



# ASMSI

Alumni of The Sisters of Mary School, Inc.



**Our Association. Making a Difference...**



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Dear fellow SMS Alumni and friends,

Thank you for the opportunity of serving you and our beloved Alma Mater thru our Alumni Association. It has been three years since I assumed post and since then you've never failed to amaze me. You're always there to support our cause and of course the marvelous works of our dear Fr. Al and the Sisters of Mary. In behalf of the ASMSI Officers & Board of Trustees, **Maraming Salamat po!**



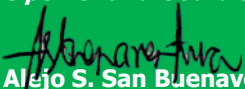
In one of my email conversations with Sr. Tess Prudente, SM while she was in Guatemala, she told me that *everyone in life has a hero, someone we could look up to, one day. May Fr. Al be your hero, your role model.* As for me, indeed, he is my hero. I believe he is a hero to most of us, his children. The Sisters of Mary School opened new horizons and opportunities for us and for thousands of fortunate young men and women worldwide privileged to be served by dedicated Sisters, teachers and staff inspired to serve the poorest of the poor.

By being an active member of the Alumni Association, we are doing our part in the realization of Fr. Al's dreams for us, his beloved children – **to be living burning candles ready to light up the world and be eagles destined to rise above.** Let's continue to be grateful and pay forward the blessings we received thru this institution. *Freely we have received, freely give!*

As you browse through this newsletter, may you be filled with joy and excitement and be awed by how far our Association has gone. It is through your support and cooperation that we were able to accomplish these things. Let's continue what we have started and aim higher – together we will be able to achieve Daddy Tom's goal for us to be the best **Secondary Alumni association in the Philippines.**

***This is our Association. Making a Difference...***

***More power and God bless, ASMSI!***

  
**Mr. Alejo S. San Buenaventura**  
President, ASMSI

Dear Fellow Alumni,

For years that I've been at the office, I've seen the many pictures of where our alumni are now. Congratulations! The works of struggle garnered the bounty of good life, successful career and spiritually-enriched living (I've assumed and hoped...as this is the primary goal of Fr. Al).

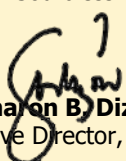


What makes me feel unhappy about is seeing the picture the other way around. Reality is – there are more of our fellow alumni in need. I hope that the picture is also clear. Our organization is starting its endeavors and we can only do these with your support – actively, spiritually and financially as well. After all, we want this organization to be a home, a refuge with the extension most especially for our brothers and sisters who also seek to see a vivid picture of a promising tomorrow, just like yours!

Let us not forget that we are here for a purpose. Similar to the message of the Virgin of the Poor and the testimony of Fr. Al to the Virgin's message, let's help relieve the suffering of our fellowmen...and let's start with our families (of course) and our fellow alumni. Would you dare share? **Let us all together take part in sustaining our ASMSI operation.**

I challenge you! The challenge is even greater - for us to be future donors and benefactors of the Sisters of Mary. As we continue sweating over and striving to further our potentials, seeking proverbial greener pasture by bringing out the best in us, may we also make our spiritual life wealthier. Let us simultaneously climb that mountain of our dreams and the mountain of holiness. Let us guard our own spiritual life and those of the people we love, for us to be able to surmount the greatest challenge - Be with our God!

Cheers! God bless us all.

  
**Ms. Sharon B. Dizon**  
Executive Director, ASMSI



Dear Alumni,

Greetings of peace and joy to all!

I congratulate you for a job well done! It was fun and you made a lot of people and the children happy through your social participation to uplift others' lives in your own surprising, resourceful, responsible and thoughtful ways. Each year you are growing in numbers. May you all be fruits of Fr. Al by being a good a

faithful Christian attending the Holy Mass, going to Confession and praying the Rosary. These will also be your primary weapon to face the challenges now that you are outside our institution. May you strive always to be a blessing to your own families and your communities.

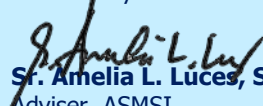
I am inviting you to still come back and let us be together in your activities. Coming here on Sundays for us to pray the rosary together and listen to Fr. Al's voice tapes would be a soul-renewing activity. You are welcome here as a family. You may also bring your families and friends to

attend Mass and have Confession every Saturdays and Sundays here at Fr. Al's Retreat House Chapel.

I enjoy you to help your own organization stand on its own. That is your responsibility per batch – to be able to sustain your everyday operation. ASMSI is your own family so love it... Embrace it because it is through your organization that you could later play your future role of being of help to the Sisters of Mary.

Foremost to us is to see you succeed most especially in your spiritual combat. So be like eagles soaring up high in order to someday reach the Kingdom of God. That is the core of what we impart to you in our teachings, our foremost goal and our true destination.

God bless you all and more power!

  
**Sr. Amelia L. Luces, SM**  
Adviser, ASMSI



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**GREETINGS!**



**"Everyone agrees that the best way to help hungry people is to give them jobs so that they may help themselves."**

**- Fr. Aloysius Schwartz (The Starved and the Silent, Chapter 13)**



# ASMSI CAVITE

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## Grand Alumni Homecoming \* March 20, 2011



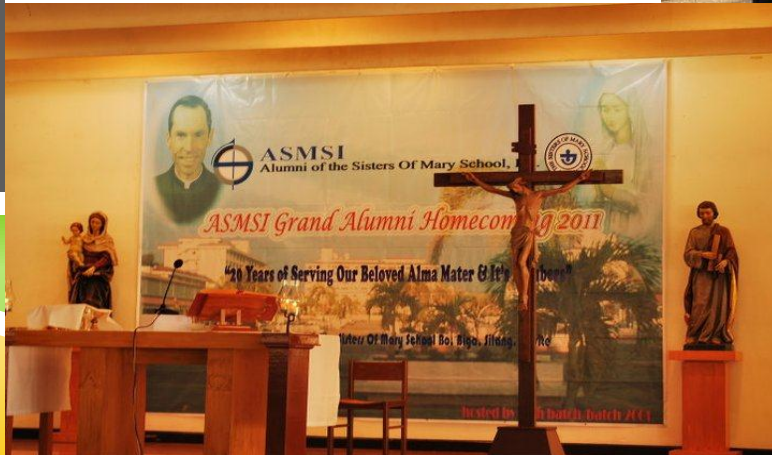
*"To look backward for a while is to refresh the eye, to restore it, and to render it the more fit for its prime function of looking forward."* Margaret Fairless Barber

The Sisters of Mary School alumni gathered last March 20, 2011, first and foremost, to pay tribute to Fr. Al in the occasion of his 19<sup>th</sup> death anniversary. It has become the graduates' way of paying tribute to the man who came to give testimony to Christ to show his love to his flock. He left physically but he's just always home, shepherding our Sisters of Mary and us, his children. The GAH is one of the most awaited events among the graduates where old buddies, old friends, dorm mates and classmates also meet together in great number.



The recently concluded Grand Alumni Homecoming was hosted by the graduates of year 2001/12<sup>th</sup> batch. The batch sponsored most of the expenses and contributed their time and effort for the success of the event.

Over two thousand graduates (2,157) came for the event. They brought beautiful flowers, freed butterflies and released hundreds of balloons during the blessing of the tomb of Fr. Al at the Virgin of the Poor Chapel. The balloons and butterflies that were gracefully carried by the wind to the sky were just so wonderful sceneries to look at. The graduates not only beautified the event through these, but coated their soul in splendid as well by making a thorough Confession and attending the Holy Mass.



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## HIGHLIGHTS of 2011

The Registration started as early as 4:30 in the morning. From 8am to 10am, there was Fr. Ignatius of the Brothers of Christ who patiently heard the graduates' Confession. It was so good to note that the officiating priest for the blessing of the tomb and the Holy Mass was a fellow-alumnus, Fr. Joseph Aloysius Cosina. He was an assistant Priest at the nearby Parish and despite busy schedule, he was able to come and devoted also his time for this special occasion.

Many graduates were so touched having a chance to go back and refresh their spirituality. The Holy Mass lasted for about an hour. It was a primer!



After the mass, the working committee prepared for the short program. In between, picture taking per batch also took place. During the program, there were different presentations - the members of the dance troupe of SMS Girlstown presented Folk Dance, the Boys did Modern dance, the Alumni Faculty danced as well. Jessa Mae Fuentes (21<sup>st</sup> Batch) and Ramil Petero (12<sup>th</sup> Batch) serenaded the audience with their voice singing *the Prayer* and another Ballad song. Mercy Lovedorial, expressed gratitude to Fr. Al and the Sisters of the Sisters of Mary School by singing "You're my Home".

Sr. Amy then concluded the event and expressed her closing remarks with gratitude and joy.



The graduates then had meeting per batch and cherished their moments by grouping together and by visiting the Sisters both in Biga and Adlas Campuses. There were shortcomings but after all, it was "so nice to be home!" It was overall a success. Everyone who came was refreshed. The memories of Fr. Al and the Sisters of Mary lingered on...It was indeed a homecoming!

It is always a wonderful opportunity and a beautiful privilege and we, graduates, are blessed to have such a family as big as the Sisters of Mary - here where we belong - our haven, our heaven on earth!



## March to Million Project

**A** Fund-raising for ASMSI's Bayanihan Fund and FACFI

**Theme:** March to Silver, March to Million; Php 25 @ 25.

**Time frame:** March 14, 2010 – August 15, 2011 (End of the 25th Anniversary of the Sisters of Mary - Philippines)

### Objectives:

1. To raise fund of one million or more for the Alumni Association's Bayanihan Fund and for the Fr. Al's Children Foundation, Inc. (FACFI) - the funding arm of the Sisters of Mary in the Philippines
2. To heighten awareness of the spirit of brotherhood/sisterhood
3. To help the alumni have a sense of connection to the School and its mission

### Rationale:

We, Alumni of the Sisters of Mary were taught the value of Christian charity and, we ourselves, were recipients of generosity of benefactors. After twenty five (25) years, it is about time that we graduates, numbering almost fifty thousand, show reciprocity and appreciation of the good things this institution did for us.



### Process:

1. Graduates were asked to contribute twenty five (25) pesos . It will be symbolic of the blessed twenty five years of existence of The Sisters of Mary Congregation in the Philippines.
2. Existing local Alumni Association were tapped to help facilitate collection of contribution.
3. FAMILY SYSTEM was somehow utilized to ensure that every graduate will be able to contribute.

### What is FAMILY SYSTEM?

It is a system that was used to make sure that even the graduates who will not be able to give contribution will be remembered - all graduates belonging to a certain family saint while inside the school. \*Each family has an average member of 40 students. There are graduates who cannot contribute because of whatever situation they are in. On the other hand, there are also graduates who are now experiencing blessings of good life. Out of generosity, affluent members of the family can shoulder the contribution of their dorm mates who do not have capacity to pay. A blessed member can even pay for the contribution of the entire family or clusters of family. ***For one family, it only costs one thousand pesos.***

### Collection:

**Account Name: Alumni of the Sisters of Mary School, Inc.**

**Bank: BDO Savings Account No. 190-035-778-8**

**Branch: SM City Dasmariñas**

We have extended the duration of this campaign until August 15, 2011 so that other graduates would have ample time to be informed and get involved in the project.

