until next year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Jacob Srampickal, SJ
For Robert White, SJ



Rev. Jacob Srampickal, SJ
For Robert White, SJ





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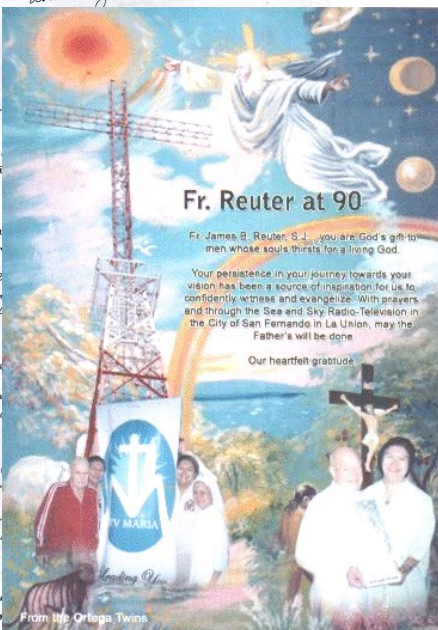
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March 29, 2004
Monday, 12:15 p.m.

Bob!
Jacob!
Pax Christi!
Maria Luz Ortega
and Nila Ortega
Luz is from
the Diocese of
San Fernando
Nila is from
the Archdiocese
of Vigan. She
is strongly
recommended
by Archbishop
Edmundo M.
Abaya. The
Archdiocese is
officially called:
"Nueva Segovia".
Nila applied
for a scholarship,
but was not
accepted.
Because they
told me that
both would be
granted a
scholarship
if they appeared
at the Gregorian
by April 13,
I recommended
them to the
Apostolic
Nuncio, who
endorsed both
for a visa to
Italy. They
have asked
me to intercede
for them, with
you.

They have
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them, with
you.

From the Ortega Twins



Fr. Reuter at 90

Fr. James B. Reuter, S.J., you are God's gift to
men whose souls thirst for a living God.

Your persistence in your journey towards your
vision has been a source of inspiration for us to
confidently witness and evangelize. With prayers
and through the Sea and Sky Radio-Television in
the City of San Fernando in La Union, may the
Father's will be done.

Our heartfelt gratitude



Fr. Srampickal, Nila and
Fr. White



Fr. Reuter, S.J.



Ortega twins pose at St. Peter's
Dome with their certificates.
God willed both to attend the
course.

March 29, 2004
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Attention: Jacob Srampickal, S.J.

Bob!
Jacob!
Pax Christi:

Maria Luz Ortega Bolong and Maria Nila Ortega
Argel are twin sisters.

Luz is from the Diocese of San Fernando, La
Union, Philippines. She was granted a scholarship
to your summer course.

Nila is from the Archdiocese of Vigan. She comes
strongly recommended by Archbishop Edmundo
M. Abaya. The Archdiocese is officially called:
"Nueva Segovia". Nila applied for a scholarship,
but was not accepted.

Because they told me that both would be granted
scholarship if they appeared at the Gregorian by
April 13, I recommended them to the Apostolic
Nuncio, who endorsed both for a visa to Italy.
They have asked me to intercede for them, with
you.

Ed Abaya is very good friend, and he
recommends Nila. In the strength of his
recommendation, I send you this letter.

If you find it impossible to grant Nila a
scholarship, Luz will come to Rome alone.

I can not wax eloquence on the work of Nila,
because I have never worked with her, myself, at
close range. But I accept the judgment of
Archbishop Abaya.

Please answer soonest - either yes or no -
because they are requested to be in Rome
between April 6 and April 11.

Jacob, I did not know that you were with Bob at
the Gregorian! Our movie producer Laurice
Guillen, was inspired by her experience in Indie.
She has gone back to producing, and is winning
awards for "Best Picture of the Year". And her
husband for "Best Actor!"
Do what you can for Nila.

Hopefully,
Jim Reuter, S.J.

Prostrating at St. Peter's Tomb

Saint Peter's tomb is a site under St. Peter's Basilica that includes several graves and a structure said by Vatican authorities to have been built to memorialize the location of St. Peter's grave.

St. Peter's tomb is near the west end of a complex of mausoleums that date between about AD 130 and AD 300. The complex was partially torn down and filled with earth to provide a foundation for the building of the first St. Peter's Basilica during the reign of Constantine I in about AD 330.

Following the discovery of bones that had been transferred from a second tomb under the monument, on June 26, 1968 Pope Paul VI claimed that the relics of St. Peter had been identified. The grave claimed by the Church to be that of St. Peter lies at the foot of the aedicula beneath the floor.

We were privileged to have entered the St. Peter's Tomb. The nephew of my husband, Rev. Fr. Nick Vaquilar was in Rome with his parents as he was celebrating his 7th sacerdotal anniversary.

He invited us to join him as he celebrates mass in the Chapel. After the mass, Luz is seen prostrating. Prostration is the placement of the body in a reverentially or submissively prone position as a gesture. Since 1999, when twin Luz was inspired to have a statue of God the Father in her Sea and Sky establishments in San Fernando, La Union, she had made a decision.



Nila reads the Epistle.
Rev. Fr. Nick Vaquilar mass celebrant.



Luz at the altar with the
statuette of God the Father

**Pope Francis prostrates
himself in St Peter's Basilica
for Good Friday service as
he rests his head on a red
pillow and prays**



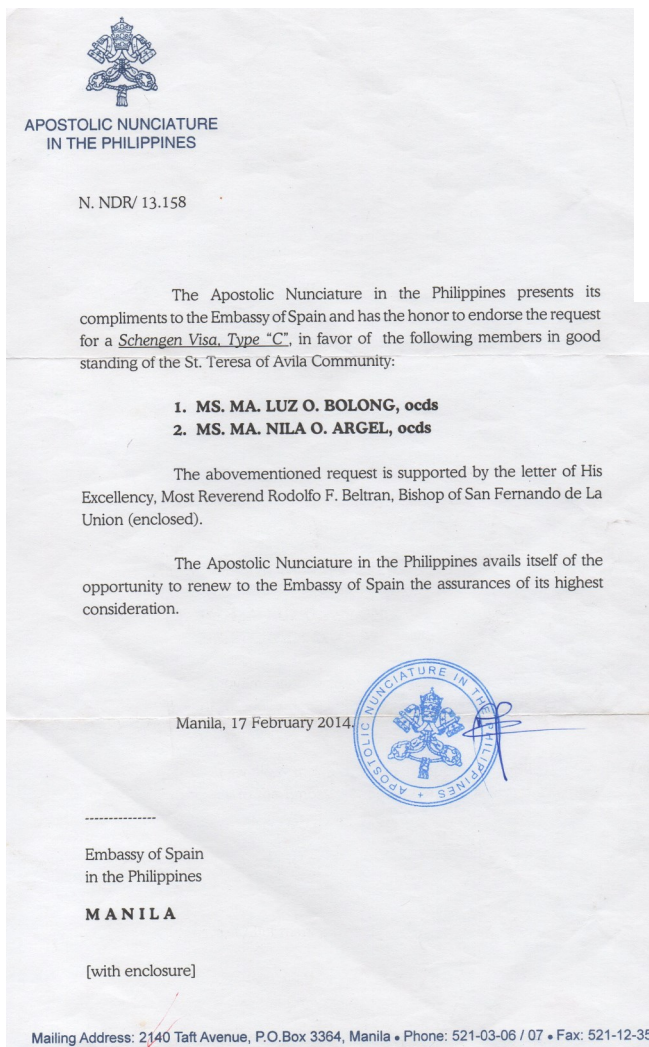
List of Apostolic Nuncios

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| 1) | Most Rev. Antonio Franco | 1999-2006 |
| 2) | Most Rev. Fernando Filoni | 2006-2007 |
| 3) | Most Rev. Edward Joseph Adams | 2007-2011 |
| 4) | Most Rev. Guiseppe Pinto | 2011-2017 |
| 5) | Most Rev. Gabriele Giordano Caccia | 2017-2019 |



Luz prostrating
before the altar.

1) Most Rev. Antonio Franco



Msgr. Mendez gives a tour of the Nuncio's Residence to the Ortega twins.



Holy Thursday 2005_ Nuncio Franco at the St. William's Cathedral

The Graces of Faithful Devotions

We were at the Vatican for a special course, "Pastoral and Communication: Planning and Practice" at the Gregorian University which was scheduled from April 13-June 25, 2004. We arrived two weeks late because of some oppositions and problems regarding the trip.

Problem 1 — Getting a visa. At the Apostolic Nunciature Office arriving at the same time with Msgr. Cosmenio M. Rosimo Jr., Luz fitted in the conversation of Msgr. Rosimo with the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Antonio Franco.

She greeted,

"Happy birthday, Papal Nuncio!"
He asked, "What do you want?"
"Study in Rome", she answered.
"Yes, you will go," he said.

