



## The Journey of St. Camillus' Heart Relic 2.0 Ends



**A**fter 58 exhilarating days, the second Journey of the Incorruptible Heart of St. Camillus to the Philippines has finally come to an end.

From February 2 to March 31, 2019, the heart of St. Camillus has traveled to many parts of the country in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao—in 23 archdioceses and dioceses, 12 parishes, shrines and chapels, 25 hospitals and medical centers, and 12 other places (convents, schools, homes for the elderly, seminary and a media network). There were 5 formal press conferences and several local media exposures and interviews.

The last leg of the journey was at the Minor Basilica and Metropolitan Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, commonly known as the Manila Cathedral. In the morning of March 30, Fr. Reginald Malicdem (Rector of Manila Cathedral) presided over the Welcome Mass concelebrated by Fr. Kali Pietre Llamado (Vice-Rector) and Frs. Rodolfo Cancino, MI, and Bon Arimbuyutan, MI. After the Mass, there was public veneration that lasted until 10pm. People from all walks of life did not mind the long queues just to have some quiet moments with the 469-year-old heart of the Patron of the Sick, Nurses, Hospitals and Healthcare Workers.

The next day at 6:00pm, His Eminence, Orlando Cardinal B. Quevedo, OMI, presided the farewell Mass, assisted by Frs. Malicdem, Llamado, Cancino, Arimbuyutan, and joined by other Camillians: Frs. Evan Paul Villanueva, MI, John Paul Alvarado, MI, and Wilson Peñaranda, MI.

In his homily, Abp. Quevedo likened St. Camillus to the prodigal son who lived a worldly life but was forgiven by his father when he went back home. St. Camillus also lived a life of sin before he was converted. Conversion means “forgiveness of the most compassionate God.” His conversion was a commitment to God through his love, care and service for the poor-sick. “Conversion, charity and service” are the lessons that we can learn from the great St. Camillus.

On April 1, 2019, a day before the relic’s departure, a Eucharistic celebration was held at the church of Sts.



Fr. Jose P. Eloja, MI



**A**s the journey of the heart relic of St. Camillus in the Philippine Province (in the countries of the Philippines and Indonesia) comes to an end, so our journey and pilgrimage for 40 days known as Lent also ends.

Our Lenten journey with Jesus and His disciples began in the desert where Jesus spent 40 days preparing Himself for His mission. At the end of this period of prayer and fasting, Jesus faced three temptations from the devil.

The journey continued throughout the vast land of the Holy Land. We followed in the footsteps of Jesus who came to the world to preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God, heal the sick, forgive the sinners and comfort the afflicted. We witnessed His triumphal entrance into the City of David, Jerusalem. We sat with Jesus at table in the Upper Room where He washed His apostles' feet and instituted the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Eucharist. We wept with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane where He sweat blood as He prayed for strength and courage to fulfill the Father's will. We were astonished because one of His friends betrayed Him and we watched with growing fear as He stood in trial before the Jewish Sanhedrin, before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, and Herod. It was too much to bear watching Him being scourged at the pillar and being crowned with thorns. We followed him to the place of skull called Golgotha and saw Him fall under the weight of the cross. We witnessed His humiliation as He was stripped of His garments and as He cried out as the nails pierced His sacred hands. We heard His last words as he even uttered forgiveness for the people because they did not know what they were doing.

Then we came to the day of profound joy because the One who was taken from us has been returned to us. An Easter without Lent and a Resurrection without Crucifixion would be meaningless and lacking of grace. The source of our Easter joy rests in Jesus' victory over death, not His escape from it. His sacred Body and Blood shattered and shed on Golgotha was made whole on Easter Sunday when the darkness of death gave way to the bright promise of life eternal.

We rejoice today because of Jesus' journey that brought Him from betrayal and suffering, through death to resurrection. As faithful followers of Jesus and embracing His teachings, we travel the road to Calvary carrying our cross daily hoping that for us who love God and called in His name, all things will work out for good, until that day when each of us experiences his or her own personal Easter. Let us always remember that just as Jesus died and rose, so will we too, if we remain faithful to Jesus, our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Greetings of blessed Easter to all of you and to your families who rejoice in a loving God who willingly died for us so that we could live forever in that eternal Easter where death is no more! Alleluia!