We didn't gather a million but had raised a hundred thousand which was donated to the Fr. Al's Children Foundation, Inc. (50%) and the other half to ASMSI. Thanks a lot to the proponent of this project, Bro. Randy Gimeno, from batch 1996, who would also soon be ordained as priest. Kudos to the Board of Trustees and to the Web admins and everyone who supported this project, thank you very much. Let us support more of ASMSI's upcoming activities.



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Similarly, other batches, such as Batch 1995, persistently filled their piggy banks and laid down all their strategies to help raise fund for our alumni association. Some of the coins were 'change' from their individual or group meals. Others as change from jeepney fares, some were begged from fellow-batchmates, and the rest from their own pockets and 'change' from all sorts.



*Your effort is so much appreciated guys and gals! Similar to this, you could also help in your little ways...*



If you have projects in mind that you think would be beneficial to ASMSI and the Sisters of Mary school (while setting aside your personal interest), be a proponent and be a catalyst towards our goal of ASMSI going in one direction. You may send your proposal to [contact\\_us@asmsi.org.ph](mailto:contact_us@asmsi.org.ph) or you may personally direct to ASMSI Officers and Sister-In-charge.

***YOU are an important part of ASMSI towards achieving its mission and vision.***

***Together, we can make it!***

*"Your change can change others' lives..."*



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**HIGHLIGHTS of 2011**

**Lent**... a spiritual "summer refreshment" for our soul! a season of renewal. *Let us bathe ourselves in prayer, penance and brotherly love...*

We have our yearly Lenten Retreat at the Fr. Al's Retreat House on Holy Thursday, Good Friday until Sabado de Gloria. Celebrating Easter at the Sisters of Mary is simple yet meaningful....Attending Holy Mass with Jesus' apostles (the Washing of the Feet & the Last Supper), Venerating the Cross, Praying Stations of the Cross, Watching the passion of Christ, Attending the Vigil and the Easter Celebration are the activities during these season.

"My dear child, pray a lot."



VIRGIN OF THE POOR  
BANNEUX, BELGIUM (1933)



SERVANT OF GOD  
MSGR. ALOYSIUS SCHWARTZ  
(1930 - 1992)  
FOUNDER OF THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE  
SISTERS OF MARY AND BROTHERS OF CHRIST

*You are all invited...*

Mass & Confession Schedule @ Fr. Al's Retreat House

Every Saturday (Anticipated Mass) & Sunday (Regular Mass)  
3:00 pm (Confession) / 4:00 pm (Mass)

Fr. Al's Retreat House Chapel, Girlstown Complex - Biga II, Silang, Cavite

Accomplishing these prayers and activities would indeed make you elated (spiritually) and somewhat proud of yourself. Enduring the pain of kneeling down would be an accomplishment after. Having recited the Stations and of the cross and remembering some of the lines make you pray with joy. Everything will be nostalgic but worth-doing, not for Jesus but for our own good.

There were only few attendees this year as most of our alumni spend vacation at home in their respective provinces.

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Those who are able are still encouraged to attend this spiritual renewal for our souls. And even when we are at our respective provinces, we can still observe the Lenten tradition by going to churches and participating in the Lenten activities (at home and in the Church).

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All our alumni are welcome to participate and join our socio-spiritual event every Sunday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. You may even bring your family and friends at Fr. Al's Retreat House Chapel every Saturday and Sunday for the 3pm Confession and 4pm Holy Mass.



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**HIGHLIGHTS of 2011**



# Mothers' Day Tribute to our Sisters of Mary

(Yearly)



Alumni pay tribute to the Sisters of Mary in our simple way of giving them small presents.



It's been a privilege calling Mama Mary as our Mother. She is the patroness of the Sisters of Mary and she is foremost given tribute.



We, as graduates, also considered the Sisters of Mary as our real mothers when we were at SMS. We can never repay them for what they did. But what we can do is to remember them in our prayers.



Our beloved officers already run out of ideas of thinking ways on how to make our dear Sisters of Mary simply happy ;) What is your suggestion in their upcoming feast days and mothers' day celebration?



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### HIGHLIGHTS of 2011

# FUN RUN for a CAUSE (2010 & 2011)



Date: Aug 14, 2011; 7am  
 Venue: The Sisters of Mary School, Ginebra Complex, 80 Biga Sibang Cavite Campus

*Dare to Share Your Blessings in a Healthy Way!  
 Let's run lightly in the way of the Lord*

for inquiries: Alumni office: (+632) 529-8321 / (046) 865-3097 / or  
 Anne: 09293058433 / 09228910972 / Mercy: 09151187710  
 email and add us on facebook: funrun2010@asmsi.org.ph



Competitive running events make up the core of the sport of athletics. Running competitions have probably existed for most humanity's history & were a key part of peoples' health & wellness. Nowadays, road racing is a popular sport among non-professional athletes. Running is one of the activities that Fr. Al & the children love to do. In order to continue Fr. Al's love for sports & fitness, **Batch 2001** came up with this project first in 2010 & recently last August 2011.



"This is really **FUN** from start to finish!"

Hundreds of alumni and even non-alumni came to participate in the event which aims mainly to raise funds for ASMSI & Fr. Al's Children Foundation, Inc. (FACFI).



## ASMSI Fun Run for A Cause Objectives

- to raise funds for the projects of ASMSI & FACFI
- to encourage the alumni and non alumni to share their blessings to the Sisters of Mary
- to establish cooperation among the alumni
- to appreciate & recognize the field of athletics where the Sisters of Mary also excels and
- to get more sponsors for the projects of ASMSI



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# "Happy Birthday to all Fr. Al's Children"



Who will ever forget our simple but very significant birthday at SMS every August 15<sup>th</sup>?

Thank you dear Sisters! We enjoyed a lot!



**ANNUAL Alumni Birthday Treat to the Sisters of Mary Children...**

Hundreds of cakes for the thousands of children are just so amazing to look at!



**Games sponsorship & Simple Gifts**

Hundreds of reasons to smile ;) Countless of joy and memories to cherish!



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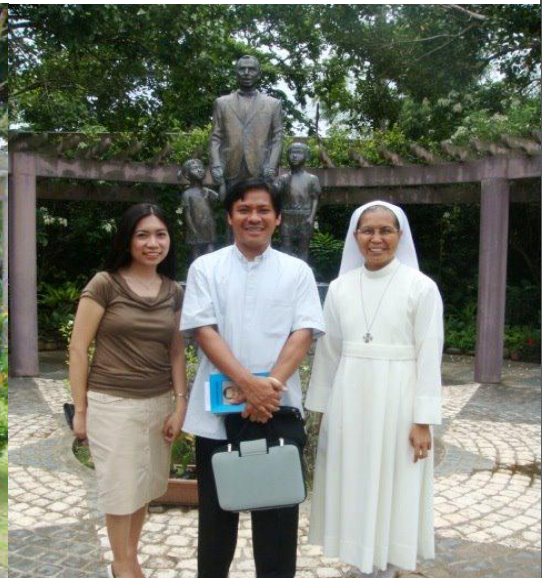
**September 18, 2011: Spiritual Bouquet for Fr. Al through Alumni Recollection**



September 18 is Fr. Al's birthday. Not only we offer flowers but our prayers and intentions as well. We continually thank God for giving us Fr. Al as one of the greatest gifts we have. Not only he had fed us (and educated us) with our physical needs but nourished us primarily with deep spirituality.



Eighty graduates attended the Retreat. Fr. Sam Agcaracar, from SVD Tagaytay facilitated the Recollection. Our spiritual bouquet was completed with Confession and Holy Mass



Fr. Sam, SVD with Sharon Dizon and our Alumni Adviser, Sr. Amy Luces, SM



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**September 25, 2011 Election of Board of Trustees and Officers for ASMSI Cavite (Alumni who graduated from Sta. Mesa, Biga and Adlas Cavite)**



The Election was made in the presence of ASMSI Adviser, Sr. Amy Luces, SM, Executive Director, Ms. Sharon Dizon and ASMSI Main Officers Pres. Al San Buenaventura & Sec. Zeny Villapando



With two representatives from each batch, Board of Trustees for Cavite were voted per group with the following results:

**Seniors (Batch 1990-1993):**

1. Arlene Ortiz Allas (batch 1992)
2. Romeo Espartinez, Jr. (batch 1993)

**Group A (Batch 1994-1998)**

1. Ruchelle Basco (batch 1994)
2. Philip Jalea (batch 1995)
3. Eladio Magallanes (batch 1997)
4. Paul Jelzon Belita (batch 1998)

**Group B (Batch 1999-2003)**

1. Rosalie Firme (batch 1999)
2. Flora Fe Manaog (batch 2001)
3. Reggie Banal (batch 2002)
4. Lea Bañas (batch 2003)

**Group C (Batch 2004-2011)**

1. Joey Bides (batch 2005)
2. Jonathan Montante (batch 2006)
3. Lichelyn De Jesus (batch 2010)
4. Angie Pedrones (batch 2011)

**And from among the Board of Trustees, the following were elected as officers for the ASMSI Cavite:**

- President: Romeo Ezpartinez, Jr.  
 Vice President: Eladio Magallanes  
 Secretary: Rosalie Firme  
 Treasurer: Paul Jelzon Belita  
 P.R.O.: Reggie Banal



Due to insistent alumni demand and plea of the Sisters and through a Board Resolution, ASMSI Officers will extend office until the 2013 Election during the Alumni International Conference where 5 Trustees will be elected from ASMSI Cavite, 5 from ASMSI Cebu and 4 from ASMSI International. One member of the Sisters of Mary Congregation will complete the 15 Board of Trustees.

Officers who shall extend office until Election in 2013 are the following: **President Alejo San Buenaventura, Vice President Engrid Actub, Secretary Zeny Villapando, Treasurer Susan Montano and P.R.O. Mark Mojica.**

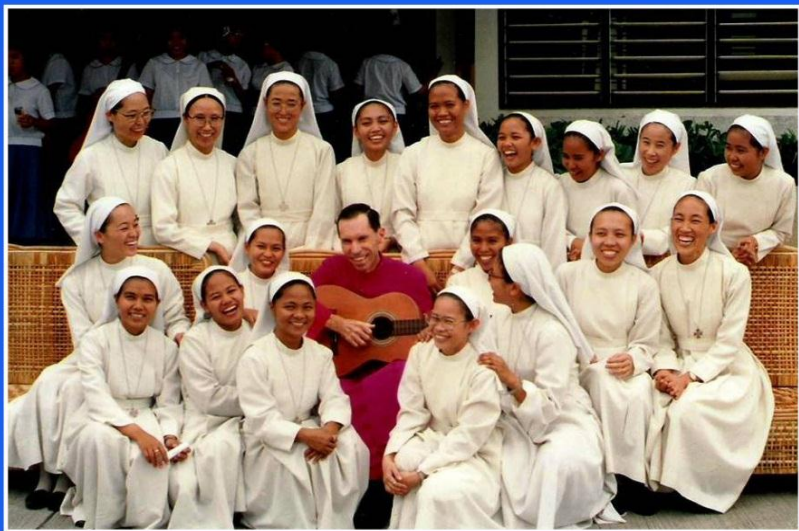
Thank you officers for a true service to our alumni association. Surely, God will reward your sacrifices! May God bless us all!



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## October 1 is Sisters' Feast Day!



ASMSI Cebu members treat our Sisters with a fiesta food while ASMSI Main offered a humble amount intended for the Sisters' emergency fund.