Problem 2 —Rev. Fr. Robert White, Director for the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Communication tells Msgr. Jean Mendez that only one will go. I (Nila) signaled my twin to say yes. (Then, I went to the other room for I was feeling bad. When I went back)

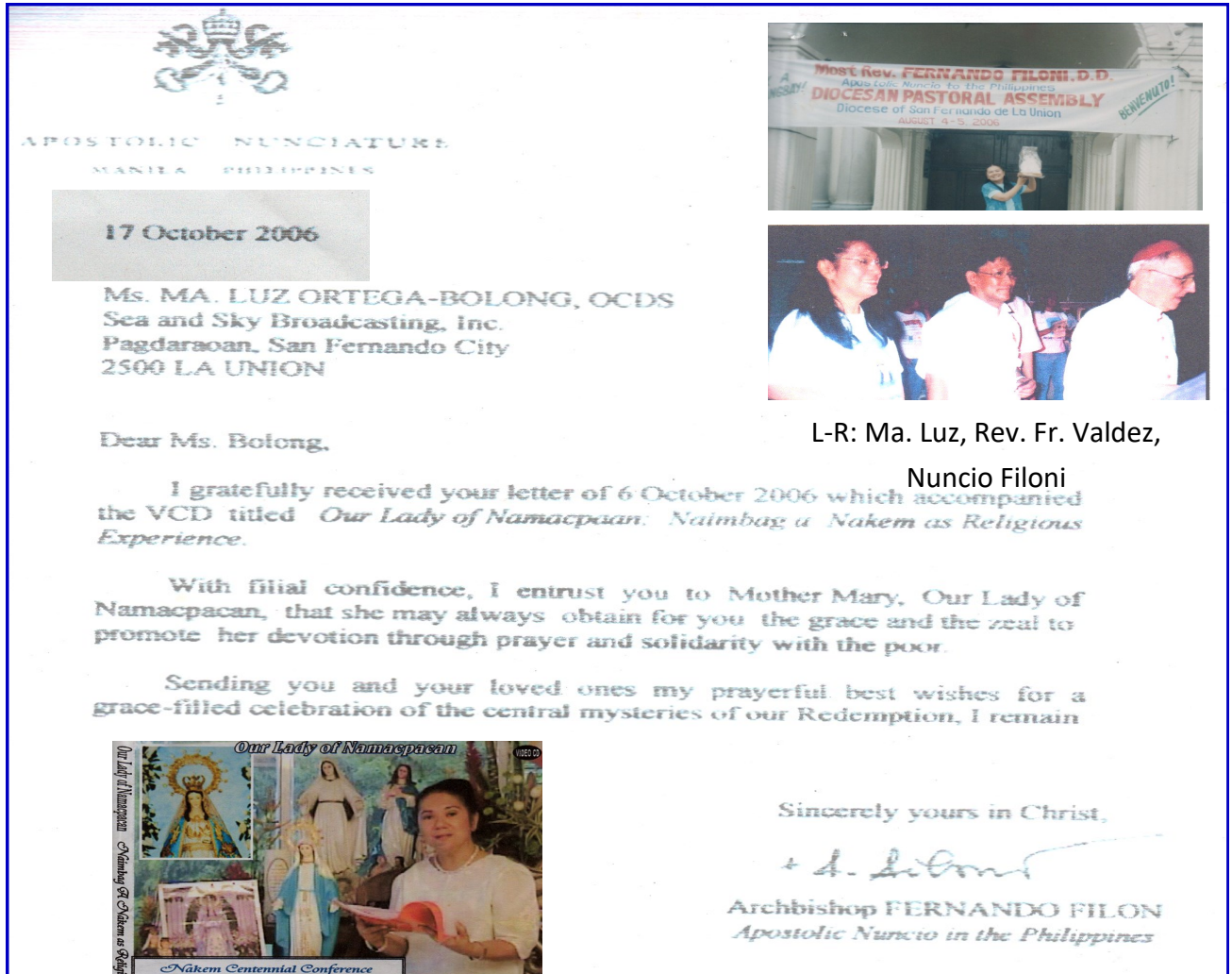
Msgr. Mendez said, "No, both of you will go. I will make a request to the Italian Embassy to give both of your visas.

Problem 3 —Our aunt, Tita Connie passed away. Funeral services and a "Twin's Tribute" for her at the Consuelo Hall of the Sea and Sky Hotel were done before our trip.



His Excellency Antonio Franco with Ortega Twins

2) Most Rev. Fernando Filoni



Brochure produced and distributed during the Feast of Christ the King to the delegates from the Parishes of the Diocese of La Union.



Apostolic Nuncio Filoni at the Shrine of Our Lady of Namacpacan



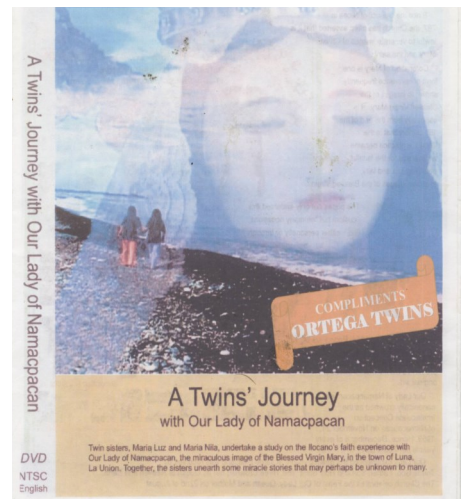
Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Namacpacan to USA_ Ma. Nila with Bishop Beltran.



Museum of Our Lady of Namacpacan

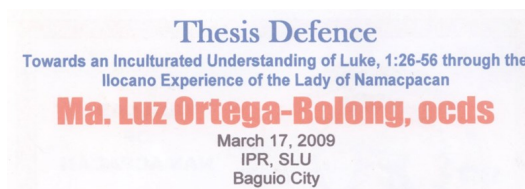
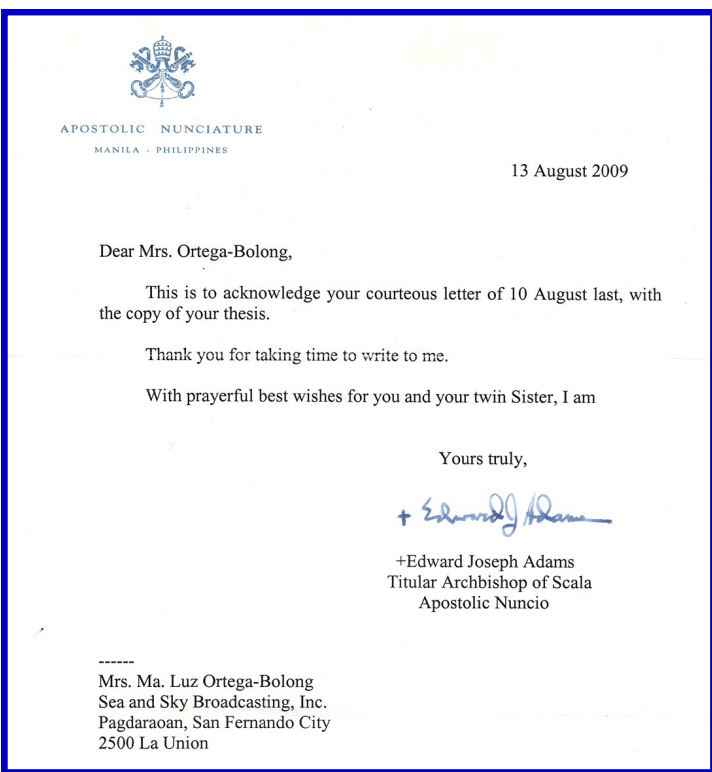


Luz distributed brochure to the participants



October 11, 2009 -- Ma. Luz gives a copy of her thesis to Dr. Betty Villalon, president of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Namacpacan. Luz also turn over her long dress with scapular of OLN as requested for the museum.

3) Most Rev. Edward Joseph Adams



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Artemio L. Rillera
+Artemio L. Rillera, SVD, D.D.
Bishop, Diocese of La Union

Blessing of life-size image of Our Lady of Namacpacan
Rosa Ubaldo - Ortega, ocds First Death Anniversary
Gov. Lucero St., City of San Fernando, La Union
Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009



Members of the Catholic Mass Media Network (CMM) were given the opportunity to meet and present their report to Apostolic Nuncio Adams. Nila and Luz are in the company of Fr. Reuter, SIGNIS President Erlinda So, his Excellency most Rev. Jesus A. Cabrera, D.D. and Bishop Bernardino Cruz Cortez. DZUL 104.3 Spirit FM was a member from February 11, 2003-2012. Dream of Ortega twins is for Sea and Sky Broadcasting Systems, Inc. to be a member again under Fr. Lucas.



Ortega twins with sister Emily saw Apostolic Nuncio Adams at the SVD Philippines Centennial (1909 - 2009) at Pugo, La Union.



