

THE TEN
COMMANDMENTS

1. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BESIDES ME
2. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN
3. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY

A Twins' Encounter
with God
- the Father

Like a Child
on its
Father's Lap

Ma. Nila Ortega-Argel

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POPE JOHN PAUL II

God the Father: Creator of Heaven and Earth

The Holy Father calls on every one to join the most important program of his pontificate! We must prepare for the Great Jubilee by renewing our hope in the definitive coming of the Kingdom of God.

The Third Year is dedicated to the Father, to see things with the eyes of Christ: in the perspective of our *Father who is in heaven*. The whole of Christian life is like a great pilgrimage to the house of the Father whose unconditional love for every human creature we discover anew every day.



The Jubilee, centered on Jesus Christ, becomes a great act of praise to the Father: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing...* (Eph. 1:3).

I entrust this responsibility of the whole Church to the maternal intercession of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer. She will be for Christians on the way to the great Jubilee of the Third Millennium, the Star which safely guides their steps to the Lord.

It is necessary to emphasize the theological virtue of charity, recalling the words of St. John: *God is Love*. Charity, in its two-fold reality as love of God and neighbor is the summing up of the moral life of the believer. It has in God its source and its goal. We recall that Jesus came to *preach the good news to the poor*; how can we fail to lay greater emphasis on the Church's preferential option for the poor and the outcast? Indeed, it has to be said that a commitment to justice and peace in a world like ours, marked by so many conflicts and intolerable social and economic inequalities, is a necessary condition for the preparation and celebration of the jubilee.

Two commitments should characterize, in a special way, the third preparatory year: meeting the challenges of secularism and dialogue with the great religions. In this year, we shall more intensely pray to the Father, *May your kingdom come! May your will be done!* We shall endeavor to become *communicators of Love* in the midst of so much suffering and unbridled egoism.

We shall strive to be like Mary, faithful daughter of the Father, giving witness to transforming work of justice and holiness. Mary - Handmaid of the Lord - revealing to us that God is Love.

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MESSAGE

The Great Jubilee Year 2000 is a year of grace. It is a time to experience conversion and renewal of Christian life. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we are animated to return to God, the Father. Further, we are encouraged to live a life of holiness like Jesus Christ whom we eternally acknowledge as "the One Savior of the world, yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8)."

May this special occasion be an inspiration for you to foster a deeper intimacy with God our Father and to bring you closer to your fellow human being.

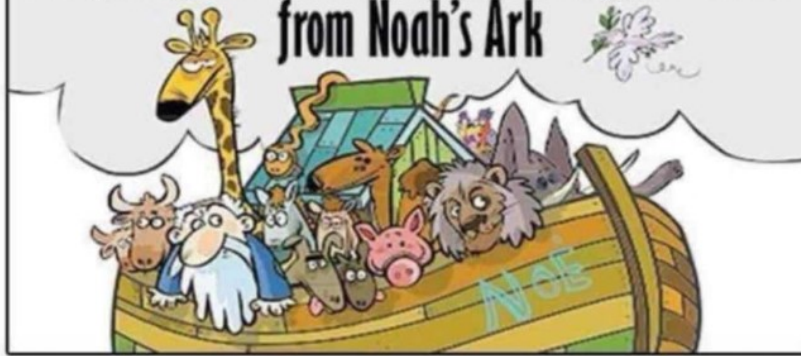
God bless you and all your dearest ones always and forever. God love you
ever!

Devotedly yours in the Lord,

+ EDMUNDO M. ABAYA, D.D.

Archbishop of Nueva Segovia

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark



- 1 Don't miss the boat.
- 2 Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 4 Stay fit. When you're really old, someone may ask you to do some thing really big.
- 5 Don't listen to the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 Build your future on high ground.
- 7 For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 8 Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs
- 9 When you're stressed, float a while
- 10 Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting..

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Source: God the Father booklet page 15

On the lap of God the Father is a miniature Noah's Ark with Philippine flag. In the story of Noah, Noah and his family were saved from the great flood after God instructed him to build an ark where they would sail. Everything on earth was drowned because the people turned wicked. Architect Gerardo Ocampo conceptualized the symbolic boat. He referred to the bible for its measurement. It was about 133 meters long by 22 meters wide and 13 meters high.

The Treasure Boat

Noah's Ark was conceived as the Symbolic Treasure Boat when Mrs. Luz Bolong asked me to make a miniature



model of a boat described above in commemoration of the Consecration of God the Father in La Union.

With God the Father as the subject it is a clear description of time when no other boat ever existed except the boat of Noah. During the great flood Noah had with him all his possessions in hand, his sons and their wives, a pair of every kind of animal and bird and all kinds of food needed for them during the great flood. These possessions are only Noah's treasure.

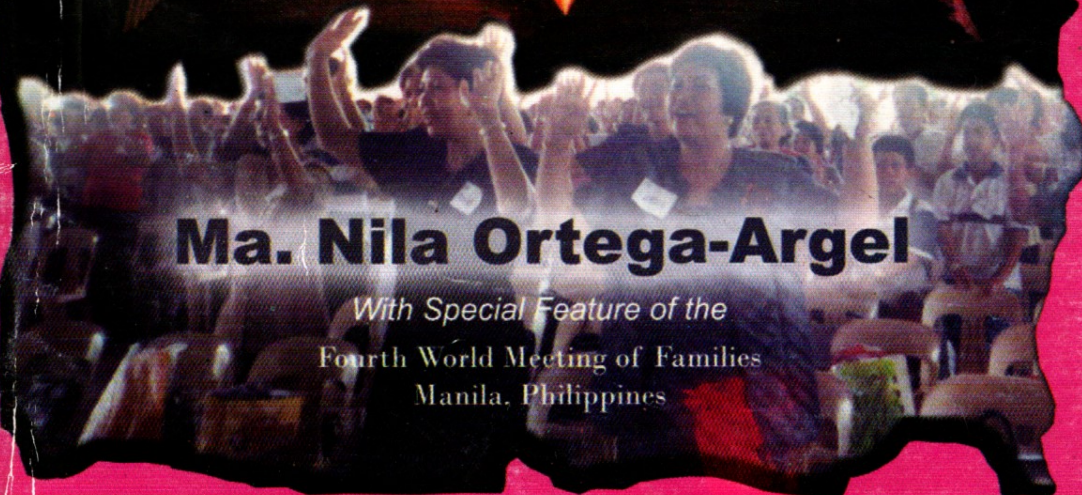
A Twins' Encounter
with God
— the Holy Spirit



A Bible-enthusiast,
Spirit-filled
Child of God

Ma. Nila Ortega-Argel

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THE COVER

God is eager to find a person to whom He can show Himself strongly that He scans the earth looking for this person who puts God first in his life. After all, God created you for dialogue, and that means having personal encounters with Him.

Our goal is to become so in tune with Him that when He tells us to do something, we hear Him and obey. Jesus said, *Abide in me... I am the vine, you are the branches. The person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.*

A Bible-Enthusiast, Spirit-Filled Child of God as manifested in A Twin's Encounter with God-The Holy Spirit acknowledges that to succeed in our walk of faith as Christians, we all need help. This is shown by Luz as she rests one hand below the Holy Spirit stained glass image and raises another to affirm that God answers all our prayers in ways He deems best.

The La Union Charismatic Group rejoices in the Lord with great voice of praise through raised hands and shouts of *Halleluiah*. The true love of God is so abundant with the Holy Spirit's gifts invigorating us; and its fruits refreshing us that it must overflow into love of our neighbor.