October 1 is also the feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. We are then reminded, as the Sisters taught us, to be child-like in spirit in order to enter the Kingdom of God. We are also asked to pray for the Sisters of Mary and our SMS family and benefactors, as a gift to the Sisters.

## November 1 is All Saints Day and we also remember and pray for our beloved dead

Please pray and offer our sacrifices for the eternal repose of the souls of our departed Sisters of Mary brothers and sisters - *That the eternal light may shine upon them and may they now rest in peace.*

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| ✚ Reynaldo Piedad    | ✚ Ryan Dela Cruz                   |
| ✚ Roldante Bonicarlo | ✚ Ricky Temporosa                  |
| ✚ Lorenzo Lacap      | ✚ Ronel (13 <sup>th</sup> Batch)   |
| ✚ Maricel Motil      | ✚ Rolando Seguenza                 |
| ✚ Michael Gimena     | ✚ Jonathan Hernandez               |
| ✚ Paulo Hernandez    | ✚ Ronie Benosa                     |
| ✚ Jemare Juanzo      | ✚ Demetrio (8 <sup>th</sup> Batch) |
| ✚ Dalia Bulaklak     | ✚ Javier Padin                     |
| ✚ Benjamin De Castro | ✚ Rudy Bataller                    |
| ✚ Ma. Theresa Calla  | ✚ Nilo Delgado                     |
| ✚ Fe Varian          | ✚ Felix Javier                     |
| ✚ Denber Dimalanta   | ✚ Jege Deza                        |
| ✚ Jobert Adorador    | ✚ Marivic Hernandez                |

As the process for his beatification and canonization is on progress, we have but prayers that we can offer most importantly, to partake in our mission of bringing Fr. Al into the altar of God in the company of other saints.

Let us also include in our prayers the souls of our departed brothers and sisters in Christ. Alumni may post prayer request at our alumni website at the Obituary Thread so that we could include them in our prayers and Mass intentions.



***"My children, you are not created to be fat little ducks waddling in the mud but to be eagles destined to rise above, to explore the world of God, and you can do this by PRAYING"*** - Fr. Aloysius Schwartz



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## HIGHLIGHTS of 2011

**Grand Marian Procession at Intramuros, Manila every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of December**



Filipinos simply want to show their love to the Blessed Mother through this once a year parade, Grand Marian Procession. Thousands of devotees gather together and join the procession in which more than 80 images of Mama Mary are being paraded through the streets of old Manila.

*Following the Carroza of Our Lady of Banneux, this has been a tradition for us...It has always been a joyful, solemn, a profound and a fulfilling walk with the Virgin of the Poor.*



The rain did not stop us from joining the procession.

**SEE YOU THERE NEXT TIME!**

**ALL ASMSI Members are INVITED to join!**



**Our Lady of Banneux, the Virgin of the Poor, PRAY FOR US!**



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**HIGHLIGHTS of 2011**

# ASMSI Cavite Christmas Party 2011



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*Treat ourselves this Christmas*  
**ASMSI Christmas Party 2011**

December 10, 2011 \* 8 PM - 12 MN

The Cruise Bar and Restaurant - San Miguel by the Bay, SM Mall of Asia

Php 404 only (EAT ALL YOU CAN ;) Buffet is open until 10:30 pm only



ASMSI CRUISIN' with fellow alumni...

It has been a long journey! *Anlayo na nang narating ng samahan!* It has been a wonderful cruisin' and partying with fellow alumni once in a while. Batches still do Outreach activities simultaneous with their parties (per batch) during this Christmas season of giving and sharing.



So many catastrophes, so many challenges, but together, we can make it! Thank you for taking part in all our projects and activities! Together, let's move forward, have fun and continue giving our best to achieve building the biggest, the best alumni organization in the Philippines!



ASMSI Cebu Pres. Engrid Actub & company joined the party



Formed our own 'band' right then ;)



Batch 1996 organized a raffle



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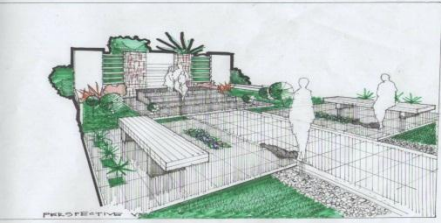
**"Christ's presence in the poor: that is the reality to which many Christian eyes are dimmed. Yet all our talk of reform and renewal will come to naught unless the Church - and we are the Church - faces the challenge of poverty."**

**- Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz, Poverty: Sign of our Times**



# ASMSI CEBU

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**MARCH 20, 2011 : ASMSI CEBU GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2011**



**HIGHLIGHTS:**

**No. of Attendees : 1,300+**

**Tribute to Fr. Al:** After the celebration of the Holy Mass, we had a tribute to Fr. Al. Selected alumni delivered their inspirational message. Some offered flowers while others gave out cash donations to Fr. Al's Commission Office (FACO). In the afternoon, the alumni bonded together per group as they played fun games prepared by the committee.



**JUNE 5, 2011 : GRAND OPENING of FR. AL'S CUP I: SPORTS FESTIVAL**



**HIGHLIGHTS:**

**No. of Attendees : 1,200+**

This year's alumni sports festival hoped to inspire the younger siblings who are still studying inside the campus. It was more of alumni-students bonding thus the **CHEER DANCE** competition and **SAME (Search for Alumni Muse & Escort)**.

For the cheer dance, students grouped per year level and paired with the corresponding group of batch alumni. In each year level, three (3) batches sponsored their costume and choreographer. These groups also assisted the students in their practices by giving them free snacks.

The **Search for Alumni Muse & Escort (SAME)** for the participating batch teams had "cash votes" through cash envelopes for Fr. Al's Children Foundation, Inc. (FACFI).

First Year sponsored by:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Batch, 4<sup>th</sup> Batch and 15<sup>th</sup> Batch



Second Year sponsored by:  
14<sup>th</sup> Batch



Fourth Year sponsored by:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Batch, 8<sup>th</sup> Batch and 16<sup>th</sup> Batch (Grand Prize Winner)



The crowned 'Alumni Muse and Escort for the year 2011



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**HIGHLIGHTS of 2011**

**August 6-7, 2011: Hosting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AIC (ASMSI International Conference) in coordination / partnership with ASMSI-UAE Chapter**



**August 14, 2011: Children's Fun Day – Advanced Birthday Celebration with the children**



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**HIGHLIGHTS of 2011**

## September 18, 2011: Fr. Al's Cup II – Battle of the Wittiest

### HIGHLIGHTS:

**No. of Attendees : 500+**

ASMSI - Cebu Manila Chapter (CMC) held its **3<sup>rd</sup> Founder's Cup: Alumni Quest for the Wittiest Batch**. Alumni drained their brains as they answered the easy, average and difficult rounds of questions coming from the following categories: BIBLE, MARY and the LIVES of the SAINTS, and FR. AL and the SISTERS of MARY. The event aimed to commemorate the saintly life of our late founder Msgr. John Philip Aloysius Schwartz, and to inspire all alumni of the knowledge of the beautiful tenets of our faith.

In the afternoon, we had our BINGO social. Proceeds of this went to the SISTERS of the Sisters of Mary community. *Like every mother, when we get home, they're the **first to welcome us**, are never tired of **numerous prayers** said for our **safety and success**. We **often overlook** them but **most of the times we run** to them for help and advice.*



**SEPTEMBER 25, 2011: ASMSI CEBU ELECTION OF OFFICERS SIMULTANEOUS WITH ASMSI CAVITE**



# ASMSI CEBU

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## HIGHLIGHTS of 2011

**October 23-24, 2011: Leadership Training Seminar & Team Building / Bonding at St. Francis Renewal Center**



**October 30, 2011: Alumni Recollection Day**



**October 31, 2011: Girlstown Graduating Batch Orientation**



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**HIGHLIGHTS of 2011**

**November 6, 2011: Boystown Graduating Batch ASMSI Orientation**



**November 27, 2011: A day of sightseeing around the City of Cebu for the 19<sup>th</sup> Batch Boystown CAT Officers together with their sponsors 9<sup>th</sup> Batch and 18<sup>th</sup> Batch.**



**December 4, 2011: Fr. Al's Cup I: Sports Festival Championship Game**



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**HIGHLIGHTS of 2011**

## December 10, 2011: Joining ASMSI Cavite's Christmas Party



## December 18, 2011: ASMSI Cebu's Christmas Party



### ASMSI CEBU OFFICERS:

**President:** Engrid Rebuscas - Actub (Batch 1995)  
**Vice-President:** Samuel C. Azura Jr. (Batch 2004)  
**Secretary:** Charina P. Marababol (Batch 1996)  
**Treasurer:** Mitzi B. Cabalan-Bacalso (Batch 1994)  
**PRO:** Dindo Capistrano (Batch 2000)

#### Members of the PRO:

1. Dale Rollanos (Batch 2001) - Minglanilla Office
2. Kristel Pacardo (Batch 2003 - Talisay Office
3. Annilyn G. Orcajada (Batch 1999)
4. Mary Grace Telen (Batch 2011)

### OTHER MEMBERS of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

1. Celeste P. Amatong (Batch 1999)
2. Edmar C. Pasigay (Batch 2000)
3. Clemente Ebonalo (Batch 2002)
4. Analie A. Ocariza (Batch 2003)
5. Catherine Navarro (Batch 2005)
6. Emergin Lumagod (Batch 2007)
7. Maria Desiree A. Padillo (Batch 2008)
8. Marizel Juljane Bot-ay (Batch 2011)

**Sr. Ma. Socorro Riza Riva, SM (ASMSI – Cebu Adviser)**



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## HIGHLIGHTS of 2011

## Other Activities of ASMSI – CEBU Members based in Manila



ASMSI Members DO CARE for Mother Nature...ASMSI CMC group adopted 20 Trees at the Manila Eco Park last May 31, 2009.



We are also COMPASSIONATE towards the ELDERLY...ASMSI CMC group "*Oras para sa mga Tiguwang*" at Hospicio de San Jose (Home for the Aged) in Quiapo, Manila last June 27, 2010.



We LOVE CHILDREN too...ASMSI CMC group outreach program at Kanlungan sa ERMA (Center for Children in Need) in Ermita, Manila last June 19, 2011.

Visit: [www.asmsi-cebu.org](http://www.asmsi-cebu.org) for more updates!



# ASMSI CEBU

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## Past Projects & Events





**"Let us become men of prayer who are action-oriented and dynamic to change our lives and others in witness to Jesus Christ." - Fr. Aloysius Schwartz**



# ASMSI INTERNATIONAL

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# EaglesCONNECT

JANUARY 2012

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ASMSI-UAE CHAPTER

## Annual Report (January – December 2011)

**Eagles Connect is the official newsletter of ASMSI – UAE Chapter, wherein Eagles referred to the members.** This special paper shall serve as a catalyst for all our members to dream further and connect better as it will exhibit all external and internal projects and services carried out by the Chapter, reinforce membership involvement in all activities, constitute further venue for creative literature amongst us aside from other social networking sites from which we are joined together, and establish continual link with our Alma Mater and other ASMSI Chapters as well. All feature shall be contributed by the members themselves and shall be published quarterly.