Golden celebration of the Carmel of Jolo, Sulu
Apostolic Nuncio Adams celebrates

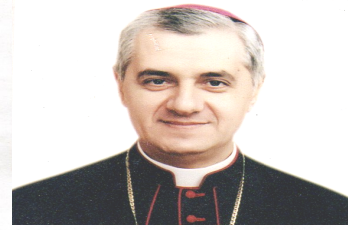


Ma. Luz crowns Our Lady with flowers, symbol of truth.



Ortega twins witnessed Golden Canonical Coronation Anniversary of Apo Baket.

4) Most Rev. Guiseppe Pinto



MESSAGE

I cordially greet *Ma. Luz O. Bolong, OCDS* and *Ma. Nila O. Arge, OCDS*, on the publication of their work entitled *"A Child's Genuine Voice in Prayer and Action"*.

For new evangelization to be fruitful, what is needed is the ability to cultivate an interior space which gives meaning to commitment and activity. Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with the Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervor dies out. The Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer, the prayerful reading of God's word and the perpetual adoration of the Eucharist (*cfr. Evangelii Gaudium*, 262).

With these thoughts, I commend all those who read these lines to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Star of the new evangelization.

In the name of His Holiness Pope Francis, I bless you.



+ *Giuseppe Pinto*
Archbishop GIUSEPPE PINTO
Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines
18 February 2014

Argel, Ma. Nila O.

A Child's Genuine Voice in Prayer and Action

Nihil Obstat:

Msgr. Alfonso Lacramana

Imprimatur:

+ *Rodolfo B. Beltran*
Most Rev. Rodolfo Beltran, DD

The OCDS Quincentennial Special for the
St. Teresa of Avila 5th Birth Centenary
Avila, Spain
March 28, 2015

The Cover

The desire to do something special for the 5th Birth Centenary of St. Teresa of Avila is born out of love of Maria Luz and Maria Nila for the first woman doctor of the Church. Love drove the Ortega twins of La Union, Philippines, who are both members of the St. Teresa of Avila Community, to action.

Recognizing that their unique works is a grace received through prayer, they gave their booklet the title, *"A Child's Genuine Voice in Prayer and Action"*. Prayer for St. Teresa is a "frequent and intimate conversation with a friend whom we know loves us very much." She is honored by the Church as the **Doctor of Prayer**. Her work, *"The Interior Castle"*, has been described as the greatest work on the nature of prayer. Pope Francis said, "Prayer that doesn't lead to concrete action toward our brothers is a fruitless and incomplete prayer."

In Avila, there is nothing but saints and stones. On the other hand, in La Union, we have the Sea and Sky establishments. The San Fernando Bay, viewed on top of the Sea and Sky College which Ma. Luz co-founded in 1994 with husband Daniel T. Bolong, Jr., proves to be a superb background for St. Teresa's Interior Castle made of styrofoam. Guests of the Diamond Ortega twins were welcomed at the Sea and Sky Hotel's lobby by the Castle with one hundred-fifty muffins. The result is a beautiful work of art, an evangelizing tool for God's glory!

Inset, the Ortega Twins sing, "Off ring to the World" during the blessing of the pentahedron enclosure for the life-size tin statue of St. Teresa at the OCDS House of Prayer, Pindangan on March 28, 2014. It marked the 499th Birth Anniversary of St. Teresa.



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March 4, 2016_
Ortega twins submit report "We Love IEC" to the Nuncio's office



Apostolic Nuncio Pinto officiates the installation of Bishop Rodolfo Beltran, D.D. as bishop of the diocese of San Fernando de La Union. Ma Nila as photographer of Ma Luz.

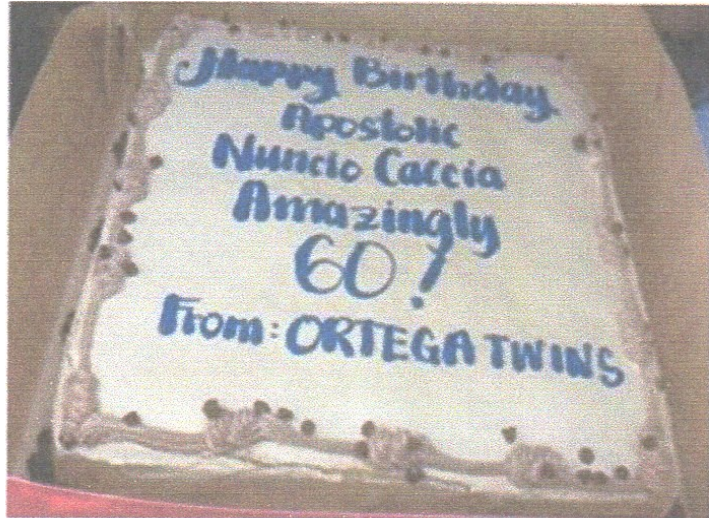


Luz greets Msgr. at CKC who represented the Apostolic Nuncio in the installation of Bishop Presto.

5) Most Rev. Gabriele Giordano Caccia

Birthday Greetings to Archbishop
Gabriele Giordano Caccia, D.D.

Pope Francis appointed Archbishop Gabriele
Giordano Caccia, the Apostolic Nuncio or Vatican
ambassador to the Philippines on Sept. 12, 2017.



FB post Ma. Luz Nila Ortega Bolong Argel
February 24

While the Nuncio was at a meeting, we stayed in
the waiting room and read the magazines in
display.

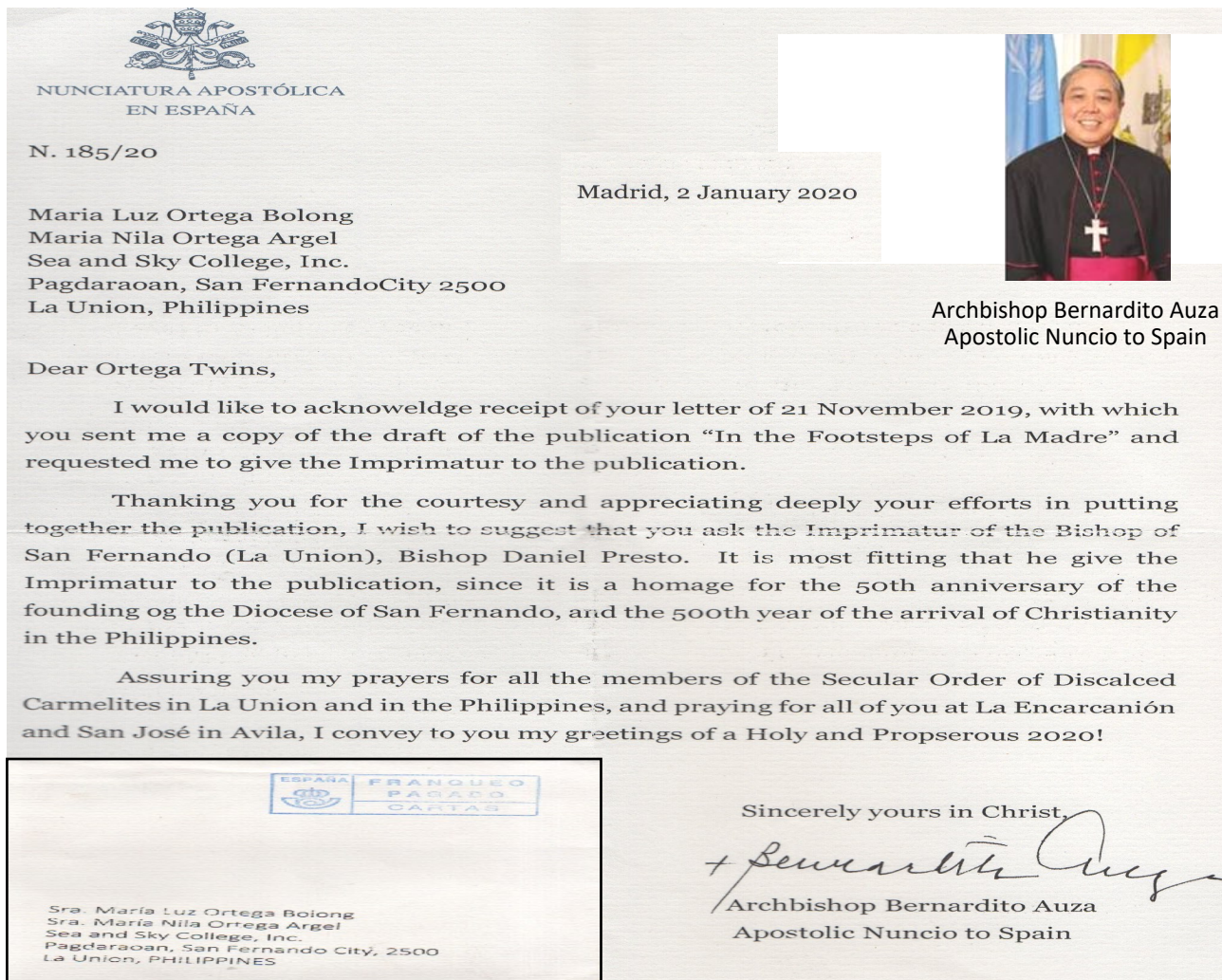


On February 22, 2018, the feast of the
Chair of Saint Peter we twins had the
privileged of meeting Most Rev.
Gabriele Giodano Caccia, Apostolic
Nuncio. A blessed day for we received
his blessings.