# POSTCARDS FROM TAIWAN

Fr. Giuseppe Didonè, MI



**March 16:** We have a church dedicated to St. Joseph and every year there are big celebrations.



**March 18:** The Camillian Charismatic Family had an audience with Pope Francis. Fr. Giuseppe Didonè had a chance to shake hands with the Pope and talk about the current situation in Taiwan.



**April 9:** In Makung, a charitable organization donated 200 blankets, 200 pillows and 200 pairs of shoes to St. Camillus Hospital geriatric patients.



**April 18:** Holy Thursday—Chrism Mass and Mass in Coena Domini. The most moving ceremony was the washing of the feet of six elderly and six handicapped people.



**April 22:** Celebrating Easter with the elderly and mentally challenged in the presence of Fr. Lechthaler and Fr. Mario Cattaneo



**April 22-27:** Retreat for the Italian Religious in Taiwan facilitated by Frs. Lechthaler and Mario Cattaneo





# Camillian Philanthropy Health Development

## A NIGHT WITH THE HEART

Khalelha Añonuevo

**D**ubbed as "A Night with the Heart," the Camillian donors' night was held last March 22, 2019 at the St. Camillus Pastoral Care Center. The benefactors, collaborators and partners spent time with the heart relic of St. Camillus during the Mass and veneration specially held for them. Mass started at 6:00 in the evening and the veneration came right after.

The donors brought different dishes for dinner to

share with everyone. In return, they were treated to a night of music care of the college seminarians and the Camillian priests themselves.

The Heart in Hands Donors' Circle was also launched as the new members symbolically appropriated their pledges. Indeed it was a night of inspiration, generosity and philanthropy.



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## Heart in Hands Donors' Circle (HHDC)

The Heart in Hands Donors' Circle (HHDC) is a group of donors and collaborators who are willing and committed to share their blessings in helping the different Camillian advocacies for the welfare of the sick and development of more healthy communities.

The HHDC gives an increased philanthropic impact by pooling resources with other donors and meeting more passionate people who share the same advocacy.

Why Heart in Hands? Because St. Camillus encourages that in serving the poor sick who he sees as Jesus Christ himself, we should "Put more Heart into our Hands."

Members of the donors' circle are people who give and share with love. The HHDC is open to all committed donors who want to ensure that their donations really reach and help the beneficiaries.



Members of HHDC have a special moment with the heart relic of St. Camillus.



The Camillian religious perform an impromptu song number.



Among the beneficiaries of HHDC are the children from Cainta, CBHP healthworkers in Bosoboso, Antipolo (left photo) and the Camillian seminarians (right photo).



## Reflection from a Youth

Loren Crisostomo\*, FOTS-LCF (Bosoboso)

I am a youth and an active server at Nuestra Señora dela Annunciata Parish. My friends call me Loren. In this article, I would like to share my experience of being a newbie in the Friends of the Sick of the Lay Camillian Family (FOTS-LCF). Also, I would like to share my experience on how St. Camillus affected me and renewed me, especially during his heart's visit.

I came to know St. Camillus through our parish priest who is a Camillian. Through him I got oriented with the Camillian charism: taking care of the sick and the poor. In addition, our place became an apostolate area of the Camillian Order. Many seminarians, Sisters, volunteers and the like went there to do missions. I became ac-



quainted with them. With the story of their experiences, my eagerness to serve and do what they are doing grew stronger.

In June 2017, my father got sick. I was already an active server and a youth member of our parish. Just like any person who is pressured by such undesirable event, I asked and almost complained to God why He allowed this to happen. Am I not serving Him? However, I realized that it is not worth complaining and blaming God; rather, this only strengthened me as a person. In fact, it was in that moment that I felt God's presence. He actually never left me alone. It was through the Camillians that I saw God's works. Through them I felt motivated and stronger to face trials. Thanks to St. Camillus and his Order!

Being a youth and a new member of FOTS-LCF is quite challenging because doing charity seems to be not the priority of most youth nowadays. But it is St. Camillus who inspires me to do something unique and meaningful. It is in St. Camillus that I see the reason for living fully and sharing the blessing to others especially to those who are hopeless.