### ASMSI – UAE Chapter Officers

**President:** Airon Pabustan  
**Vice-President:** Maria Victoria Griego  
**Secretary:** Sonia Argoso  
**Treasurer:** Sheryl San Luis  
**Deputy Officer – Dubai:** Alvin Santiago  
**Deputy Officer – Abu Dhabi:** Gerald Basco  
**Deputy Officer – Northern Emirates:** Veejay Cajayon

### Batch Representatives

Batch 1991 – Rosalie Baral  
Batch 1994 – Ananias Arcanghel Degilla Jr.  
Batch 1995 – Mina Salud  
Batch 1996 – Eric Remolacio  
Batch 1997 – Robert Buenafe  
Batch 1998 – Maraida Recarro  
Batch 2000 – Albert Palomares (OIC)  
Batch 2001 – Jerome Balingasa

### Advisers

Ma. Theresa Manipon – Mandap  
Wendell T. Castro  
Virgilio "Jhvn" Mariano Jr.

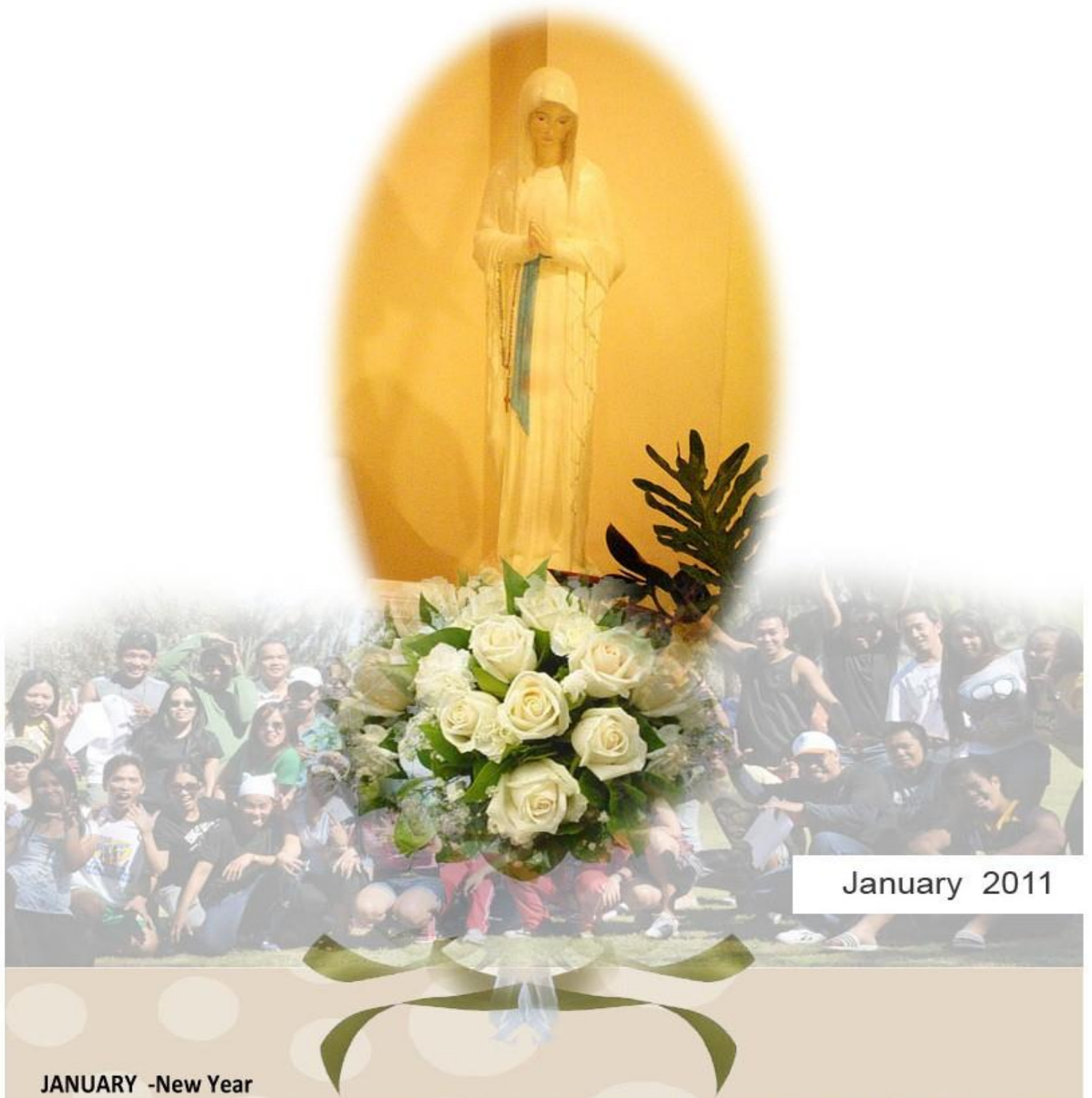
*...and all the members of ASMSI – UAE Chapter*



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**HIGHLIGHTS of 2011**



January 2011

### **JANUARY -New Year**

2011 started with members participating in praying the Holy Rosary and transferring the Virgin of The Poor from one family to another at a specified date. Members who received the Virgin of the Poor image shared manifestations of blessings. From then on, this became a tradition to UAE Chapter, an SOM culture indeed!



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**HIGHLIGHTS of 2011**



## FEBRUARY – Red Day

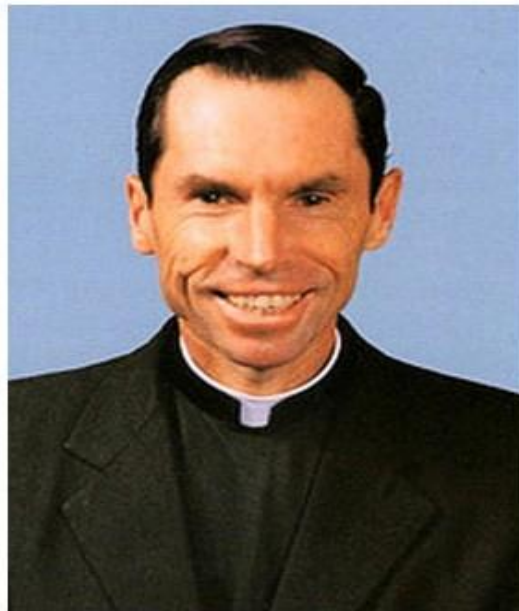
This valentine season had brought so much fun to all who reached out to our members located as far as Ras Al Khaimah in the Northern part of UAE. The event also highlighted AIC 2012 planning.



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*Fr. Aloysius Schwartz*  
*1930-1992*

March 2011

**MARCH – Beloved Fr. Al**

To commemorate Fr. Al's love & suffering for us, simultaneous mass intentions had been offered by graduates in different churches of UAE.



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April 2011

### APRIL - Summerlympics

Summer equates sun, sand, and sea... the heat is on! Everyone had fun in Lulu Island, Abu Dhabi as each team beat one another in various games!



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May 2011

### MAY - Training Session

Summer continues to heat up and so this session as members strived to gain more skills in this Advance Excel training. ASMSI-UAE Chapter absolutely made it sure that we pray.. we play.. we work..and we learn!



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## JUNE – Blood Donation Program

“One Drop of your blood can save a life” was the theme of the program for which members had voluntarily participated and donated blood. This was supported by many UAE organizations of which we are also an active affiliate.

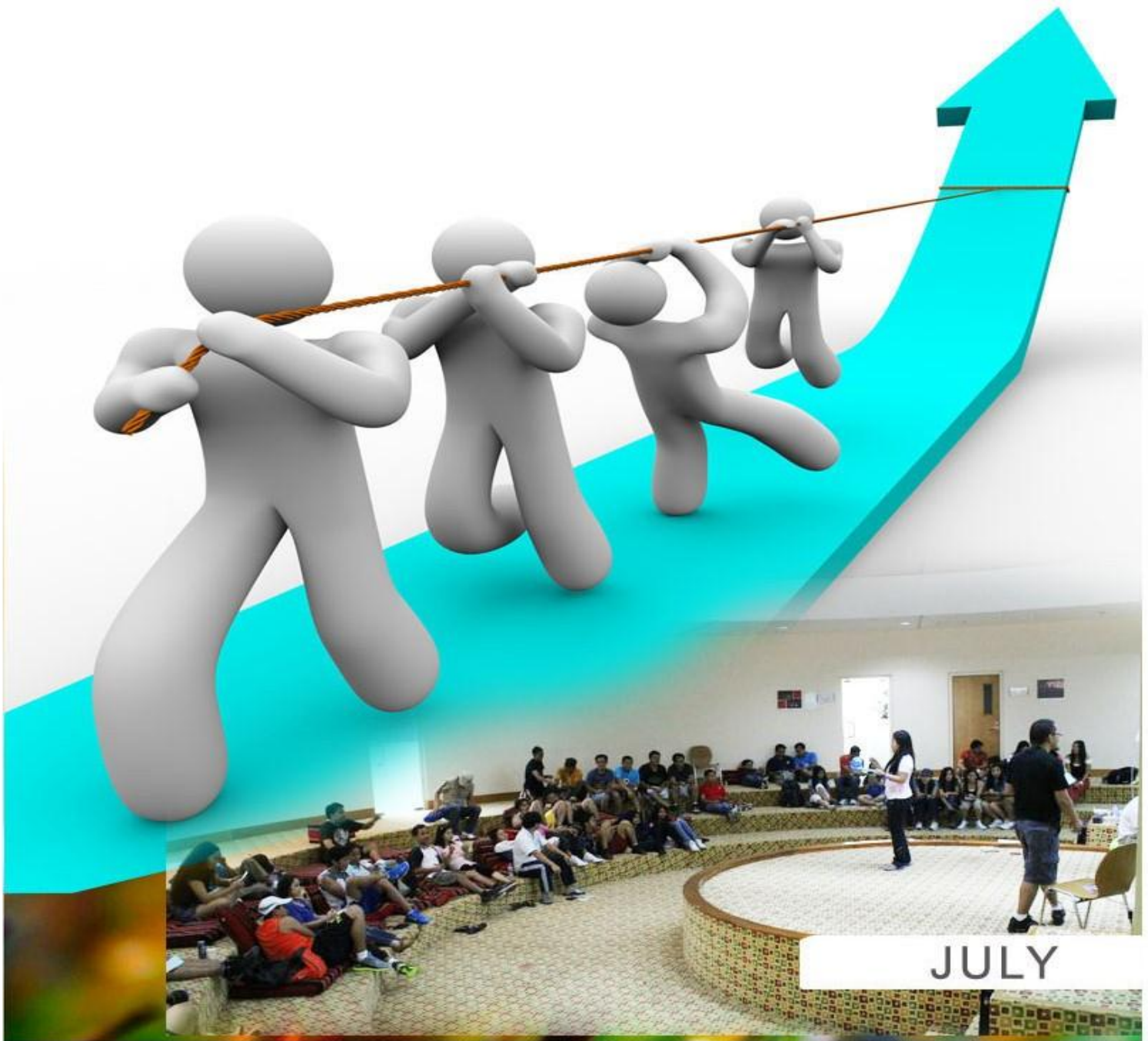


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### **JULY - Team Building**

Reinforcing brotherhood among members, we had our mid-year team building activity in Dubai Men's College and our all-time favorite game – basketball!