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Many theologians and observers have rightly pointed out that this is the age of the laity. They have finally come of age, and we are glad indeed! The Church is coming alive once more as it was in the early days of Christianity as more and more lay people grow in appreciation of their dignity as children of God and members of the Body of Christ. Consequently, they have begun taking a more active role in the life and mission of the Church.

When I see events such as these happening it is not difficult to recognize the hand of the Holy Spirit. Truly, we are experiencing a new Pentecost. It is for this reason that I feel glad we have people like Nila and Luz who, even as lay people, have committed themselves to the work of evangelization using their talents and the things they do best within their spheres of influence.

We may not fully agree with their forms of worship or devotion but they have a message to tell and a lesson to teach us—clergy and lay people alike. Here are two Christians who are taking their faith seriously. Here are two brave women who have surrendered themselves to the Spirit of God who now fills, controls and directs their lives. If only we could approximate their apostolic zeal and dedication the work of transforming Philippine society according to the values of the Gospel would not be as difficult.

Rev. David William Antonio

Rev. D. William Antonio
Rector

MESSAGE OF BISHOP ANTONIO R. TOBIAS

My dear brothers and sisters. As the twin sisters Luz and Nila were talking about the Trinity and other holy things, I was surprised. My gosh! Where am I? Am I already in heaven? What more can I tell? I asked myself.

Today, dear friends, it is nice to hear twins talking about God. We're to believe them because they remind you of God.

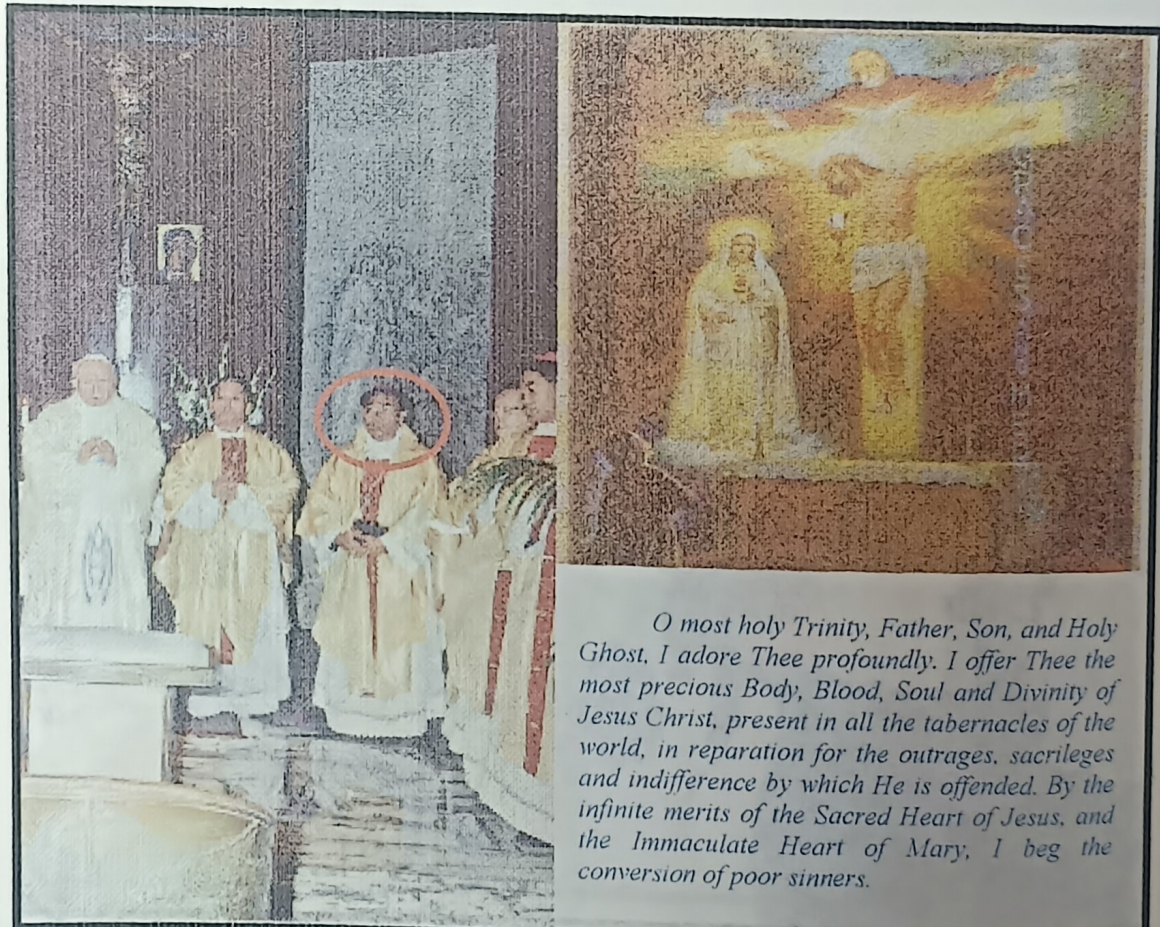


Bishop Antonio R. Tobias inspire listeners_ Luz and Nila.

My brothers and sisters, today, I am consoled that in La Union, there are twins and Christians like you who are true to their calling as parents, as married couples or as single parents.

I tell Luz, Thank God you married because you brought to the world certain committed Christians that the church can be proud of.

Dear friends you are also a semblance of each and every one of you. When I see old people over there, they show to us their devotedness to the church, inspite of, and because of everything. You please pray for our priests and pray for this diocese. I thank the Lord for people like you. I wish other people who are here do not get discouraged about what is happening, but help to change for the better.



O most holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

Bishop Antonio R. Tobias of the diocese of La Union joins other Bishops for the regular audience with His Holiness Pope John Paul II at Rome (l). Lucia vision of the Holy Trinity (r).

MESSAGE OF ARCHBISHOP EDMUNDO M. ABAYA

In Ilocos Sur, Pentecost is celebrated on Sunday but it comes here earlier because as I was listening to Luz and Nila talked about the Holy Spirit, I was already anticipating the feast of Pentecost.



Luz and Nila listening attentively to Archbishop Edmundo M. Abaya

What is the real meaning of Pentecost? Pentecost is the gathering of you, the people.

After listening too, to Bishop Tobias, the only spokesman in the diocese, I am only inclined to continue what he shared you today. Because it is said that when two bishops speak, it is a sin of counsel.

I am also happy to be here since it's my first time to be with the community of Bishop Tobias who know and love one another and share the goodness of life.

May I also invite you to come to Vigan, and share with us what we had tonight, not just the food but your presence and togetherness. We need this so much in Ilocos Sur. After all, Luz and Nila continue to inspire us to Christianize our community.



One of the most important of all the revelations of Fatima to the last great vision in 1929. It appears to be a synthesis of the entire message.

This vision was unknown to the world until a few years ago when, for the golden jubilee of Fatima, it was revealed by Diocesan authorities. Previously it had been made known only to Pope Pius XII in a personal letter.

In her own words, Lucia describes the vision:

Suddenly the whole Chapel was illumined by a supernatural light and a cross of light appeared above the altar, reaching to the ceiling. In a bright light at the upper part of the cross could be seen the face of a man and his body to the waist (Father) on his breast there was a dove also of light (Holy Spirit) and, nailed to the cross, was the body of another man (Son). Somewhat above the waist, I could see the chalice and a large host suspended in the air, on to which drops of blood were falling from the face of Jesus Crucified and from the wound in His side. These drops ran down on to the host and fell into the chalice. Our Lady was beneath the right arm of the cross (...it was Our Lady of Fatima with Her Immaculate Heart...in Her left hand...without sword or roses, but with a crown of thorns and flames...). Under the left arm of the cross, large letters, as of crystal clear water which ran down over the altar, formed these words: Graces and Mercy."