During the heart's visit, I felt privileged, joyful, grateful, and excited because it was the first time that I en-

\* The writer, 18, is a member of the Friends of the Sick of the Lay Camillian Family (FOTS-LCF)-Bosoboso Chapter formed in 2018. The new group is composed of around 20 members, mostly youth, and serves as choir every Sunday at the Nuestra Señora dela Annunciata Parish and goes around the parish to visit the sick after the Sunday Mass.





countered a relic of a Saint. Moreover, I was excited to see personally the heart of the man who inspires me. It was a heart-to-heart encounter. The encounter brought me so much joy, which fueled me more to serve the needy. I want to become one of the hundred arms of Camillus to the sick.

Indeed, it is an opportunity for me to be part of FOTS-LCF. I believe that through this group I can apply what I have been praying for—to serve. It is a challenge as well because it may require time and effort, which is a risk for my young age. However, I believe that age does not matter when it comes to service to others. I believe that with God and through the inspiration of St. Camillus, I can do it, that is, to serve the poor and the sick.

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Camillus de Lellis and Lorenzo Ruiz in Loyola Heights, Quezon City that was presided by Provincial Superior, Fr. Jose Eloja, concelebrated by fellow Camillian priests. The Camillian religious representing the different communities and delegations of the Philippine Province were in attendance. The employees from the communities of Sts. Camillus de Lellis and Lorenzo Ruiz and Nicola D'Onofrio were also present. A group of lay people from Taiwan also came to have a more intimate time with the heart.



During the closing ceremony, the heart relic of St. Camillus was entrusted to Sch. Mensianus Aman, who brought it with him to Indonesia with his fellow scholastics, Schs. Ardianus Guga and Andreas Yobe, accompanied by Fr. Rodel Enriquez, custodian of the heart relic during the journey in the country. As of this writing, the heart relic is making its journey in Indonesia until April 30 before it will be brought back to its home at Santa Maria Maddalena in Rome, Italy.

"The journey of the heart may have ended, but the ministry of caring for the sick and the poor continues," said Fr. Cancino, chairman of the Working Committee of the journey. He thanked all those involved for making the journey a success: from the members of the Working Committee to the police escorts, to the employees who were in charge of the souvenir items, and to all those who, in one way or another, lent their support so that St. Camillus' message of love, care and service to the poor-sick throbs in the heart of every pilgrim in the Philippines. – CamUp



# CAMILLUS MEDHAVEN

To meet the increasing demand for high quality care for the elderly, Camillus Medhaven Nursing Home has added Building III that is designed for aged female residents. Fr. Gabriel Garcia, CEO of Camillian Socio-Health Institutions officiated the blessing of the new building last March 9, 2019. Ms. Zenaida Aragon and Ms. Lai Turallo graced the occasion by cutting the ribbon. Camillus Medhaven has now a capacity of 122 beds. – *CamUp*



## Our Lady of La Paz Parish

Archimedes cor. Flordeliz Streets, Brgy. La Paz, Makati City

**December 30, 2018**

**A Peaceful Christmas and A Health-Loving New Year to All!**

This is to inform all concerned individuals and groups that the Organizers (after consulting the Heads of various Parish Religious Organizations and Groups and Coordinators of all BEC Kawan) of the Fundraising Raffle for the benefit of Our Lady of La Paz Parish have decided to move the draw date to MAY 5, 2019 during the Feast Day of our Parish Patron, Our Lady of La Paz. This is to give ample time to those who aired their desires to help more to the said cause and to reach the needed amount for the renovation, maintenance and improvement of our Parish Church.

We are deeply grateful for your generous support and understanding.

May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph inspire and guide all families. Amen.

Sincerely,

**Signed:**  
**Maria Lyria Reyes**  
**PPC President**

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**PFC Coordinator**

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Sch. Ardianus Guga 18/03/1992  
Fr. Tex Rico V. Buntol 24/03/1971  
Fr. Gabriel V. Garcia 24/03/1974  
Fr. Rolando J. Fernandez 28/03/1957

#### Perpetual Professions

Fr. Giuseppe Didone 19/03/1962  
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Fr. Ivo Z. Anselmi 02/03/1975  
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Fr. Roderick R. Tampis 17/06/1980  
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