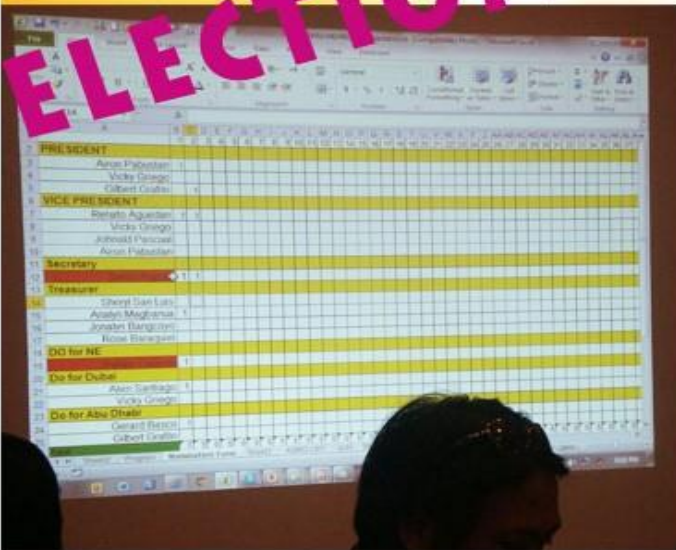
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**ELECTION**



**2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



August 2011

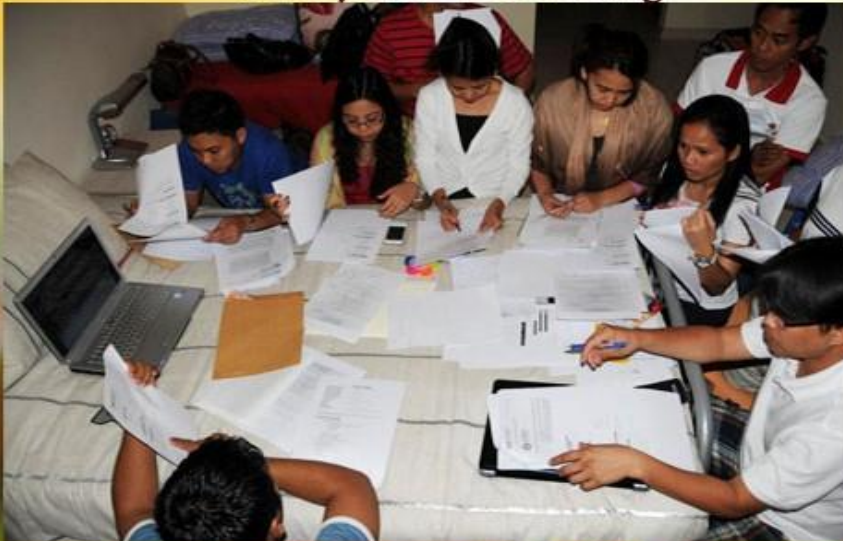
**AUGUST – SOM Founding Anniversary, General Assembly, and AIC 2011**

In line with the celebration of SOM Foundation Day, ASMSI-UAE Chapter held its general assembly and election of officers for 2011-2012. Also, UAE Chapter sponsored and facilitated AIC 2011 and spearheaded the ASMSI International Accreditation.





### Newly Elected Officers- One year Planning



September 2011

### SEPTEMBER– Fr. Al's Birthday and ASMSI-UAE Chapter's Founding Anniversary

No distance is a hindrance as we successfully celebrated Father Al's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday, UAE Chapter's 4<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary, and the induction of 2011-2012 officers with a Testimonial Lunch in Abu Dhabi. Newly elected officers convened later for a year-round planning of activities.



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**HIGHLIGHTS of 2011**

# Clean Up the World



October 2011

## **OCTOBER – Clean-Up Drive**

Eagles on the go! Community service through clean-up drive headed by Dubai Government and other Filipino Community (Fil-Com) organizations.



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## Palarong pinoy



November 2011

### NOVEMBER – Palarong Pinoy and eDivine Shopping

Winter season made no difference when the team set aboard for team-building activities, fun games, and fund raising projects. eDivine Shopping and Auction was launched to further assist Divine Grace Delgado, our member who is a Leukemia patient. Shopping for a cause!



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Your Change  
can make a Change



ASMSI  
UAE CHAPTER  
control no. \_\_\_\_\_

This coin bank is my pledge of support for the education of my younger brothers and sisters at The Sisters of Mary School, Philippines.



## Christmas Party



December 2011

### DECEMBER – Christmas Coin Bank Project

Christmas party was a success with all members and families joined together to celebrate this holy season. “Your Change Can Make A Change” Coin Bank Project was launched to initiate donations to SOM and funding of other projects as planned.



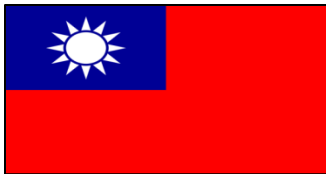
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**ASMSI International is OPEN for Chapter Accreditation!**  
 Join **ASMSI – UAE Chapter** (1<sup>st</sup> Accredited Alumni Chapter) in the list!



ASMSI groups in the above countries are now in the organizational and final accreditation stages.

**We hope to see your active chapter in the next issue of our ASMSI Newsletter!**  
**Maraming Salamat po!**

For inquiries, E-mail us at: [asmsi\\_international@asmsi.org.ph](mailto:asmsi_international@asmsi.org.ph)



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**UPDATES!**



*"The glory of God is man fully alive!" – St. Irenaeus*



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## AIC (ASMSI International Conference): Towards One Direction



towards one direction...



# 2<sup>nd</sup>

Alumni of The Sisters of Mary School, Inc.  
**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

August 6-7, 2011

The Sisters of Mary School  
Minglanilla and Talisay, Cebu, Philippines

With a supporting effort from Jhun Mariano of batch 1991, ASMSI's goal of unifying the graduates from all over the world (both local and abroad) started to be realized through AIC, where graduates meet together biennially.



**AIC (ASMSI International Conference)** began in August of 2010 which was attended by representatives from local chapters, ASMSI Board of Trustees and representatives of graduates abroad. They reported yearly activities that became inspiration for other groups.

The alumni also agreed on salient points regarding ASMSI logo and its use.

This event became instrumental in unifying our Cebu and Cavite/Manila alumni for virtual misunderstandings that existed before. Conflict on logo use was also resolved.

Guidelines for the formation of chapter/s was suggested.



1<sup>st</sup> AIC (ASMSI International Conference) which was sponsored by ASMSI UAE Chapter held at Fr. Al's Retreat House in Girlstown Complex, Biga, Silang Cavite, Philippines



# ASMSI

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## AIC INTRODUCTION

**In the 2<sup>nd</sup> AIC**, a proposal of creating a National Office was suggested. Sharon Dizon, ASMSI Executive Director, had spoken on behalf of ASMSI on how it started through the same efforts of concerned fellow alumni and explained that ASMSI was incorporated for all alumni whether from Sta. Mesa, Cavite or Cebu campuses and it's not all about motherhood statement of who is under whom. Since ASMSI already exists, there is no need to create a national office.



To further realize AIC's goal towards one direction for ASMSI, Alumni in their respective vicinity may organize chapters to be accredited to ASMSI.

### Chapter Accreditation Guidelines

#### Requirements:

- At least 25 members for local chapters and 7 for international chapters.
- Letter of Application addressed to the ASMSI President and noted by the President of the nearest ASMSI Local Office where they belong (ASMSI Cavite, ASMSI Cebu, or ASMSI International) stating their intention, objectives, future plans and purpose, members list and bylaws (if applicable)
- Personal appearance of group chapter officer/s or official representative (upon submission of requirements)

Once application is completed and verified by ASMSI Main office, an official letter will be sent and an accreditation certificate will be given to the newly approved chapter. Once accredited, an official logo will be given to the chapter which is the same as ASMSI's but with the chapter name on it. Annual report must be submitted to the nearest ASMSI Local Office after each calendar year and pay the annual renewal fee. Chapter recognition will be given on the following AIC to formally welcome the chapter to the ASMSI family.

Thanks to the AIC, confusions on several matters became well understood.

It was also clearly stated that AIC has no overall authority to ASMSI. It just serves as the neutral ground or mediator to resolve issues for all of us to look forward towards one direction.



- By Laws may be created patterned on ASMSI By Laws and the purpose should be for the good of everybody and should not violate ASMSI's existing By Laws
- There must be only one chapter per defined geographical area or location to avoid overlapping of chapters and confusion of members
- Accreditation, Annual Renewal and Membership fees must be paid.



In **August 2013**, AIC will then be '**ASMSI International Convention**'.

Still towards one direction, the convention aims to help ASMSI in strengthening the graduates both local and abroad through chapter accreditation to further realize its foremost goal of sustaining the ASMSI operation and helping back the Sisters of Mary in its mission to the poor.

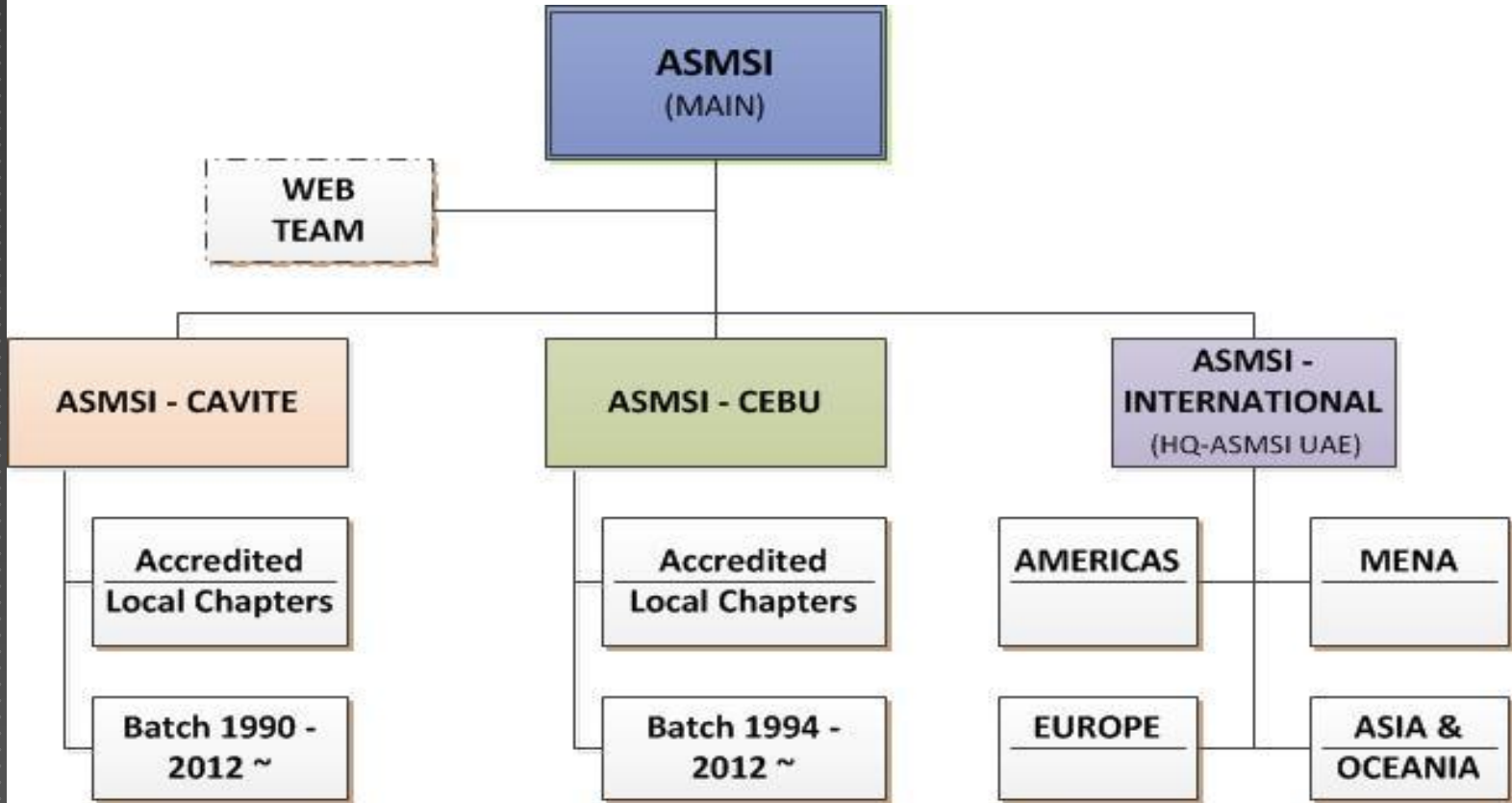


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**AIC 2011**

# ASMSI ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



ASMSI is divided into three (3) divisions : ASMSI Cavite, ASMSI Cebu and ASMSI International



ASMSI is now accepting applications for Local & International Chapter Accreditations, visit:

[http://www.asmsi.org.ph/chapter\\_accreditation.php](http://www.asmsi.org.ph/chapter_accreditation.php)

for more information. Thank you very much!