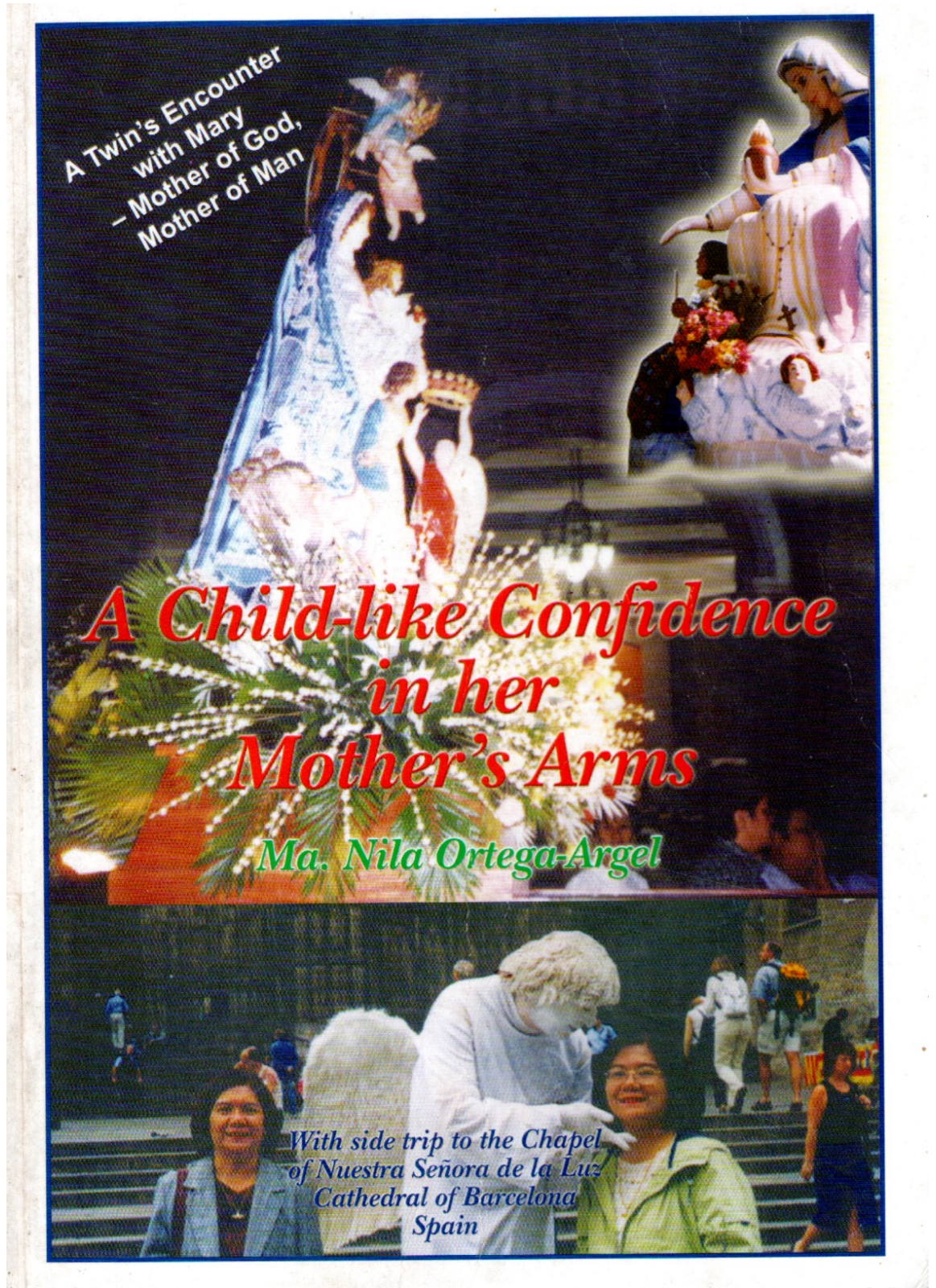
I understood that it was the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity which was shown to me, and I received lights about this Mystery which I am not permitted to reveal.

Our lady then said to me:

The moment has come when God asks the Holy Father, in union with all the Bishops of the world, to make the Consecration of Russia to my Heart, promising to serve it

Nila present a Holy Trinity frame to Archbishop Edmundo M. Abaya with message-in appreciation for your support and faith for good intentions and good works (above l). The twins pose with Archbishop Edmundo M. Abaya and Bishop Antonio R. Tobias (below l). Luz reads the Fatima message which was placed at the back of the Twins' framed gift to their distinguished guests (r).

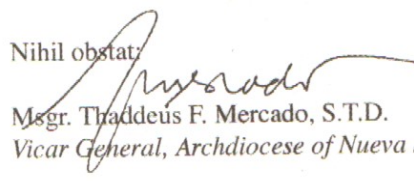
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Argel, Ma. Nila O.

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THE COVER

Mary is a work of perfection as God the Father's daughter, God the Son's Mother and God the Holy Spirit's Spouse. She entered our lives in a special way through Jesus' words _ Behold Thy Mother (John 19:26-27). Christ gave Mary to us and entrusted us to her. Thus the Mother of God becomes the Mother of Man.

During the twin's Marian pilgrimage 2002 to Europe, Luz was ecstatic to see a postcard of Nuestra Señora de la Luz at the souvenir shop outside the Cathedral of Barcelona, Spain. It was their desire to see the statue especially of Luz whose is a namesake of the Virgin. But an on-going activity inside prevented them from doing so.

Back in the Philippines, the Ortega twins' search for statue of Nuestra Señora de la Luz led them to Cainta, Rizal and attended its feast on December 1, 2003.

Before leaving for Rome to attend a religious scholarship at the Gregorian University in April 2004, the Lourdesianas of the city of San Fernando, La Union witnessed the blessing of Nuestra Señora de la Luz, which Luz had made, atop the Sea and Sky lot at Pagdaraoan.

Mary's right hand is over Luz' head while sitting on the globe with a lighted candle. She is holding a heart-shaped candle on her left hand. Luz like Bishop Ortega claims the statue to be miraculous. It enabled Luz to see the Nuestra Señora de la Luz statue on a brief stop in Barcelona on June 2, 2004. This seems to be the angel's prediction in 2002 _ the angel's hand gesture puts a smile on Luz' face despite her disappointment of not seeing the statue.

We are expected to follow Mary and be everything that she stood for which the booklet A Child-like Confidence in her Mother's Arms wants to convey. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is the will of Jesus as He is devoted to her and is necessary for our salvation.

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PREFACE

In our Old Testament Covenant Class, the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary on our salvation dawned on me. Right after the fall of Adam, God mentioned the *woman* who will crush the serpent's head.

We honor the Blessed Virgin because she is the Mother of our Lord. She is our Mother too, because our Lord gave her to us, to all men, when He was dying on the Cross. Those who keep a tender devotion to the Blessed Mother will never be lost in sin because the Blessed Virgin is *full of grace*. God is always with her. The Blessed Mother was conceived and born without original sin, having been granted this privilege because she was destined to be the Mother of God. This special exemption is called her Immaculate Conception and is celebrated by the Church on December 8. When the Blessed Virgin died, she was taken up to heaven body and soul. This is called her Assumption, which we commemorate on August 15.

This booklet entitled *A Child-like Confidence in her Mother's Arms* dedicated in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary who mothered Jesus honors and glorifies the Trinity whom my twin sister and I narrated in our encounters with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Such encounters brought forth a realization of the divine love which calls. This realization impels man to respond in faith to love. And our response of love is one of submission to the sovereign will of God.