Luz holds the stampitas of Pope
Francis, His Excellency gave us.



Acknowledgement Receipt from Nuncio C. Auza



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Apostolic Nuncio to Spain
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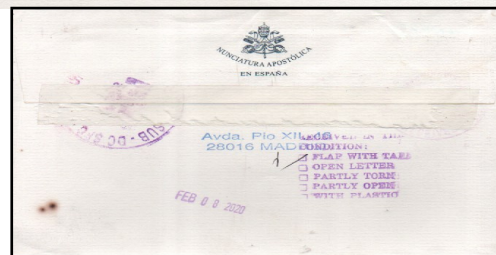
Your Excellency :

Thank you of your acknowledgement letter and reminding us that it is Bishop Presto whom we have to approach for the Imprimatur. Since I, Maria Nila is the author of the book and worked as anchorwoman at DZNS, talking about the lives of Saints for 7 years, we requested and received the Imprimatur of Archbishop Emeritus Ernesto Salgado, D.D. Given on January 14, it made our birthday on January 16, a happy and memorable one.

Fifty copies of our book (first edition) were printed and 30 distributed to the parishes of the diocese of San Fernando de La Union. Another 50 copies (second edition) are to be released on April 11, 2020, the erection of the diocese of La Union. Recipients are the 43 Carmelite nun monasteries in the 7 continents of the world that we visited during our pilgrimages.

Hope to see you during the momentous event of our 500th Christianity's anniversary at Cebu.

Yours truly in the spirit of Carmel,
Ortega twins
Maria Luz O. Bolong, ocds
Maria Nila O. Argel, ocds



Most Rev. Bernardito C. Auza_ Apostolic Nuncio to Spain



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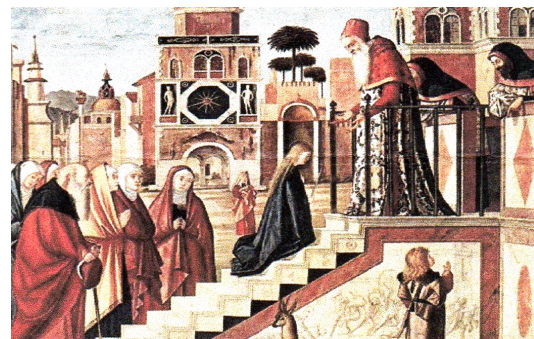
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November 21, 2019

Most Rev. Bernardito Auza
Apostolic Nuncio to Spain
The Apostolic Nunciature
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2816 Madrid, Spain

Your Excellency:



Congratulations Apostolic Nuncio to Spain!

Today, Presentation of Mary, we send a package to your office in Spain.

This is our offering to the church this Christmas 2019 to mark the coming important events:

1. 50th Founding Anniversary of Diocese of San Fernando de La Union January 19, 2020. We plan to give a copy to all the 29 parishes.
2. 500th Anniversary of Philippine Christianity, 2021. Copies will be given to some CBCP members.

The enclosed USB contains the following:

1. Manuscript _book bound 500 pages
2. Videos _2 and Movies _4

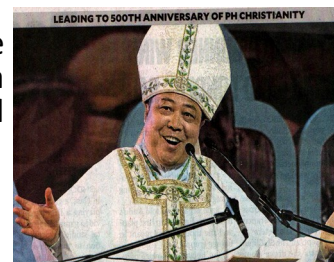
Nuncio, we hope you find time to read our book _ In the footsteps of La Madre and watch our movies in honor of La Madre, the first woman doctor of the church who we celebrated her 5th birth centenary last March 2015:

1. 2019_Footsteps (84 days around the world) _ 1080
Footsteps (84 days around the world) [No Subtitles]
Footsteps (84 days around the world) [Spanish subtitles]
2. Avila 2015 Pilgrimage
3. 2011_Born for You_ The Life of St. Teresa of Avila stage play Act 1 & 2
Born for You _ the Life of Teresa of Avila stage play Act 3 & 4

VIDEOS

- 1) Born for You theme Song video
- 2) In the Footsteps of La Madre video
4. 2014_Lights, Camera, Action _ A Documentary Film for the fifth centenary of St. Teresa

FILIPINO PRELATE NAMED PAPAL ENVOY TO SPAIN



Auza is moving to Spain to start his new job on December 1, 2019.



Yours truly in the spirit of Carmel,
ORTEGA TWINS

MA. LUZ O. BOLONG, OCDS
1st Councilor

MA. NILA O. ARGEL, OCDS
President

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Shipped/Billed on 11/21/2019
Delivered on 12/18/2019
Delivered to Madrid, ES
Received by Sosa Luis

Archbishop Emeritus Ramon Arguellas



Missed the 6 am mass presided by Archbishop Emeritus Ramon Arguellas, we attended the next mass at 6:30. In the evening, we attended the candlelight procession.



Ortega twins with
Archbishop Arguelles, DD

Archbishop Ramon Arguelles leaves
Lipa after 13 years

Forming priests

Born in Batangas City, Arguelles grew up serving the Church as an altar boy. His mother, an orphan, was raised by Catholic nuns in the convent where she would later meet Arguelles' father, who worked as a mason in the church's construction.

Arguelles was determined to become a priest and entered the San Carlos seminary in Metro Manila. He was ordained in 1969 and became Auxiliary Bishop of Manila in 1994. He served in the Military Ordinariate of the Philippines, a diocese for military personnel, from 1995 to 2004 before he was assigned to Lipa.

In his 13 years in office, Archbishop Arguelles canonically erected new parishes in Lipa City, Lemery, Taysan, Tanauan City and Batangas City and organized Marian events such as the annual Taal Lake Marian Regatta and National Days of Prayer in Lipa, both held every September. He is a strong opponent of the passage of RH Law, the operation of motorist lodges in the province, the possible mining activities in the municipality of Lobo, and the construction of a coal-fire power plant in Batangas City. He also led the establishment of a local election watchdog separate from the Church-based PPCRV.



Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Archbishop Argüelles on February 2, 2017 and then appointed Bishop Gilbert Garcera, the Bishop of the Diocese of Daet, Camarines Norte as its sixth Archbishop and eighth Local Ordinary.

1.5 Diocese of San Fernando de La Union



Bishop Victorino C. Ligot, D.D.

First Bishop of the Diocese

"On the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 15, 1973, I started to dream for a Carmel in our Diocese", wrote Monsignor Victorino C. Ligot, D.D. to Sr. Mary of the Immaculate Heart, Prioress of Carmel of Lipa.

Bishop Ligot officiated Ortega twins wedding at Ermita Church. L-R: 1978 Danny & Luz, 1980 Chicoy & Nila.



Bishop Salvador L. Lazo, D.D., founder of the St. Williams Parish Nursery Kindergarten School hands diploma to Daniel O. Bolong III, a graduate assisted by PTA Pres. Luz O. Bolong.



Oct. 19, 1999—La Union Consecration of Philippines to God the Father by Bishop Antonio R. Tobias, D.D. at Sea and Sky Hotel & Restaurant, Pagdaraoan, City of San Fernando, La Union.



10th Anniversary of the La Union Consecration. Bishop Artemio L. Rillera, SVD, D.D. blesses the God the Father Tower (Bantay ni Ama ken Maria) on October 19, 2009. It was graced by Bishop Carlito Joaquin Cenzon (+).



Most Rev. Rodolfo F. Beltran, D.D. blesses the statue of St. Teresa Pilgrim Statue at the OCDS House of Prayer, Pindangan, City of San Fernando, La Union on February 6, 2015.



Bishop Daniel O. Presto, D.D., graces the OCDS @ 45 celebration at the House of Prayer on August 14, 2020.

Luz' sharing with Clergy

Good morning beloved bishop and priests of the diocese,



July 19, 2005_ San Vicente, San Fernando City, La Union

It is an honor for me to join you in your meeting upon the invitation of Fr. Eric and Bishop Rillera. I have four concerns to share with you, and I promise to keep it short and simple.



Ma. Luz promoting pilgrimages to Europe at San Lorenzo Ruiz Hall, St. William's Cathedral.

First, the pilgrimage. My twin and I have been to Europe four times: 1997, Jubilee 2000, 2002 and 2004. I have personally chosen Psalm 84 to give good reason for our trips, which speaks of God's people finding springs in the Valley of Baca and ever-increasing strength until their reaching Zion. It verbalizes that man's strength is in God and whose heart is set on pilgrimage. Archbishop Edmundo M. Abaya and Bishop Antonio Tobias likewise fired up our aspiration for pilgrimage. Our trips are documented in our four booklets on God the Father, on the Son, on the Holy Spirit and on Mother Mary.