**Organizational  
Structure & Identity**

ASMSI helped raised fund for the printing of the **Sisters of Mary's Coffee Table Book (CTB), Fully Alive! Celebrating the Story of Fr. Aloysius Schwartz and 25 Years of the Sisters of Mary in the Philippines.**

It is not easy to follow in the footsteps of a remarkable man

It is not easy to follow in the footsteps of a remarkable and driven man who was perhaps even in life was already a saint. But Sister Julianna Kim, Superior General of the Sisters of Mary of Binauan, successor to Fr. Aloysius Schwartz (candidate for sainthood), is not afraid to do so. Or at least she will never show it. So much depends on her—leading a growing international congregation committed to serve the poor wherever in the world, if possible—there is no time to pause to be afraid. But in her strong but understated sort of way, Sr. Julianna will again insist to give credit where due: "The Sisters may not feel worthy of the abundant blessing that the Almighty pours continuously on the Congregation, yet with open and grateful hearts, together with the Virgin of the Poor, they rejoice and graciously goodness and Providence and commit themselves to always serve the Lord with joy!"

Fully Alive! Celebrating 25 Years of Fr. Aloysius Schwartz and 25 Years of the Sisters of Mary in the Philippines. A project of the Alumni of the Sisters of Mary School, Inc. (ASMSI) and the Congregation of the Sisters of Mary of Binauan, Inc. (CMBI). The Congregation is a member of the Society of the Sacred Mission (SSM).



Fully Alive!  
Celebrating the Story of Fr. Aloysius Schwartz 25 Years of the Sisters of Mary in the Philippines



Great stories have unlikely beginnings

And each work of compassion for the needy inevitably grows bigger than its original intention because the human condition is always social. The story of the Sisters of Mary in the Philippines is unapologetically intertwined with that of their founder, Fr. Aloysius Schwartz. Fr. Al, as he was fondly called, showed early signs of what heaven would call entrepreneurial skills. From Binauan in Korea in 1957 to Manila in 1985 he brought and gave his mission of caring for the poorest of the poor—by giving them hope through education, and marshaling resources from all over to establish the Sisters of Mary schools. Even as the disease whose initials also spelled his name was killing him softly and ravaging him slowly, he was still leading his congregations of the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ to build schools for the poor and homes for the discarded of society. During the last decade they made Manila their base of operations, from where they would spread his mission to the world.

Cover Art Book Design by Liza Gallegos  
Cover Art Illustration by Marlene Creative Communications

Celebrating the Story of Fr. Aloysius Schwartz & 25 Years of the Sisters of Mary in the Philippines

**Congratulations!** Through everyone's concerted effort, the Coffee Table was launched in early 2011. Published under the auspices of Fr. Al's Children Foundation, Inc. (FACFI), the Alumni of the Sisters of Mary School, Inc. (ASMSI) and the Congregation's close friends and benefactors in the Philippines ISBN 978-971-95028-0-7

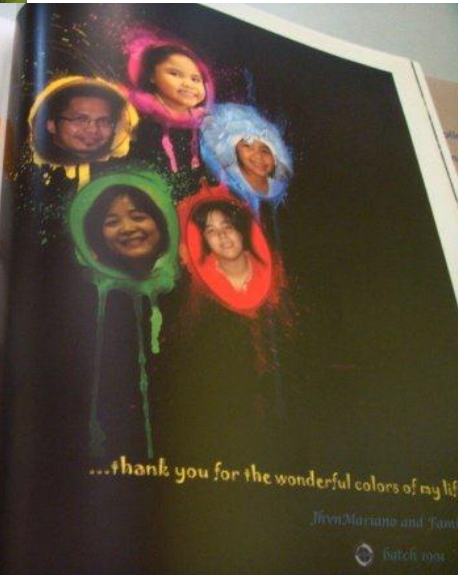
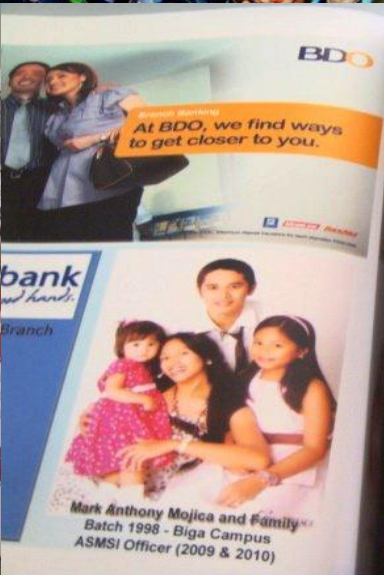
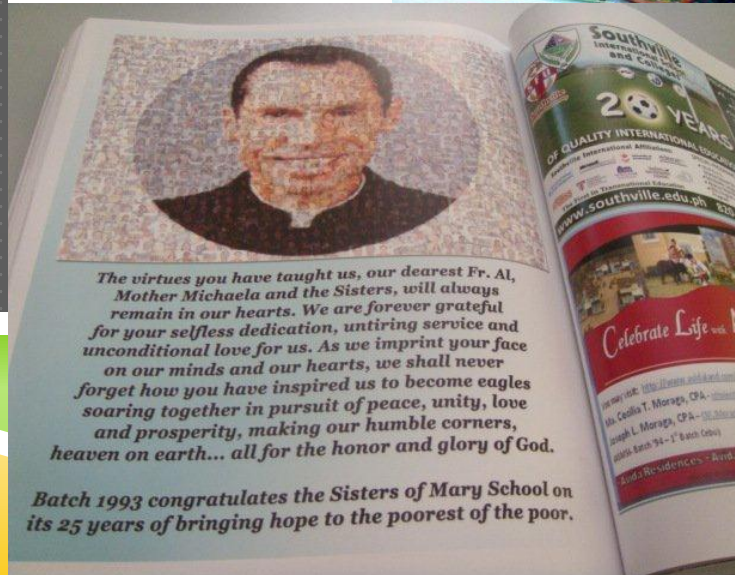
*I had my overtime...Before the night prayer, Sr. Elena handed it to me...It was quite heavy I decided to take a glance over it when I reach my room...Goosebumps... as I scanned the pages. I wasn't reading yet, merely running down the pages. Half the book, it was the only time I realized I had to wipe my runny eyes and nose...*



*It was a journey past - remembering the man who started it all and the Sisters of Mary who followed him in answering God's call.*

*As I turned the last pages though, I burst into laughter for those funny pictures! – (early remarks from a reader)*

**You've got to see ALL these! Contact FACFI or ASMSI for a chance to get a limited copy.**



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**SOM @ 25 CTB**

# ASMSI Strategic Management Workshop

November 20, 2011

## The Living ASMSI A Strategic Management Workshop



26 Batch Representatives of ASMSI Cavite and ASMSI Leaders attended the Seminar

It has been a wonderful opportunity and a truthful review to look back at ASMSI and continuously improve on. Though there was a noticeably decrease in ASMSI fund, it has been a challenge for the Board of Trustees. Coming up with a four-year plan is of great help for ASMSI to have a guide in gearing towards our goal for the next years ahead.

### Salient Points:

- Strategic Management Approach by Mr. Edwin Loma which has been very beneficial to ASMSI
- Review of activities and finances
- Identifying problems/projects
- Grouping/Planning Strategically
- Coming up with the 2012-2015 Development Plan



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## The Living ASMSI

## ASMSI Pays Tribute to Sr. Michaela Kim, SM



At the Sisters of Mary's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August 2010, *ASMSI* awarded **Sr. Michaela Kim**, then Superior General of the Congregation, in her 25 years of outstanding support and selfless dedication to the Sisters of Mary Philippines.

With a humble heart and despite old age, Sr. Michaela (and the Sisters of Mary) has been continuing the wonderful works of Fr. Al.



It was on that same date (August 15, 2010) that the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency, the most *Reverend Archbishop Edward Joseph Adams* gave her and the Congregation the same honor and recognition in their 25 years of genuine service to the institution founded by Fr. Al (since 1985) here in the Philippines.

Our very own *ASMSI – UAE Chapter* on their part pledged a humble amount of Php 100, 000 to *FACFI* thru Sr. Michaela Kim, SM.



*Mo. Maria Cho, SM in Honduras*

Through the guidance of our **new Superior General, Sr. Maria Cho**, the projects in Korea, Philippines, Mexico, Guatemala and Brazil now extend to Honduras (Central America). We are in deep faith, that Fr. Al is all the more working along with the Sisters in gearing towards more years of service to humanity.



With hundreds and thousands of those being helped all throughout the world, Sisters of Mary through Fr. Al is indeed a gift to humanity! They are co-builders of hope, our humble heroes.



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## PAST Projects & Events

## Highlights of Past Projects & Events Sponsored by ASMSI & Different Batches

ASMSI  
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www.asmsi.org.ph

present  
Fr. Al's Children Foundation, Inc.  
The Landing arm of The Sisters of Mary in the Philippines  
www.facfi.org.ph

**Concert for a Cause**  
"A tribute to Fr. Al for the benefit of his Children"  
Featuring: The Boystown & Girlstown Choir  
Mr. Dingson Balahadia  
MYMP  
Mr. Nyoy-Volante  
Mr. Jed Madela  
Ms. Aiza Seguerra  
& other Surprise Guests  
on September 20, 2009  
7:01 pm, SMS Auditorium Girlstown Complex  
Biga II, Silang 4118 Cavite  
Dare Share a minimum of Php 500.00! Proceeds shall go to the Fr. Al's Children Foundation, Inc. (FACFI) & ASMSI.

To make the children happy most especially on their birthday and in an effort to raise funds for ASMSI and the Fr. Al's Children Foundation Inc. (FACFI), ASMSI organized Concerts for a Cause in 2009 & 2010.