My twin sister and I were inspired to join a Marian Pilgrimage on the occasion of the Canonization of Blessed Josemaria Escriva and God showered His graces that He made possible two important visits _ to the Carmel of Saint Teresa, Coimbra, Portugal where Sr. Lucia of the Miracle of Fatima lives; and to the Missionarie Unitas in Christo ad Patrem, Anzio, Rome, Italy where the late Mother Eugenia Elizabetta Ravasio, had worked for making known, loved and honored Our God the Father through a special feast.

It is difficult to work for the love of God rather than seek our own worldly satisfactions. But this is the price we have to pay for spiritual growth. And being one of those spiritually grown-ups, I have no regrets because God is within me.

In life we must be moved by what His Excellency, Most Rev. Edmundo M. Abaya, archbishop of Nueva Segovia says on faith _ faith explained is catechesis; faith lived, holiness; faith expressed, prayer; and faith shared, love.

God Our Father wished Mary to be the mother of the family in the home of Jesus and Joseph, we pray that He may send His Spirit to renew the whole world. Come, Spirit of wisdom, detach us from earthly greed and fill us with love and desire for spiritual realities. May all mothers of families foster love and holiness through Mary's intercession.

Ma. Nila
Ma. Nila

Marian Pilgrimage 2002



**Twins drink water from the
Miraculous fountain**



**Luz holds statuette of Fatima.
The veil changes color according to weather.**



Statue of Our Lady carried in procession.

**10th Anniversary Celebration of the La Union
Consecration of the Philippines to GOD THE FATHER
OCTOBER 19, 2009**



Quadruple Celebration:

9:00 am - Eucharistic Celebration

*St. William the Hermit Cathedral
San Fernando City, La Union*

10:00 am - Procession to Bantay ni Ama Ken Maria

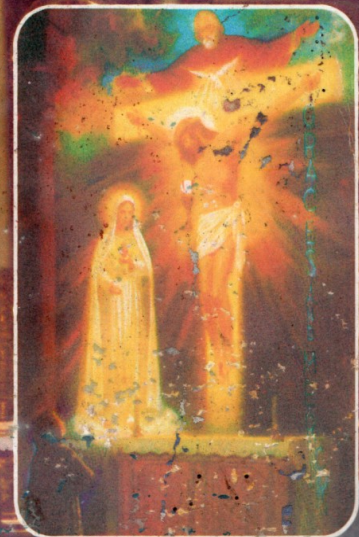
Pagdaraoan, San Fernando City, La Union

10:30 am - Blessing of God the Father Tower

Blessing of Life-size Luminous Angel of Fatima

11:30 am - Birthday of Mr. Daniel T. Bolong, Jr.

Sea and Sky Hotel



Come and Be Blessed!

SOUVENIR PROGRAM 2009

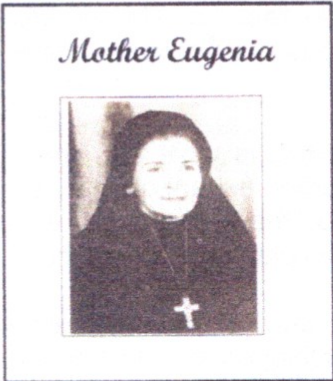
DEDICATION

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For Our Lady of Fatima appearance to three young shepherdess Sr. Lucia who lived in old age revealing the vision of the Triune God.

For Mother Eugenia Elisabetta Ravasio who spoke of the messages of God the Father wanting that one day or at least one Sunday be devoted to His worship, under the name of Father of all Mankind.



For those journeying with us believing in what we do, giving us the inspiration support and courage to go on,
For those who have difficulty accepting this work may our hope and prayer give them enlightenment "that all may be one" for God's honor and glory.
We humbly dedicate this labor of love.

To: Manojo Emily
By: Ortega Twins
Date: Oct 21, 2009





For the twins' pilgrimage 2002 at Fatima, Ma. Luz buys the booklet "Models for Children Blessed Jacinta and Francisco of Fatima" by Fr. Robert J. Fox. The booklet inspires her to order life-size statue of Our Lady of Fatima with the three shepherds on August 5, burial date of the late president Cory Aquino. However, going back over the booklet she changed her mind and now was excited of her photo depicting the third apparition of the Angel, in the autumn of 1916. Lucy, Jacinta and Francisco are in prayer before the Angel, who presents the Holy Eucharist to them.



Statue of Our Lady of Fatima



Luz orders the angel statue to Edwin. Leandro Pagaduan, 16 years old resident of Manaoag re-enacts the angel who gave Holy Communion to Lucia.



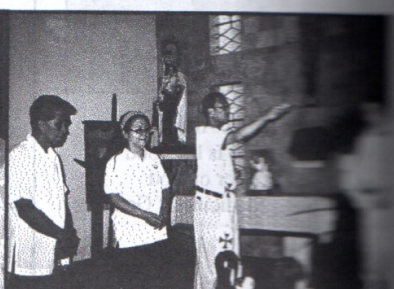
Scene of a luminous Angel giving holy communion to Sr. Lucia and offering the chalice to Jacinta and Francisco



Luz, upon seeing the finished wooden angel and shepherds knelt in front of the angel as like what Sr. Lucia did during the miracle.

Third Visit of the Angel to the Shepherds (Wooden and Luminous)

Date	Place	Event
August 9, 2009	Manaoag, Pangasinan	Order statue of angel of Fatima
September 1, 2009	San Antonio Concepcion, Tarlac	Visit Edwin Santos to check on the progress of the wooden angel and shepherds
September 30, 2009	Pagdaraoan, San Fernando, La Union	Arrival of statues
October 2, 2009	OCDS House of Prayer San Fernando City, La Union	Blessing of the Wooden Angel and Shepherds by Fr. Jerome Adriano, OFM Provincial superior



FATIMA



Lucia and Francisco Mary with their cousin Lucia Dolma (L. Lucia holding statue during High school days at Christ the King College P.I.)

PETITION

May this holy pilgrimage give the enlightenment to discern God's chosen plan for me, His humble servant and as I continue to touch other people's lives, my mission to spread His love and devotion to His name may remain a lifetime commitment.

Dear God, as you have chosen Sr. Lucia through your Blessed Mother, to be a faithful servant, grant me the same privilege as you lead me to His presence that I may find the guidance and strength to accomplish my noble mission.

Ma. Luz Ortega Bolong

This petition was prepared by the Ortega twins before leaving the Philippines on their 2002 Pilgrimage. They handed their petition to Mo. Celine, the Prioress of Carmel of Coimbra, Portugal. She willingly obliged to our request for her to affix her signature.



2002, Portugal



2004, Rome

Way back in 2002 Feast of God the Father that lead us, twins, to Fatima. The scene of the Angel with Sr. Lucia surprised Ma. Luz for in the photo she looked so familiar that she thought Lucia was her. She has a picture when she was in 1st year High School at Christ the King College as a 12 year old; Sr. Lucia in her photo was nine.

We also read that, "if God speaks to us, He uses some means outside of Himself, adapted to our nature, by which He can communicate ideas. He may use things we can see and hear in order to stir our imagination, or He may enter directly into our thoughts. He may do this miraculously, but ordinarily, He communicates with us according to the established laws of nature."

I, Ma. Luz is inclined to believe that I have a sacred role in the message of Fatima and it was God the Father Himself who led me through a dream on August 4, 2002, His proposed feast day.

Only the life of faith is without regrets so we take the courage to speak out as we continue to labor in promoting the vision of the late Carmelite nun, Sr. Lucia, of the Blessed Trinity with God the Father who appeared as a man. In closing we pray:

My Three's and Mary

My Father, the four big statues of the Holy Trinity and Mary enshrined at Pagdaroon since 1999_ the year of God the Father_ is our way of acknowledging your greatness in creating sea and sky.