Bishop Tobias and Ateneo President Fr. Nebres watch a play.



L-R: Tessie Dysico and Juanita Gaerlan of San Fernando, La Union are the only two pilgrims recruited by Ortega twins to join them in the 2000 Pilgrimages to Holy Land.



Archbishop Abaya altar with a relic that Ma. Luz is kissing.



Ortega twins tried to arrange a group going to Jerusalem during the Jubilee 2000. Mr. Banatin with the group at Sea and Sky Hotel, allaying fears of going due to the war.



The nun who opened us at the gate inquired who are our companions. She was surprised it is just the two of us.

Second, twin Nila and I visited Anzio, Italy, the late Mother Eugenia Ravasio's motherhouse twice.

On behalf of the Carmelites which I am a secular member, I would like to express my gratitude to the Bishop for blessing the 30 statuettes of God the Father for the parishes of La Union last July 16. Actually, the Bishop asked me what made me consider the blessing of the statues on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to which I replied, "Inspiration by the Holy Spirit". Since the year of God the Father in 1999, I have been receiving inspiration and support from our Carmelite nuns and the clergy, and with their



July 16, 2005_ On the Feast of Mt. Carmel, Bishop Rillera blesses statuette of God the Father for the La Union parish-

response to the activities that I have spearheaded jointly or individually, I could say that my growth towards spiritual maturity has advanced.



Luz welcomes EWTN manger Edwin Lopez at Sea and Sky College.

Third, I am glad to inform you that I have met Edwin Lopez, the International Manager of EWTN. It would be wonderful that in the future, Sea and Sky Broadcasting, a member of the Catholic Media Network would be able to bring to the diocese EWTN-sponsored shows. May I also take this opportunity to invite you to use the radio station at Sea and Sky College.

Fr. Bahiwag recommended me for MA Religious studies at Saint Louis University Baguio and for that I am very grateful. This semester, I am going to have my comprehensive exam and proceed to thesis writing next semester.



The four of us from the Philippines _ Sr. Regina of Good Shepherd, Luz, Nila and Myrna of Legaspi were classmates at the Gregorian University.

Fourth and last, God cannot be outdone in generosity. We twins believe that our certificate in Pastoral Theology and Communication we received from the Gregorian University. Rome was a gift from God. No one can avail of a scholarship on Pastoral Communication: Planning and Practice from the Pontifical University without an endorsement by a bishop. Bishop Tobias and Archbishop Abaya paved the way. Even Apostolic Nuncio Antonio Franco and Fr. Jim Reuter were instrumental in our leaving for Rome for 10 weeks.

All these I have not willed 10 years ago. No other power has led my heart and mind and steps but the Father's.



Ortega twins visit Fr. James B. Reuter SJ when he was sick. He passed away at the age of 96 in Our Lady of Peace Hospital in Manila on December 31, 2012.

Thank you for your time and again, good morning.



1988_ site clearing and blessing of Pagdaroan lot by Fr. Bahiwag. The future Sea and Sky Hotel & Restaurant was opened 1992.



March 21, 2009_ Luz graduates at the St. Louis University, Baguio City. She received a diploma in Master of Arts in Religious Studies .



On January 16, 2004 Ortega twins celebrated there 50th Journey thru Life. A memorable birthday by sponsoring marriage of five couples of Sea and Sky establishment at St. William Cathedral. Reception at Sea and Sky Hotel. Fr. Froilan Saluta officiates the wedding ceremony.



Rev. Fr. Marlon Singson, Parish Coordinator and member of board of Trustees with Mrs. Ma. Luz O. Bolong, PTA President unveil the marker, a project of PTA.



Sea and Sky Founders 40th Wedding Anniversary mass at St. Williams Cathedral on September 17, 2018 officiated Fr. Jojo Quesada.

January 9, 2020

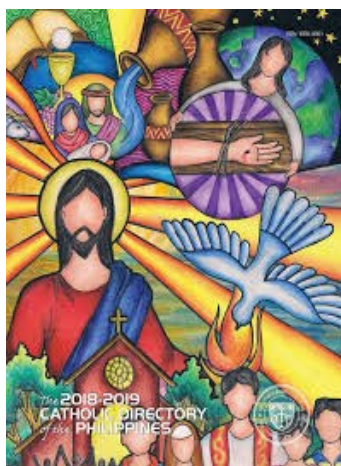
Dear Bishop Presto,

The St. Teresa of Avila Community at Pindangan City of San Fernando (La Union) would like to request that our name at the Directory be classified under WOMEN with Pontifical Right.

Hope our request would merit your approval.

Thank you.

L. Bolong



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Diocese of SAN FERNANDO OF LA UNION

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Divine Word Missionaries (SVD)
Congregation of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary (CICM)

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Pontifical Right

Carmel of the Holy Family (OCD)

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President: Ma. Luz O. Bolong, OCDS

II. 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHILIPPINE CHRISTIANITY

2.1 In Search for an Imprimatur



Fr. Santos Rabang
<fr.santosrabang@yahoo.com>
To: saintnile@gmail.com
Nov 6 at 3:15 PM

Nila,
I have finished already the Foreword
which is enclosed herewith. I hope Luz
and you will like it. Looking forward to
seeing your book off the press the
soonest.
Prayers and blessings
Abbot Rabang

Maria Nila Argrl <saintnile@gmail.com>
To: Fr. Santos Rabang
Nov 6 at 9:12 PM
Dear Abbot Rabang,

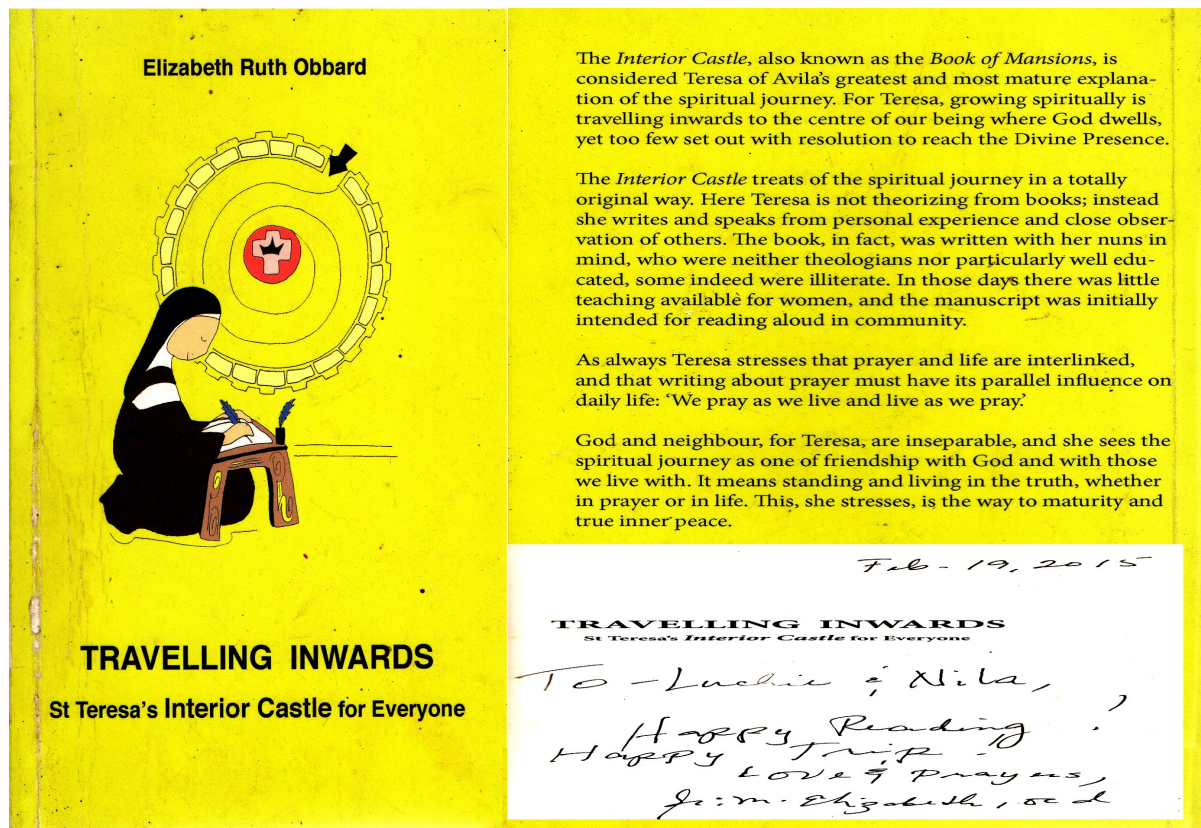
I paused, I cried, full of emotions reading the foreword. We twins are really fortunate to have you as our spiritual father. We benefit from your words of wisdom. Yes, we agree that at this point we have to treasure our friendship with the Lord.