With the help of singer, **Dingson Balahadia**, who is also our honorary alumnus and SMS friend, guest artists like **Jed Madela, MYMP, Nyoy Volante and the PGT Artists** visited our complex and held concert for the children and alumni for the benefit of ASMSI and FACFI.



Each of them was given a Plaque of Recognition in their generosity and outstanding support to ASMSI and FACFI. Thank you **Mr. Dingson Balahadia, Mr. Jed Madela, the MYMP and Mr. Nyoy Volante**. Thank you for sharing your precious talents, your gift of music to our dear SMS Children! (These artists did the concert at the Sisters of Mary for free)



2010 Concert for a Cause! Thank you once again! Mr. Dingson Balahadia, Mr. Nyoy Volante, Ingrid Payaket & other PGT Talents, Jude Matthew Servilla & Mr. Marvin Gayramon



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**PAST Projects &  
Events**

**2010 Birthday Concert for the Children (Cavite) with guests artists**



This is not all about the proceeds or the financial amount that count, but the extreme joy that the children experienced. It's priceless!



The warm welcome of the children, the loud screams and appreciation of their songs were more than a platinum award they were given – in the part of our guest artists. They were equally touched with the SMS Children...



**2009 ASMSI Visits CEBU + Concert for the Children (Boystown & Girlstown) with Mr. Dingson Balahadia**



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OTHER PROJECTS & SPONSORSHIPS BY DIFFERENT BATCHES



**Batch 1990 (1<sup>st</sup> batch)** Food Sponsorship during the Concert for a Cause at SMS



**Batch 1991 (2<sup>nd</sup> Batch)** Hosting of a Basketball Tournament + Health & Wellness Program (includes Feeding, Philhealth registration, etc.) which was attended by other batches as well



**Batch 1991 (2<sup>nd</sup> Batch) & Batch 1993 (4<sup>th</sup> Batch)**  
Family group pictures souvenir print for each of the graduating students (during SMS Silver Anniversary 2010)



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**Batch 1992 (3<sup>rd</sup> Batch) Donation of 22 sets of Concrete Tables & Chairs at the Retreat House Premises and 2 sets of Popcorn Maker for the Children**



This project is now beneficial to the Sisters, the children, the graduates and retreatants for meeting, bonding, family picnics, gathering, relaxation, reading, meditation and personal or group prayers and other activities within the VOP Esplanade at the Sisters of Mary Girlstown.



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**Batch 1993 (4<sup>th</sup> batch) Bowling for a Cause for the Library Management System intended for both Sisters of Mary Girlstown and Boystown School Libraries**



**Batch 1994 (5<sup>th</sup> Batch) Ice Cream Donation to the SMS Children and Cash Donation of Php 50,000.00 to the Fr. Al's Children Foundation Inc. (FACFI) during SMS Silver Anniversary in 2010**

**Batch 1995 (6<sup>th</sup> Batch) Outreach Programs and "Your change can change other people's lives" Fund Drive for ASMSI**



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**Batch 1996 (7<sup>th</sup> Batch) Donation of Candle Holders situated near the VOP Fount, Yearly Donation of Php 50,000 for FACFI and ASMSI, Ice Cream for the Children and Holding a Christmas Raffle for the benefit of the SMS Children**



**Batch 1997 (8<sup>th</sup> Batch) Donation of Sound System to ASMSI (It has been used during the Gift of Love Concert at Home for the Aged in Carmona, Cavite and during an Outreach Program for the Prisoners in San Pablo)**



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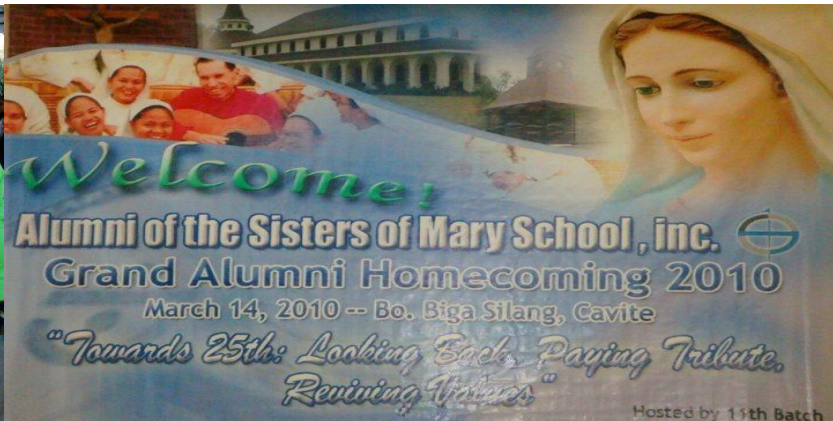
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**Batch 1999 (10<sup>th</sup> Batch) Hosting of the March 2009 GAH & SMS 24<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day; Donation of Tarpaulin Displays at the VOP Esplanade and Regular Batch Pledge to the Fr. Al's Children Foundation, Inc. in support to FACFI's Feed a Child Program**



**Batch 2001 (11<sup>th</sup> Batch) Hosting of the March 2010 GAH & SMS Silver Anniversary and CTB Sponsorship**

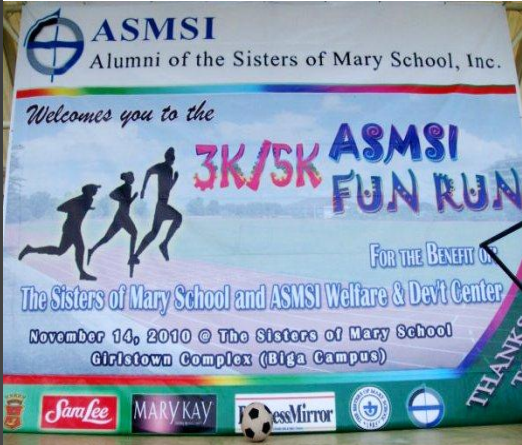


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**Batch 2001 (12<sup>th</sup> Batch) Hosting of March 2011 GAH & 26<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day and 2010 & 2011 Fun Run for a Cause Sponsorships**



**Batch 2011 (22<sup>nd</sup> Batch) Early Christmas Treat to our dear brothers (mentally-challenged) at the Brothers of Christ's Sharing Christ Home**

They need someone to comfort them, to boost their strengths, to show them what love and family really means, and to tell their worth in this world. They are our brothers, no matter what their situation is, they deserve to be loved. They're the extensions of our Alma Mater, so we need to share what's our Alma Mater had shared to us in our simple ways...



The true spirit of service can be seen with the joy of serving the less fortunate



Remembering the words taught to us by the Sisters of Mary that serving and helping others is like serving God and spreading His good news.



A solved "find your letter" game indicating THANK YOU from the graduates for bringing a unique joyful experience and an unfading memory in their hearts to keep.



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**PAST Projects & Outreach**

## ASMSI 2009 Relief Operations – Typhoon 'Ondoy'



We were able to give relief goods and some cash assistance to more or less 100 affected alumni from the areas of Pasig, Marikina, Tondo, Paranaque, Muntinlupa, Montalban & Infanta. To All groups / individuals who contributed for the success of our ASMSI Relief Operations – ***Maraming Salamat po! Thanks for supporting our Bayanihan Fund.***

## ASMSI Makabuluhang Pasko 2010

In line with the Christmas Activities of ASMSI, Alumni in different branches and batches organized Outreach activities such as a Gift of Love Concert - Visit to a Home for the Aged at Tahanan ni Maria in Carmona, Cavite, a Feeding Program at Marikina Boystown, street children in Quezon City and Sampaguita vendors in UP Los Baños.



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*ASMSI invites you to -*  
**A Christmas Gift of Love to our DEAR LOLOS & LOLAS**

**TAHANAN NI MARIA**  
December 12, 2010 (3:00-6:00 PM)  
@ Brgy. Lantic, Carmona, Cavite

**ASMSI**  
Alumni of the Sisters of Mary School, Inc.  
presents...

**A SERENADE...  
"A CHRISTMAS GIFT OF LOVE TO OUR LOLOS & LOLAS"**

with guest... *Dingson Balahadia*

TAHANAN NI MARIA (A HOME FOR THE AGED),  
BRGY. LANTIC, CARMONA, CAVITE  
DECEMBER 12, 2010  
3:00 TO 6:00 PM



Kindness would really keep our world afloat. Have a meaningful Christmas always! Touch a heart...



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Whether few and in bulk, alumni pay a visit at the Sisters of Mary Complex and take the opportunity to pray together or personally every Sunday or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month in a small chapel of the Virgin of the Poor. To be true eagles destined to rise above, as what Fr. Al says, can be achieved through PRAYER.

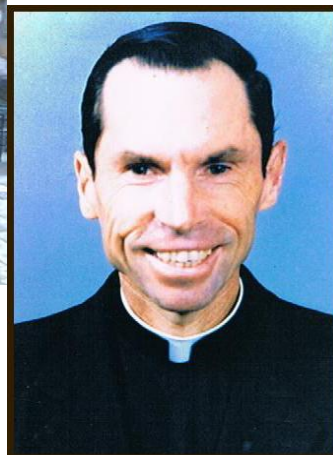


**All our alumni are welcome to participate and join our socio-spiritual event every Sunday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. You may even bring your family and friends at Fr. Al's Retreat House Chapel every Saturday and Sunday for the 3pm Confession and 4pm Holy Mass.**

It is always an opportunity to pray the Holy Rosary, Listen to Fr. Al's Christly sermons and hear Catechism from our ASMSI Sister in-charge. The Confession and Holy Mass would complete our spiritual bouquet.



Our alumni Legion of Mary which was formed in December 8, 2006 has been constantly holding meeting every week to pray to the Holy Spirit, recite the Holy Rosary and Catena Legionis, do substantial work (the corporal and spiritual works of mercy) to help Mary battle against the arena of evil and win the heart of Jesus. We have around 50 members including auxiliaries.



*"My children, you are not created to be fat little ducks waddling in the mud but to be eagles destined to rise above, to explore the world of God, and you can do this by PRAYING" - Fr. Al*



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**Socio-Spiritual**



**Batch 2002 (13<sup>th</sup> Batch) Host Batch for the Upcoming Grand Alumni Homecoming (ASMSI Cavite) and 27<sup>th</sup> SMS Foundation Day on August 2012**



*Good luck on us! We are inviting everyone to join our Grand Alumni Homecoming on March 18, 2012!*



**Proudly invites you to the 20<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of Monsignor Aloysius Schwartz**

to be presided by  
His Excellency, Most Reverend Luis Antonio G. Tagle, D.D.  
March 16, 2012 @ 10 AM

**Grand Alumni Homecoming**

March 18, 2012

The Sisters of Mary School, Girlstown Complex,  
Biga III, Silang, Cavite

*GAH Host Batch 2002*



Proudly invites you to our  
**Grand Alumni Homecoming 2012**  
and witness the Historical  
**Unveiling of Fr. Al's Memorable Statue**

On March 18, 2012 (Holy Mass at 9 am)  
The Sisters of Mary - Talisay Campus

**Phil-Lor CONCERT**

**Father Al's Children Showcase of Talents**



**March 14, 2012  
Wednesday @ 7 pm**



**SM Cinema 1**

**BUY TICKETS NOW!**

**For inquiries and reservations .....**  
visit at The Sisters of Mary School-Girlstown,  
J.P. Rizal Street, Talisay City, Cebu, or you may  
call us (032) 272-3828 / (032) 272-6865

**A Tribute Concert for Fr. Al**

*On his 20<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary*



**FEATURING :**

The Korean Boystown Orchestra and Girlstown Dance Troupe  
SMS Philippines Rondalla, Dance Troupe and Choir  
SMS Philippines Handbell Ringers and the  
Black Theater Group

March 16, 2012 @ 1-PM

SMS Girlstown - Biga Auditorium

As we celebrate Fr. Al's 20<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary this year, don't forget to visit our beloved Alma Mater campuses in Cavite and Cebu and pay tribute to the man behind all these, our dear Papa, Fr. Al.