What children are looking for is a lap, a hug, a kind word and a touch. We, your children, now have a Father's lap to sit down, arms of Jesus that hug, a Spirit whose voice we hear and Mary's hands that touch.

May God give us eyes, ears, hands, feet and mouth to proclaim the Good News with.

God of my journey, forgive me for unwilling to let go. I surrender myself into Your hands. Be with us always.

21st Anniversary of La Union Consecration of the Philippines to God the Father

ORTEGA TWINS' Encounters with God, Mary and Saints

Ground breaking God Tower

August 2, 2009

Speech

Good morning! This is a great day for God the Father. It is indeed a great day for the community of Pagdaraoan, for the City of San Fernando and for the province of unity, La Union. And this is indeed a great day for all of us, a moment to which we have all been looking forward with great anticipation. Though countless tasks have been done and gatherings held for God's glory, it always brings a renewed enthusiasm, like it is the first time, when God is "bida".

In 1999 with the presence of the colossal 12-foot statue of God the Father, we were by the sea where we set sail to 20 bancas representing the 19 towns and 1 city of the province. It was a ritual symbolizing La Union's commitment to the transformation of the Philippines for the world. It was the start of a challenge to its sons and daughters to be like candles - to bring out their potential to be a light of the world in order to bring back the goodness and renew the beauty of the earth.

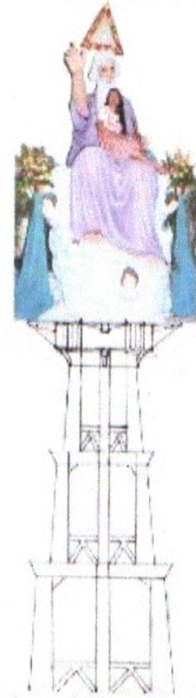
May I count in the two of us, Ortega twins, and all of you who are here today as the few who were summoned by that challenge? In our book on the twins' encounter with God the Father distributed at the PICC during the Festival of Families in January 2003 is written: "Let us make the Philippines God's country; region 1, home of God the Father; La Union, pilgrimage destination; and San Fernando, God's City." The devotion to God the Father has to be lived out and given flesh and blood in our day-to-day life.

Today is a fitting time to assess this resolution, dedicating ourselves to live in harmony with God, doing whatever is most pleasing for His glory.

In this picture, I am seated on the lap of God the Father's statue now enshrined at St. William Cathedral for His feast. This was the same statue for the La Union Consecration of the Philippines to God the Father in 1999 by the sea. This is the same statue to be placed on top of the God the Father tower, the reason for which we are gathered today close to the sky on "Pagtanawang" hill. This site dubbed, "Bantay ni Ama ken Maria", is a sanctuary in anticipation. In bird's eye view from the bay, the geographical terrain of the city from this sanctuary, down to nearby Carlatan on the north and Poro Point on the south, is likened to Rome's St. Peter's Basilica and its columns enveloping St. Peter's Square. The view from the top will give the impression that the image welcomes with open arms all who come to the cove. Pilgrims may have experienced renewal in visits to Rome, but those unable to go may find themselves transformed on this hill - the next pilgrim site.

GOD THE FATHER TOWER

Ground-Breaking Ceremony
August 2, 2009
(Feast of God the Father)
Sunday 10:00 a.m.



Bantay ni Ama ken Maria

As one of those who has chosen to participate in the transformation of the world, I have taken up the obligation to account for what we've done at the end of every day, week, month, and year so that by October 19, 2009 as we gather once again on this mountain to commemorate the 10th year anniversary of the Year of God the Father, we, as a community, could possibly have done much more and better for God. Good morning and welcome!

In her message, Ma. Nila, made known the happiness felt by twin Ma. Luz on July 25, as she got the nod of Msgr. Sammy Banayat, parish priest of St. William's Cathedral to bring the 12-foot statue of God the Father to the Cathedral while awaiting its final resting place atop the tower on the 10th anniversary celebration of the La Union Consecration of the Philippines to God the Father.

Meanwhile, President of the Moral Recovery Program, Officers Foundation, Inc. Dr. Consolacion R. Alaras commended the work of the Ortega family as spirituality is needed by our nation to grow.

In his closing remarks, President Sea and Sky Hotel & Restaurant Daniel Alibiong, Jr. admits that he may not be as religious as wife Ma. Luz, but his presence to the affair is an affirmation that he is supportive to the vision written

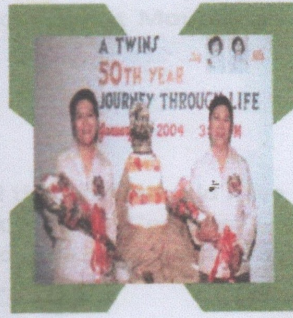
in the "Twins' Encounter with God the Father" booklet distributed at the PICC during the Festival of Families in January 2003 in which it is written: "Let us make the Philippines God's country; region 1, home of God the Father; La Union, pilgrimage destination; and San Fernando, God's City."

The closing prayer was led by the Barangay Captain of Pagdaraon.



Ground breaking ceremonies for the God the Father Tower with billboards and bust of God the Father.

Secular Carmelite Twins



A Pictorial Journal

By: Ma. Luz Ortega-Bolong, ocds

In our 2000 pilgrimage to the Holy places a treasured souvenir is the Jubilee Cross we bought in Vatican. Our Carmelite Saints understand that there is no other way but to embrace our cross. The booklet entitled "Secular Carmelite Twins" contain our lives as Secular Carmelites of the St. Teresa of Avila Community at Pindangan, City of San Fernando, La Union founded in 1975.

Luz testimony: During the second showing of the stage play "Born for You - the Life of Teresa of Avila" at Ortega Cultural Center, City of San Fernando, La Union I met an accident. The Jubilee Cross (see above) I was wearing during the play that I attached to a rope choked me. It is good Blanche portraying the role of Juana was monitoring my delivery. She noticed something wrong so she asked the play to stop. I was pulled down from the pulley. When I awoke I inquired where we are. Realizing I was worried about the audience if they have left. Fortunately, they closed the curtain as if it was intermission.



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Around the World : Teresa Forever!

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General Superior Rev. Fr. Saverio Cannistra, OCD cordially imparts the requested blessing to the Ortega Twins on November 6, 2016 at the New Manila, Quezon City.

February 18, 2017
St. Simeon, Bishop of Jerusalem, Martyr

THE COVER

The jet-powered airliner Boeing 707, commonly pronounced as "Seven Oh Seven", ushers the jet age for passenger travel with its First Flight in 1954, the year we twins _ Ma Luz O. Bolong and Ma. Nila O. Argel were born on January 16, at San Fernando, La Union, Philippines. With the popularization of jet travel, people have traveled around the world.

We went to Canada as immigrants in 1974. During holidays, our brother Steve Ortega and aunt Lourdes Ubaldo brought us around places nearby London, Ontario Canada and United States to see wonderful sights. After 2 1/2 years stay, we decided to go home to the Philippines for good.

Our brother Steve booked us home via a European tour, lest we will no longer have the chance to travel. Globus Gateway Holidays provided us a package tour of 10 countries that include United Kingdom, Italy, Vatican City, Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, and France.

The Jubilee Year 2000 pilgrimage to Holy Land wherein we walked in the footsteps of Jesus, and visited His birthplace, Bethlehem led us to experience sacred awe! In our Marian Pilgrimage 2002 we visited Fatima, Portugal where three children (Lúcia dos Santos, Jacinta Marto and Francisco Marto) have witnessed three apparitions of an angel in 1916 and several apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1917.