We are so pleased with the FOREWORD. If it is not asking too much, may I request that you give the imprimatur to the work? If yes, we need your signature.

Abbot you can have the copy of the book and also the USB.

Yours truly in the Spirit of Carmel,

Maria Luz



1. "Footsteps (84 days around the world)"

Imprimatur by Bishop Daniel O. Presto, D.D.

On June 22, 2019, we twins got Nihil Obstat of our book "Footsteps (84 days around the world)" from Provincial Superior Fr. Reynaldo Sotelo, ocd at National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Broadway Avenue, New Manila, Quezon City. Delighted to get the nod of our Carmelite Superior we went to the Bishop's Residence at San Vicente on June 24 to seek the imprimatur of Bishop Daniel O. Presto, D. D. On June 25 we went to follow up our request at the Chancery.

On the 29th the bishop asked for a copy of the film. Luz sent a message to our film director Bert Aricheta. On July 15, our bishop informed Nila he had granted the imprimatur and invited us for breakfast. A timely gift from our Lady. In turn we gave her a fitting celebration that befits a Queen during her feast with a procession, mass and photo with Bishop Presto, the main presider.

2. "In the Footsteps of La Madre"

Imprimatur by Archbishop-Emeritus Ernesto A. Salgado, D. D.

Abbot Santos Rabang, my professor in the Religious Education Enrichment Program of the Archdiocese

of Nueva Segovia in consortium with the St. Paul College of Ilocos Sur gave his Nihil Obstat to our manuscript, "In the Footsteps of La Madre" on Nov. 6, 2019. He said, "Looking forward to seeing your book off the press the soonest." His statement inspired us twins to look for a bishop who is willing to grant an imprimatur.

With the news that a Filipino Prelate named Papal Envoy to Spain, Luz on Nov. 21, sent a draft of the manuscript to Archbishop Bernardito Auza, Apostolic Nuncio to Spain seeking his imprimatur.

On Nov. 28, 2019, Luz was at the St. William Chancery copying some information at the Catholic Directory 2018-2019. By chance, Bishop Presto was at the Secretary's area.

Luz informed Bishop Presto that she was going to Baguio, to ask for the Imprimatur of Bishop Bendico, the bishop there, but Bishop Presto reminded Luz that the imprimatur must come from his own diocese. Nila arrived from Vigan bringing along our twins' copy of the book. No longer going to Baguio as advised by Bishop Presto, the twins left their copy of the book at San Vicente for Bishop Presto's imprimatur. On December 9, we twins left a revised copy at San Vicente. On December 16, after the first day Dawn Mass at San Fernando City Plaza Luz approached Bishop Presto. Since the bishop did not mention anything about our book Luz asked for an appointment.

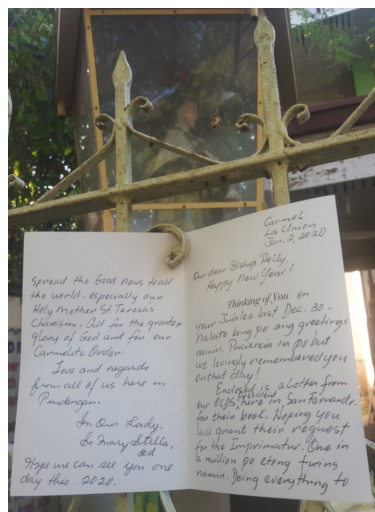
Luz' next option was to seek the imprimatur from His Excellency, Archbishop Rolando J. Tirona, OCD, D.D., a Carmelite friar for we twins are Secular Professed Carmelites.

On December 17 Ortega twins wrote archbishop Rolando Tirona, ocd. On December 23 Luz called Fr. Rey Sotelo, OCD who is our provincial superior of the Carmelites for endorsement. On December 30, we attended the 25th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of Archbishop Tirona, in Manila upon invitation of Fr. Sotelo. He said, "I need a letter from Fr. Rey". This inspired us to get an added letter of endorsement from Mother Mary Stella, OCD of the Carmel of the Holy Family in San Fernando City, La Union since she knows us personally, on January 1, 2020, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
Nihil Obstat VS Imprimatur

The "Nihil Obstat" and "Imprimatur" are official declarations that a book or pamphlet is free of doctrinal or moral error. No implication is contained therein that those who have granted the Nihil Obstat and the Imprimatur agree with the content, opinions or statements expressed.

When a Catholic writes a religious material (for example: a book), he will submit his work to his diocese's Censor. If the Censor finds no problem with it, he will give it his stamp, which reads "Nihil Obstat," or "nothing obstructs." He then sends it to the Bishop for his review. If the Bishop finds nothing objectionable, he gives the book his "Imprimatur" which means, "let it be printed."



Note of Sister Mary

Stella

"Hoping you will grant their request for the Imprimatur. One in a million po etong twins namin. Doing everything to spread the Good News to all the world, especially our Holy Mother St. Teresa's charism. All for the greater glory of God and for our Carmelite Order."

In spite of a note sent on January 2, 2020 from Mother Stella the imprimatur remained an elusive dream.

Luz' final option

After too much thought, the Holy Spirit had inspired Luz to try Archbishop Emeritus of Nueva Segovia, His Excellency Ernesto A. Salgado, D.D. Luz wrote: Archbishop, If you agree to give your imprimatur, the 30 parishes and BISHOP PRESTO will receive their copy of our book "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LA MADRE" by January 16

You see, the 500 page book have been bound, only awaiting the inside front page with your signature.

Who is Archbishop Ernesto Salgado? His priestly and episcopal ordination assignments are listed on the right table.

Archbishop Salgado, headed the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the late Bishop Alfredo Verzosa, who was born in Vigan, Ilocos Sur. He was the first Filipino Catholic bishop to hail from the Ilocos region who became Bishop of Lipa on January 20, 1917. Archbishop Salgado agreed that Luz send the manuscript for his review. She sent a letter dated January 13 2020:.

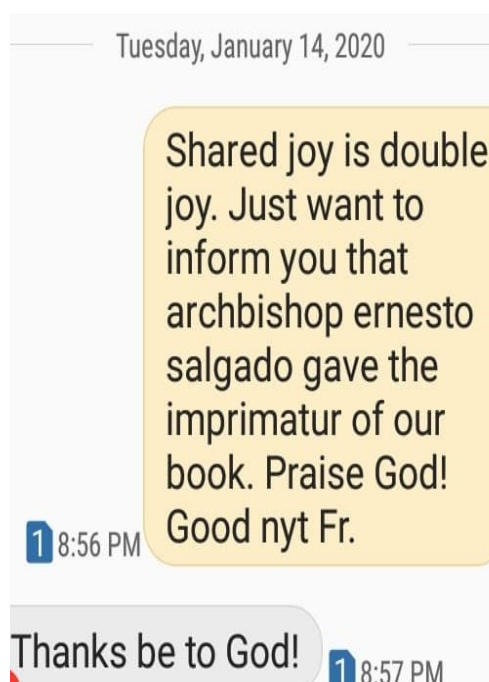
As we take seriously the missionary endeavor of the Church, we twins do our share in the common effort to fulfill Jesus' mandate to bring the Gospel to all and witness to it in our lives. In God we trust!

God gives surprises and God's time is always on time. The call and text from Archbishop Salgado granting the Imprimatur, "let it be printed" came on January 14. It make our book worth sharing and our birthday on January 16, a happy and memorable one. It gave us double joy, that Luz shared a text message to our provincial superior Fr. Sotelo. Man proposes and God disposes.



(L-R) Nueva Segovia Archbishop Emeritus Ernesto Salgado blesses a bust of the Servant of God, Alfredo Verzosa, at the chapel of the Immaculate Conception School of Theology in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur on March 16, 2019.

File photo 2017: Archbishop Salgado (left) in an audience with Pope Francis in Rome.



2.2 Most Rev. Ernesto A. Salgado, D.D.



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January 11, 2020
Feastday of St. Theodosius

Dear Most Rev. Ernesto A. Salgado, D.D.

Re: Request for Imprimatur

Greetings of Peace and Love!

Your Excellency, talking to you this morning made me very excited in seeking your imprimatur to our book "In the Footsteps of La Madre", authored by my twin sister, Ma. Nila O. Argel, OCDS. It is my initiative to look for a Bishop who could give weight to our book.

As archbishop - emeritus of Nueva Segovia you are the right person to give the imprimatur for Nila resides at Vigan City. We have the courage to request for your imprimatur for Mo. Mary Stella, OCD, the present prioress of Carmel of the Holy Family here at Pindangan, City of San Fernando have good words to us twins.

"One in a million po etong twins namin. Doing everything to spread the Good News to all the world _ especially our Holy Mother St. Teresa's Charism. All for the greater glory of God and for our Carmelite Order."

GRATITUDE IS A POWERFUL CATALYST FOR HAPPINESS.

1. Your excellency, we are grateful indeed of your presence during the staging of the play "Born For You _ the Life of St. Teresa" at University of Northern Philippines, Vigan City. Please see page 225-226.