Simultaneous Homecoming in Cavite (Biga) and Cebu (Talisay) on March 18, 2012!  
See you there!



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**Upcoming Events**

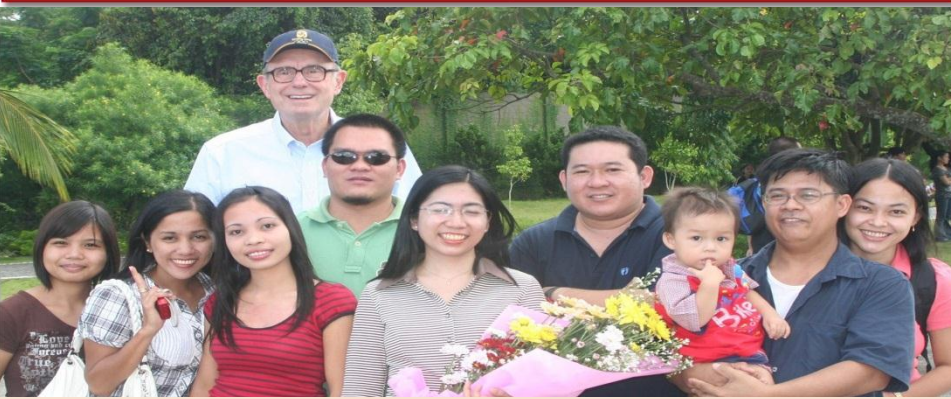
Thanks to the benevolence of our beloved **Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Glory Sullivan**. They have been constantly helping the sisters and us, graduates, even until now to help financially in our ASMSI operation. They have been of great help to hundreds of our alumni through Scholarship and Financial assistance programs. A total of 234 became recipients of Scholarships from Sullivan Foundation while 642 alumni have been extended with loan through the Sullivan Financial Assistance Program.



They are truly a blessing! We are grateful to God of their incomparable generosity and unceasing support to the Sisters of Mary and the alumni. Let us continually pray for their family.



*Tom and Glory with some Alumni, Mother Michaela and Sr. Elena...*



Even our ASMSI Office Equipment and the funds we use for our Retreats and Team Building Seminar came from them. The very recent was the purchase of a new desktop and a laptop. Their vision is for us to be the BEST alumni association in the Philippines.

*DAD TOM, You are*

*T-ruly a blessing from Above*

*H-ow we pray always that God shower you with the same blessings you share with the needy*

*O-pulent in kindness is how we describe you... That is why...*

*M-ama Mary loves you, too!*

*A-lways we shall say: Thank you and prayer is our main gift to you!*

*S-ALAMAT in Filipino :)*

*S-urely Mom Glory is happy!*

*U-nited with the love of Christ, may God's love extends on your family*

*L-ive life happily and let problems come easy*

*L-isten to our angels, we've asked them to whisper in your ears*

*I-magine we are there with hearts ever grateful*

*V-anish from your heart that little sadness...Like little children,*

*we want your sweet smile*

*A-nd we simply want you to be happy for the rest of your life!*

*N-ow and always, we love you dearly! Never shall we forget a Dad Tom and Mom Glory!*

*Happy Birthday our dear Daddy Tom!*

*We will be forever grateful!*



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**TRIBUTE**

**Alumni of the Sisters of Mary School, Inc. (ASMSI)** has been established to attend to the needs of its alumni in their welfare and development and eventually assist the Sisters of Mary School through their donations/services in kind as it envisions itself to be a leading organization armed with Christian principles, one in its effort of breaking free from a life of poverty, thereby, stabilizing its monetary condition and facing a greater challenge of having its graduates the future donors & benefactors of the Sisters of Mary (in sustaining its mission to the poor) without sacrificing moral & spiritual integrity towards collectively achieving both human & Godly desires.

**ASMSI** is the central organization uniting all the graduates of the Sisters of Mary School Campuses within the Philippines. It aims to provide support services for the graduates and the Sisters of Mary, among other objectives.

You may deposit your donations to the following bank account:

**Account Name: Alumni of the Sisters of Mary School, Inc.**  
**Bank: Metrobank Savings Account No. 235-3-23531618-9**



**OR to our Bayanihan Fund BDO Account**

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**Bank: BDO Savings Account No. 190-035-778-8**  
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If you wish to donate online via **Credit Card or Paypal**, please visit our website: [www.asmsi.org.ph](http://www.asmsi.org.ph) and click the Donate button in the header.

Thank you very much for your continued support to our Alumni Association. God Bless you all!

*Our Alumni Association Needs You!*



**Our Association. Making a Difference...**

Send your Annual Dues and donations to our Alumni Office!  
Support our operations, projects & services being rendered to our members, the institution and the community...Thank you!

**Note to all Batches/Chapters/Groups:** After doing a project/sponsorship, you are encouraged to submit reports/documentation (in hard/soft copy) to our ASMSI offices. You can course them thru the nearest ASMSI Office: ASMSI Cavite, ASMSI Cebu and ASMSI International. It will serve as an encouragement and inspiration to our dear members and supporters. God Bless us all! Maraming Salamat po!

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*Special Thanks to Sr. Teresita Sumalabe, SM (former ASMSI Adviser) now serving in Honduras*

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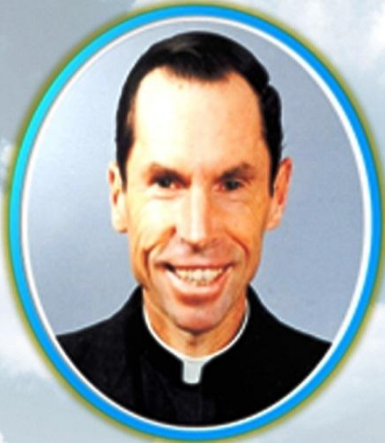
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# SALAMAT PO!



"Everyone agrees that the best way to help hungry people is to give them jobs so that they may help themselves."

- Fr. Aloysius Schwartz  
(The Starved and the Silent, Chapter 13)

**SERVANT OF GOD**  
**MSGR. ALOYSIUS SCHWARTZ**  
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the real  
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*"Serving the poorest of the poor in the Name of Christ."*

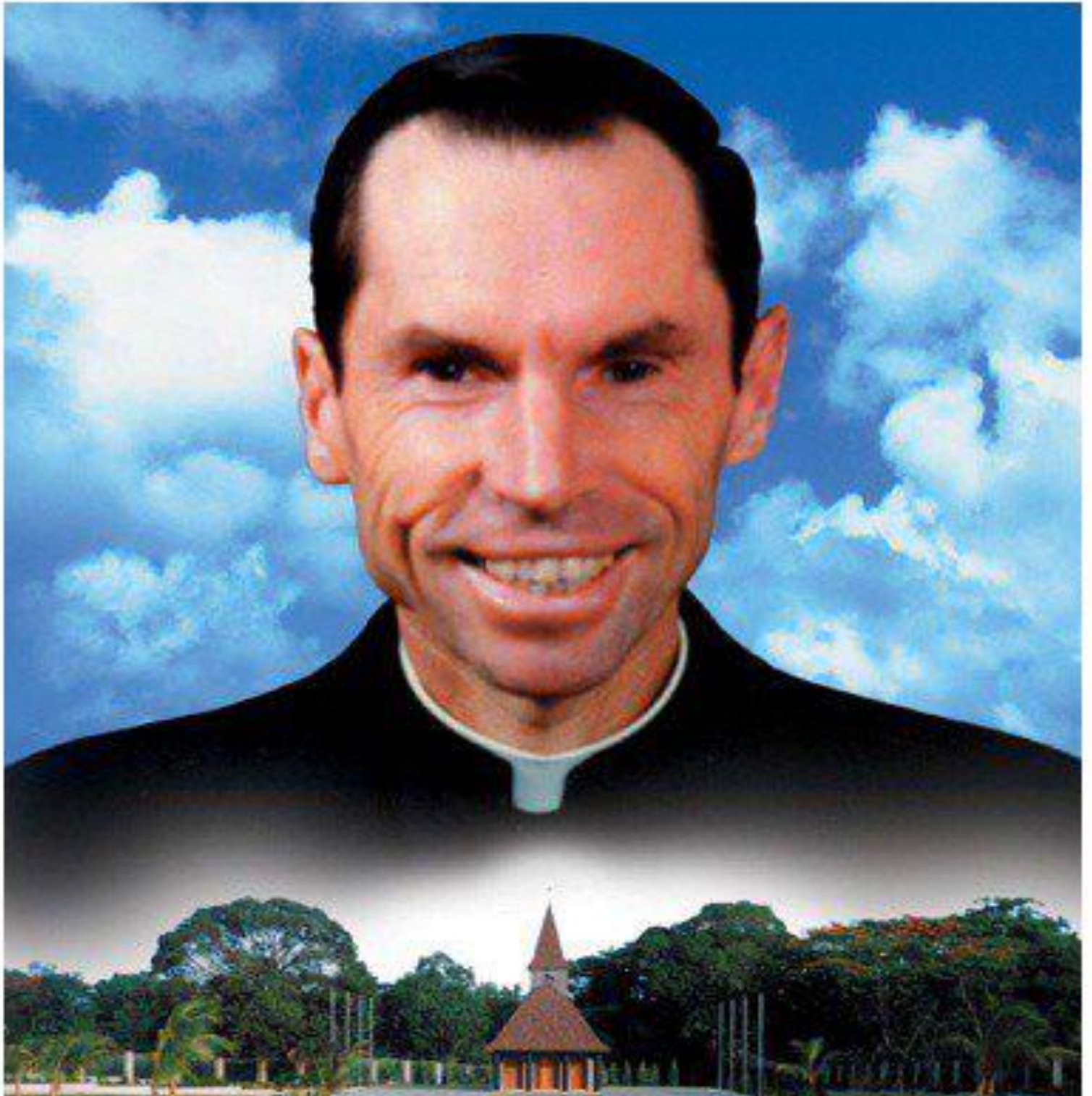
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**Servant of God, Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz  
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Founder of the Religious Congregations of the  
Sisters of Mary and Brothers of Christ**

Almighty, ever-living God, giver of all good gifts, You have filled Msgr. Al with an ardent love for You and for souls. You have inspired him to dedicate his life to relieve the suffering of the orphans, abandoned, the sick and the poor, especially the youth, which he did with all humility and courage until the end of his life. May his holy life of love and service to the poor be recognized by the Church through his beatification and canonization.

For your honor and glory, we pray that the life of Msgr. Al be an inspiration for us in striving for perfection in the love of God and service to others. *Bestow on us, through his intercession the ...(mention the favor you ask for)*

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son and the maternal aid of Mary, the Virgin of the Poor. Amen.

*Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...*

**(With Ecclesiastical Approval)**

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