We joined Adam's Express Travel Agency Pilgrimage Tours for ease in travel, provision of a local guide, celebration of Mass and safety in unfamiliar roads in foreign lands. Learning from experience, we went on our own for our Avila 2015 pilgrimage.

Twin Luz receives an inspiration to go back to Fatima to attend the 100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN exactly 707 days before the October 13, 2017 celebration. This is the reason why we are going on a Fatima 100 pilgrimage.

Let us take you on a voyage around the world with our picturesque memoirs entitled Around the World: Teresa Forever! Join us in singing Around the World in the style of Frank Sinatra Karaoke version with lyrics composed by Nila Argel. The Second stanza goes this way _

To Avila, Spain we brought your statues as gifts.

Next we go to the Fatima 100 Pilgrimage.

Then no more tours 'coz we've found our world in you.

Forever we love you. Santa Teresa.



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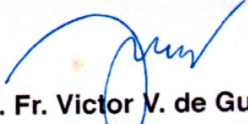
FOREWORD

Upon the request of the "Ortega Twins," for which moniker they are known in La Union, this project book has been reviewed.

Dedicated to their patroness Sta. Teresa de Avila, this coffee table book is informational as it is intended to be inspirational. It sketches the many venues, pilgrim places and countries which the Twins have toured in pursuit of understanding the breadth of the cultural heritage of the Catholic Church all over the globe. May this book, they pray, be a source of inspiration, too, for those who want to seek God in all things and places.

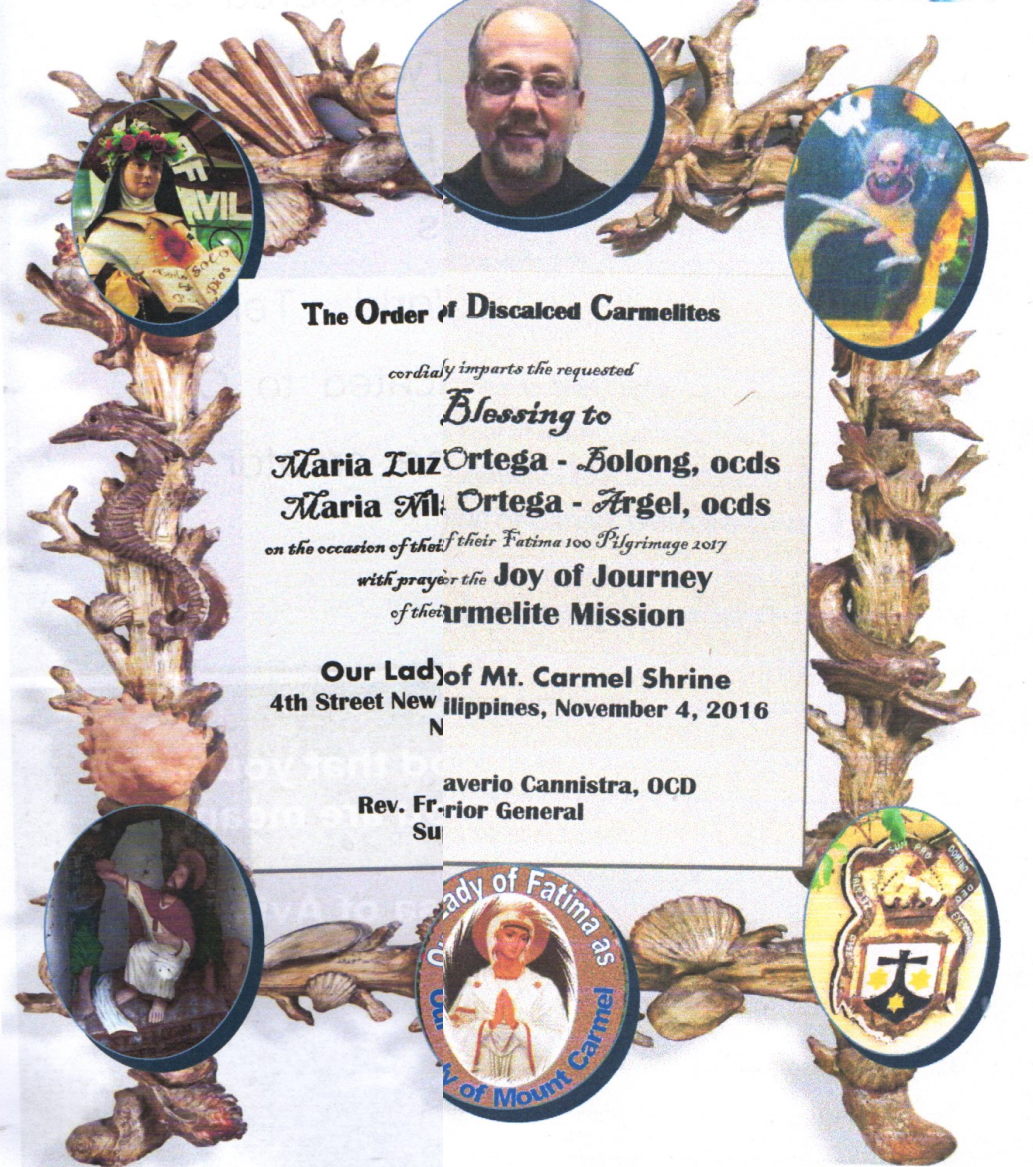
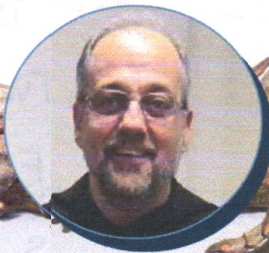
May the friends and relatives, and anyone who chances upon this coffee table book of Mesdames Luz and Nila find joy in browsing through these pages and be inspired by their devotion to and love for Sta. Teresa.

"Sólo amor es el que da valor a todas las cosas."


Rev. Fr. Victor V. de Guzman
Private Secretary to the Bishop
Diocese of San Fernando of La Union
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The Order of Discalced Carmelites

cordially imparts the requested

Blessing to

Maria Luz Ortega - Bolong, ocds

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on the occasion of their Fatima 100 Pilgrimage 2017

with prayer for the Joy of Journey

of their Carmelite Mission

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine

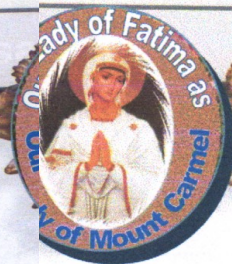
4th Street New Philippines, November 4, 2016

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In Allentown, Pennsylvania, Carmelite nuns have an exact replica of the icon of Mary, Mother of God. The artist sees Our LADY OF FATIMA as appearing this way in her last appearance as OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL. Upon presented with it, they wrote the following poem for the artist.

LUZ MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 Blessed be the mind, the heart, the hand,
 That drew this icon fair,
 Of beauty unsurpassable, yet sweet,
 God's Mother, rapt in prayer.
 All pure her face, her hands, her heart unseen,
 Chaste, white rapture, as morning glow.
 She ponders deep. Her sorrow shows,
 She bears the weight of souls on earth below!
 Awesome, yet so love-filled and so warm!
 Immaculate! Her praise shall never cease,
 In hearts that love and cherish her, God's Mother!
 Totus tuus! Mary's littlest ones,
 in the valley of Saint Therese.

At the Internet Luz saw an article about an incorrupt American nun (Mother Therese) for beatification in a monastery near Allentown, Pennsylvania. Interestingly, the poem was made by the nuns of that monastery. This nun had a great devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague and, so with us. In fact, our mother gifted us twins with a statue when we got married. During the OCDS Congress. we even had the statuette of the Infant Jesus during the enactment of Sinulog procession.