2. I treasure our photo at the Bishop's residence, Baguio City. Thank you for warm hospitality. In our booklet entitled "Like a Child on its Father's Lap", page 33 the caption of the photo goes _Most Rev. Ernesto Salgado, Bishop of Benguet, Baguio City, now of the Diocese of Laoag leads the concelebrated mass. Luz receives Holy Communion from Rev. Salgado.

3. It was so kind of you Archbishop for accepting copies of our booklets on God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit when we visited you at Laoag City. Also, receiving the manuscript of our 4th booklet, "A Child- like Confidence in her Mother's Arms", and eventually sending by mail your signature for the imprimatur of our booklet. Please see page 447.

How awesome to hear the announcement after our mass at St. Jude Parish this afternoon that the Golden Jubilee Vicariate of St. Ferdinand coincides with our 66th Birthday.

In closing, Your **YES!** Excellency, will definitely make our birthday a special one. In turn, our book is our fitting gift to the 29 parishes of the Diocese of La Union. Shared joy is double joy. As we are running out of time we could use your signature found in page 447. We eagerly await your positive response thru text.

Nila _ 0917-128-6744

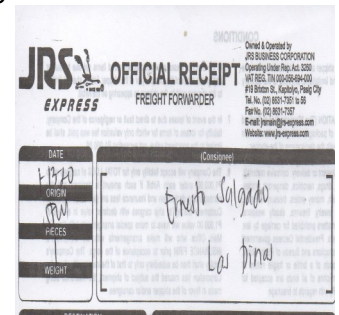
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Yours truly in the spirit of Carmel,

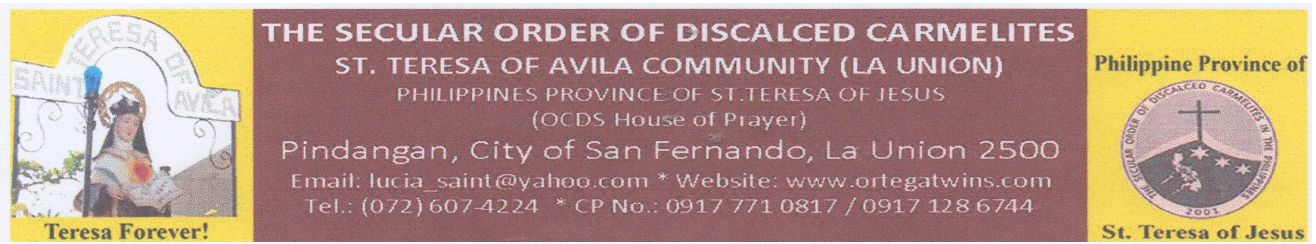
MA. LUZ O. BOLONG, OCDS
1st Councillor



Archbishop-Emeritus
Ernesto A. Salgado, D.D.



Sta. Lucia Church, Ilocos Sur



February 28, 2020

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PO Box 80302
Tel (082) 227-6698
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Dear Sister Maria Teresa of the Eucharist,
Greetings of peace and love:

Belonging to the same Carmelite family and a relative at that is a double delight. So, seeing you at Carmel Gilmore more than two years ago was a pleasant encounter. We write you about the upcoming celebration of our 500 years of Christianity to be held at Cebu City.

We have read of the events lined up and just like the International Eucharistic Celebration in 2016 we would like to attend the Congress to witness the reenactment of the first Baptism in the Philippines on April 14, 2021.

We plan to participate in the Triduum (Three Days) celebration before the anniversary proper and attend the procession on April 13.

Is it possible that you make arrangements for our attendance to the Congress? How could we meet our other relatives at Cebu? Please inform us what to do. Looking forward to a successful and meaningful celebration.

Thank you.

Yours in the Spirit of Carmel,
MA. LUZ O. BOLONG, OCDS MA. NILA O. ARGEL, OCDS
President, St. Teresa of Avila Community

Sr. Teresa Ortega <carmeldavao@gmail.com>
<carmeldavao@gmail.com>
To: lucia_saint@yahoo.com
March 1, 2020

Dear Tita Luchi, Praised be Jesus Christ! Thanks for keeping in touch. Yes..i will try to coordinate with Cebu Carmel. Mo. Luz, the Prioress is also a member of the Phil Federation Council (OCD NUNS). Meanwhile I will contact my brother who knows some of our relatives in Cebu. Its truly a double blessing for us... Blessed be God. So bye for now and thank you for sharing our photo. Best regards to Tita Nila and the rest of you. May God Bless our efforts for his glory. In Jesus and Mary, Sr. Maria Teresa Ortega of the Eucharist, ocd



500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY. Davao Archbishop Romulo Valles (second from left) sits with Cebu Archbishop Jose Palma (center), internationally-renowned designer Kenneth Cobonpue (fourth from left), and Fr. Mhar Balili (left), and Auxiliary Bishop Midyphil Billones (right)



September 26, 2017

Feasts of Twin Saints Cosmas and Damian

OCDS members Maria Luz and Maria Nila (Ortega twins) chance encounter with OCD nun relative Sr. Maria Teresa Uriarte Ortega

22 February 2016

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

The Most Rev Jose S. Palma, D.D.

Archbishop's Residence

Cebu City

Dear Archbishop Palma,

As a Roman Catholic follower of Jesus Christ, we would like to capture the significance of the day _ The feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continuously in an unbroken line to the present Pope. Your Excellency, in your Congress Statement as President of the 51st , you mentioned that we "now relive the beautiful experience of the two disciples of Emmaus." ... "This Congress is like the gathering of the early disciples when they joyfully shared stories of how each of them encountered the Risen Lord in the Scripture and in the Breaking of the Bread. "

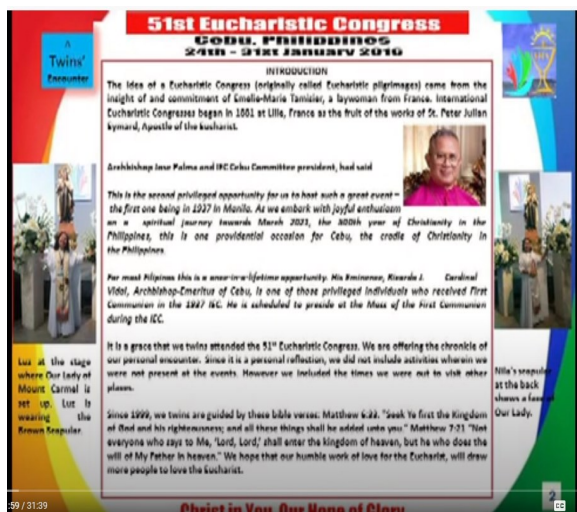
We dedicate this humble work to His Eminence Pope Francis and Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, his representative. Bo, the archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar, the papal legate for this event challenged Catholics to live their faith. We have pleasure in submitting a 51 page document of our personal experiences at the 51st IEC. We twins, take seriously our baptismal duties that require a lifetime commitment to serve God faithfully.

Our sharing of our IEC experiences, is a work of love for Jesus and our fellowmen.

Thank you for the successful hosting of IEC in Cebu! We love Cebu!

Yours in the Spirit of Carmel,

Ortega Twins
ORTEGA TWINS





ARCHBISHOP OF CEBU

25 June 2020

MS. MA. LUZ O. BOLONG, OCDS /
MS. MA. NILA O. ARGEL, OCDS
Sea and Sky College, Inc.
Pagdaraoan, San Fernando City
2500 La Union

Dear Ms. Bolong, OCDS and Ms. Argel, OCDS:

Greetings in the Lord!

I wish to gratefully acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27 May 2020 together with a copy of your book, "In the Footsteps of La Madre". I sincerely appreciate your courteous gesture.

Allow me to congratulate you for compiling such a very comprehensive journal of your faith-journey – a wonderful testimony of God's abiding presence in your life and of our Blessed Mother's constant intercession every step of your way, as you strive to follow the footsteps of St. Teresa of Avila.

Due to the pandemic crisis that we are now facing, all the plans that we had laid out for the celebration of the 500th Year of Christianity in the Philippines next year are put on hold. Hence, at this point in time, I could not yet give you my go signal to distribute copies of your book during the above-mentioned celebration. For the time being, let us be united in our prayers for the safety of everyone and for the pandemic to end.

With my warmest regards and imploring God's blessing upon you and yours and the OCDS Community. May our Blessed Mother of Carmel keep you all protected in her maternal mantle. I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ JOSE S. PALMA, D.D.
Archbishop of Cebu

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2.3 In the Footsteps of La Madre submission On-line to Europe Books

At our room after a day's work and feeling bad because of family's disapproval of our dream TWIN-TV station, I searched "book publishing companies" at google.

I was glad to see the article

Book Publisher Submission Deadline:

September 18. Europe Books evaluates unpublished manuscripts for international publication and distribution.