To the Adhoc committee for the bulletins especially on the attire to dress-up for the night socials in National costume. Our outfits are creations of inspiration from the Holy Spirit; inscriptions and designs and accessories are based from our readings. In the December 2 Marian Procession at Intramuros we were awed with almost 80 statues of Our Mary elaborately dressed.



Fr. Manny Ragil; Fr. Joey Aguinaldo SVD; Fr. Oscar Alunday SVD; Fr. Brigido Angngasing SVD; Fr. Cresencio Cancino SVD; Crisogono, Praeces; Fr. Dominador Ramos SVD; Fr. Romeo Fajardo SVD; Ret. Bro. Vincent Silug SVD; Fr. Jose Tagupa SVD; and Ret. Fr. Nicandro Vergara SVD

Mother Therese, a Cloistered U.S. Nun while very ill, and just shortly before her death clearly is a manifestation that she hungered after Holy Communion uttered these words: "I would not miss Holy Communion for anything in the world."

When her body exhumed in August of 2001, who died 63 years ago—in 1939 it appears to be "intact" and holding a palm that remains green. St. Teresa of Avila wrote, "Unless we forget this body of ours we will never make any progress in perfection," and Mother Therese lived according to the maxim that "we must forget self."

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Around the World: Teresa Forever

Ortega Twins' Gallery on Fatima and St. Teresa



Ma. Luz' picture taken by Ma. Nila at the Cova da Iria.



March 27, 2015_ Ortega twins attend blessing of Youth Center at CITes Avila, Spain.



Joint OCD-OCDS Christmas Program at the Carmel of the Holy Family monastery. Ma. Nila announces that the skit entitled "Calls from the Message of Fatima" is a repeat of their performance at Lipa City.



Ma. Luz portrays Sr. Lucia. In the opening scene, Ma. Luz said: "I was very busy at my work beyond the vegetable garden. I had met a child. I had asked him if he knew the Hail Mary and he said he did..."



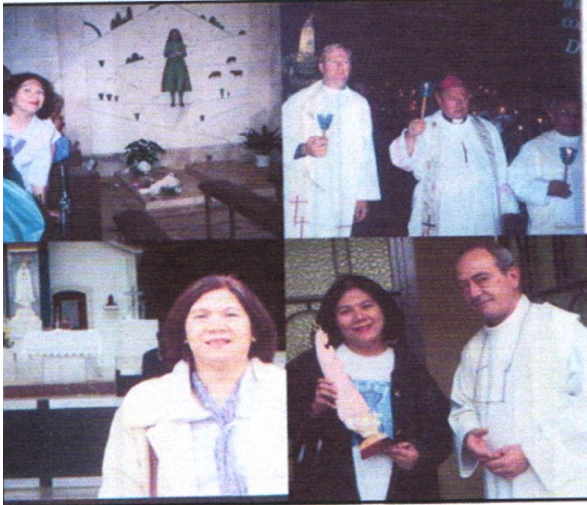
OCDS Congress at Carmelite Retreat Center at Iagaytay, Philippines. Ortega twins wearing scapular with the image of Our Lady of Fatima.



Countdown: Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13, 2014— 5th Birth Centenary of St. Teresa of Avila 9March 28, 2015)



Apparition site (top). Luz at Sr. Lucia's house and entertained by Sr. Lucia (middle l). Blessed Jacinta and Francisco (r) Miraculous fountain (bottom).



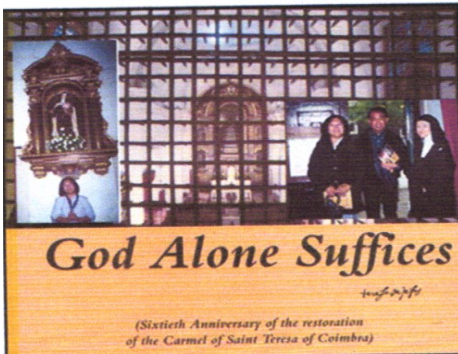
Luz at the Basilica with the tomb of Blessed Jacinta and prepared tomb for Sr. Lucia (above l). Procession (r). Nila in front of the Apparition Chapel (below l). Luz holds statuette of Fatima blessed by the Priest (r).



Ortega twins at the float with St. Teresa of Avila life-size statue. They are promoting Twin TV a member of Signis, Philippines.



October 2, 2009_ blessing of the Wooden Statues and Shepherds at OCDS House of Prayer (l). Jerome Adriatico, SVD Provincial Superior. With the Wooden Statues, Ma. Luz had in her hands statues made.



The souvenir book given by Mother Superior. Luz in front of the image of St. Theresa (inset l) and a pose with a Sister and Fr. Danny before leaving the Convent (r).



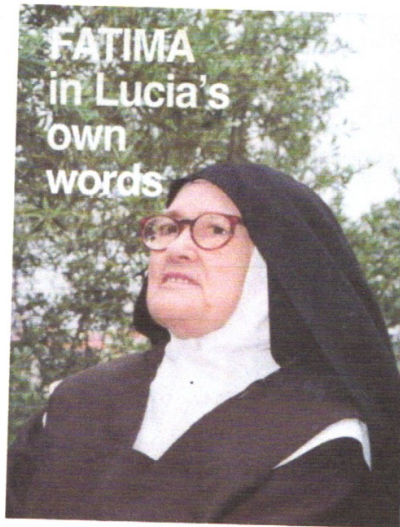
Luz kneels in prayer at Fatima



The picture of the three visionaries (bottom). Ma. Luz for in the photo she looks so familiar with Sr. Lucia that she thought Lucia was her. She has a picture when she was in 8th year high school at Christ the King College (top l) 20 year old; Sr. Lucia in her photo was 35.

EPILOGUE

An expert in the law tried to test the Lord Jesus by asking Him to declare what was the greatest commandment in the Law of Moses. Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself."



Sister Maria Lucia de Jesus dos Santos, shares the events that transpired between May 13 and October 13, 1917 at the Cova da Iria region of Fatima, Portugal through the instructions by her superiors. Lucia introduces her cousins, the other two seers, Francisco and Jacinta to whom our Lady appeared. The 13th Day, the first major motion picture on the Miracle at Fatima, Lucia says at the film's end, "it is my hope that Fatima will remain a light in the dark, a light that will lead us to peace."

Our booklet, *Around the World: Teresa Forever!*, in a way is fulfilling God's commandment of love. In doing God's Will; we felt God's love through His Divine Grace. "It is our hope that our booklet will lead others to dream. Our enthusiasm turned our dreams into reality.

Here are the steps we followed to reach our dream:

1. Write down the dream in a tagline. For example, *Around the World: Teresa Forever?!; AVILA 2015 Pilgrimage, Jubilee 2000 Pilgrimage* etc.
2. Research on places to see and set a schedule or timetable. Browse through the internet.
3. Deal with a problem or difficult situation. Find solutions.
4. Assess your strengths,™ advantage in accomplishing your dream. Positive outlook. Friends.
5. Put your trust in God to help you. In the Parable of the Persistent Widow Jesus shows that we should always pray and not give up.

Pray that God will give you the desires of your heart!



Ma Luz O. Bolong

Ma Luz O. Bolong, ocds



GO AROUND THE WORLD

12 + 72 = 84 DAYS

THE 12 APOSTLES

THE 72th DISCIPLE

The Mission of the 72 - Luke 10

They by the passing of the disciples were assigned 97% to preach in order for us to share the Gospel and face whatever challenges of life that we will be faced together for our salvation.

God has appointed us to be His special messengers in our ministry as we share the Gospel and mission for the year 2017.

The passing of the disciples was for us.