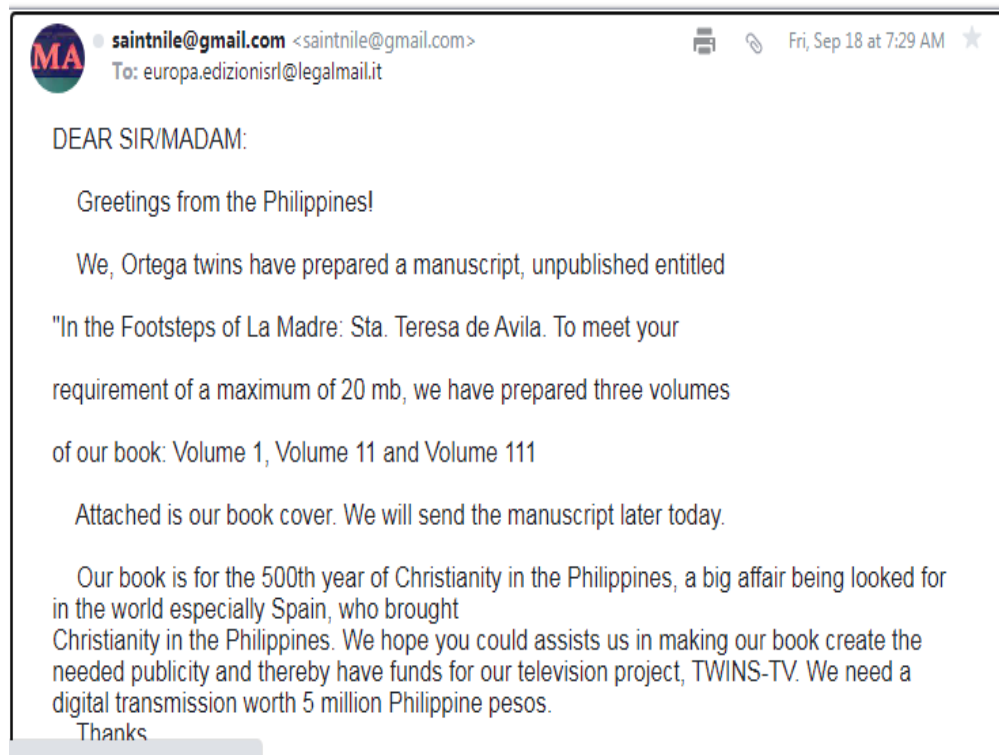
We hope that our manuscript will meet your approval, praying that it be the answer of our dream TWIN-TV station.

MY GRACE IS Sufficient for you,
FOR MY POWER IS
Made perfect in weakness.
[2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV](#)

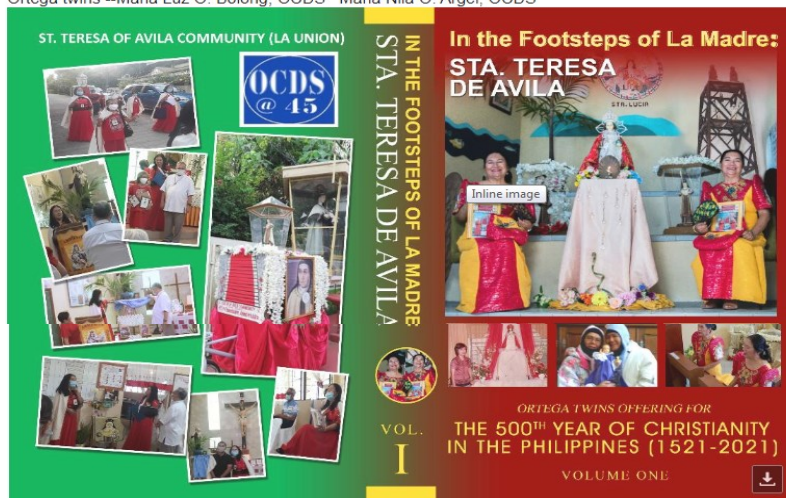


• transmittal letter from Ortega twins, PHILIPPINES

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Yours truly in the Spirit of Carmel,
Ortega twins --Maria Luz O. Bolong, OCDS Maria Nila O. Argel, OCDS



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← Re: New Manuscript From MARIA NILA ARGEL



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to Me



Sep 29, 11:10 PM

Hello, MARIA NILA ARGEL.
We are writing to confirm that we have received all your pieces and that these are now being reviewed. The editor who is currently evaluating your work will be in touch to communicate which of your pieces is in their opinion the most suitable for publication..

Thank you for your consideration.
Europe Books



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Re: New Manuscript From Maria Nila Ortega Argel

saintnile/inbox



Manuscript - Europe Books <manuscript@europe-books.co.uk>

To: saintnile@gmail.com



Sat, Dec 12 at 3:04 AM



Hello, Maria Nila Ortega Argel.
Thank you for your email. We are writing to notify you that your second piece has been received.

Best regards,
Europe Books

Il 06/12/2020 09:16, Maria Nila Ortega Argel ha scritto:
> Sta. Teresa de Avila

2.4 Movies

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Hi Nila


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So rest assured we will do so. We use email, digital and social marketing very effectively across a database of tens of thousands of international Buyers!

We look forward to unlocking some new sales for you!

Warm wishes,
CJ @ Team Vuulr



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
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
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
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
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
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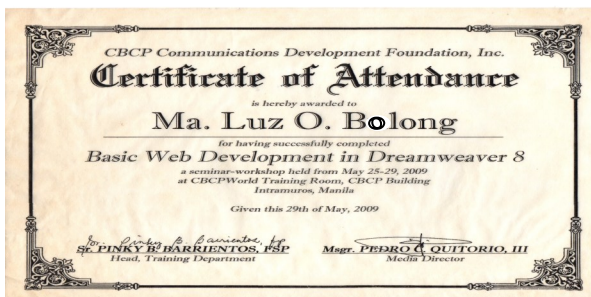
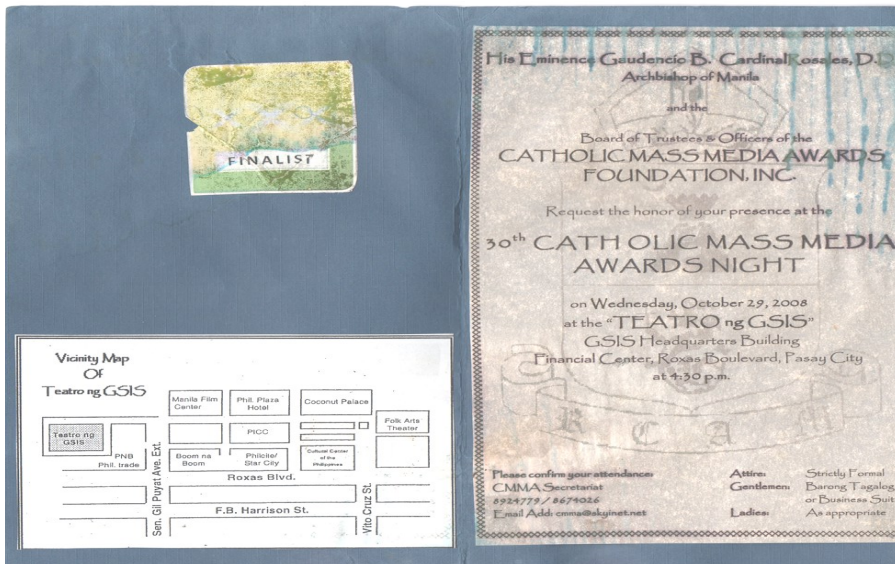
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2.5 To Update Ortega Twins Website

Our website www.ortegatwins.com is one of the finalists of the 2008 Catholic Mass Media Awards.



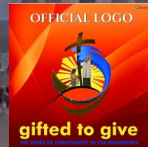
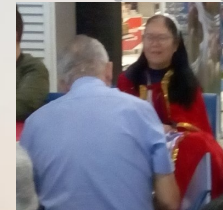
The Ortega twins having been a part of the 30th Catholic Mass Media Awards, a prestigious church-run competition as they stepped out of the GSIS Theater at Pasay City.



Ortega twins received the souvenir candle during the awards night.



Ortega twins 84 Days Journey Around the World A Journey of Great Faith Turned into a Journey of Joy.



Upon setting foot at the colonnade on October 13, 2017, Luz received a personal revelation from God. "There were people moving towards my direction. Someone was pointing at me with a joyous greeting saying – I knew that lady is somebody special...I took a portrait of her. Then there were flashes of cameras." Coincidentally, at the airport in Greece, a co-passenger who is a Catholic priest sketched Luz' face and later gave the portrait to her before embarking for Turkey. It is a great gift which Luz treasures a lot.



Twins fulfilled their mission of giving the Pilgrim statues of St. Teresa of Avila to the 7 continents of the world.

This is the proposed Website. However, the old one www.ortegatwins.com will be retained. We twins will have two websites. The new one www.MaLuzNilaOrtegaBolongArgel.com