100th Anniversary

L-r: Lucia Santos (9 yrs old), Francisco and Jacinta Marto

María Luz Ostago (12 yrs old)

Luz Face Superimposed over St. Lucia's Face

84 DAYS AROUND THE WORLD

TERESA FOREVER!

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

FATIMA 100 PILGRIMAGE

November 2017

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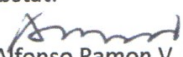
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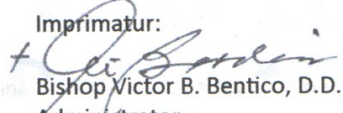
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FRONT COVER:

Why "84 days Around the World" Travel for Ortega Twins_ Maria Luz and Maria Nila? There are 12 Apostles and 72 Disciples. It must have been heaven-blessed that on the day of our departure from the Philippines on October 5, 2017, the Gospel of Luke 10: 1-27 is on the Mission of the Seventy-two. The pairing of the 72 disciples "two by two" was designed by Christ in order for us to think and face whatever challenges of life that awaits ahead together.

FATIMA 100 PILGRIMAGE

The Story of Fatima really begins in the year 1916 when three children_ Lucia, a girl of 9, Francisco, a boy of 8, and Jacinta, a little girl of 6 years old received the visit of an Angel, went out into the valley of the Cova da Iria near the village of Fatima in Portugal. In our Lady's last apparition at Fatima, Portugal on October 13, 1917, she declared: "People must pray the Rosary. Let them continue saying it everyday."

The picture of the three visionaries surprised Luz for she looks like Sr. Lucia in her photo taken when we were 12 years old. In 2002, at the Shrine of Fatima we prayed at the sepulchers of Sr. Lucia's cousins Jacinta and Francisco. Next to the tombs of these two, now proclaimed saints was the prepared final resting place for Sr. Lucia of Fatima. We visited Carmel of Coimbra, Portugal where Sr. Lucy of Jesus and of the Immaculate Heart, ocd, formerly Sr. Lucia lives. Sr. Lucy, the last of the three, died on February 13, 2005 at 97 years old.

On October 12, 2017, while Luz was resting at the stairs going to the colonnade, she saw the name St. Teresa de Jesus on the walls. Spending time at the steps with the statue of St. Teresa on top, Luz was inspired to join the sick during the healing mass. We were not allowed to see the tomb of Sr. Lucia as they were preparing for the anniversary concert.

There were mist in the atmosphere of October 13_ the day of the 100th anniversary of the "miracle of the sun," compared on the previous three days where there was none. We felt Mama Mary's presence during the recitation of the Holy Rosary at the apparition chapel. This "Happy Atmosphere Mist," exhilarates and excites, leaving us into a state of happiness. Where we were standing we could see the statue of St. Teresa on top of the colonnade. After the Rosary we proceeded to the colonnade for the farewell mass.

Upon setting foot at the colonnade Luz received a personal revelation from God.

"There were people moving towards my direction. Someone was pointing at me with a joyous greeting_ I knew that lady is somebody special.... I took a portrait of her. Then there were flashes of cameras."

In the Interior Castle_ Sixth Mansion Chapter 3, St. Teresa of Avila says that God is sometimes pleased to speak to the Soul. The Interior locution experienced by Luz was followed by picture-taking with some Filipino pilgrims. The Ortega Twins had a short conversation with them.

This memorable encounter at Fatima Portugal is a manifestation of what Luz claims since 2002 or 15 years ago that she looks like Sr. Lucia. Coincidentally, at the airport in Greece a co-passenger sketched Luz' face and later gave the portrait to her before we embarked for Turkey. It is a great gift which Luz treasures a lot. Sr. Lucy, ocd truly led us in attend the Centennial Anniversary on October 13, 2017. At this juncture we recall the many marvels the Lord has done in our journey with Him. We then exclaim, TERESA FOREVER!

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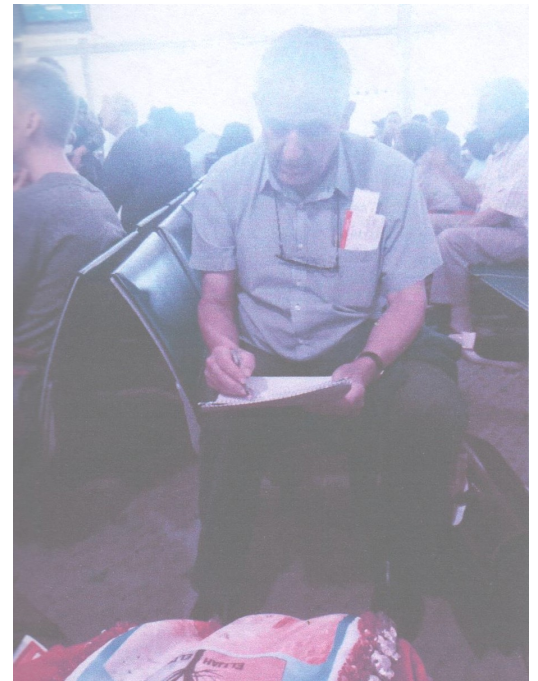
Of the 17 countries we planned to visit, in our priority list aside of course from Fatima, Portugal is Brazil. The blessed Virgin is united with her Son, Christ the Redeemer. As Virgin Mary had the maternal authority over Jesus, she also exercises this maternal authority over us, her Carmelite sons and daughters. Going up therefore to the Summit of Mount Corcovado to see the statue of Christ the Redeemer at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil was awesome.

FOURTH QUARTER 2017

In our visit to the different Discalced Carmelite Monasteries, we were lucky that the doors of the monasteries were opened to welcome us. We slept at the guest house of the Monastery of the Barefoot Carmelites of Santa Teresa in Bolivia. We had our picture taken with the Bishop of Bolivia who came to say mass at the Monastery chapel.



Cover design painted by father and son—TONY AND BOYET BELLEZA, the local artist of San Fernando, La Union 236



Fr. Paul Fenech, Catholic priest from Malta

Goodbye Greece

At the Airport Luz left Nila while they were waiting for their Airplane to go to Turkey. Then there was a guy taking the portrait of Luz. Luz went to report to Nila but the guy prefers Luz to stay put as he was concentrating on his drawing the face of Luz. The guy had companions. They told Luz not to move so the guy could finish the portrait.

When he was done the painter gave Luz her portrait. In exchange he said, "Please pray for me". Luz is thankful for at Fatima, Portugal she received this revelation which is written inside front cover. Below is the incident worth reprinting:

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BACK COVER:

The original plan was only to attend the 100th anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima, Portugal. Then we thought of seeing some countries in South America as we haven't been to this continent. We thought one can't go to Antarctica. However, when our brother Steve Ortega said there are tourists going to Antarctica we got excited. This means that finally we could see all the 7 continents.

SOUTH AMERICA

We consider our visit to South America complete for we were able to pray at the Shrine of St. Teresa of Jesus of Los Andes and attended a mass at the Sanctuary with a Carmelite Friar celebrating the mass. She is the first Chilean and the first Discalced Carmelite Nun outside Europe to be declared a Saint.

ANTARCTICA

Two memorable experiences at Antarctica: Firstly, to be walking in-between penguins swimming on the cold sea and penguins resting on the mountains covered with snow. Secondly, praying inside St. Mary Queen of Peace, a Catholic Chaple at King George Island and successfully leaving the St. Teresa de Jesus of Avila statue. Our Certificate states:

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A special area of planet Earth.

An unforgettable and magical journey.

A place where few people have ever set foot."

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The other country we were eager to go was Indonesia. At the Kupang airport we got a warm welcome. An OCDS Friar was around to fetch us aside from our expected tour guide. We met Fr. Aloysius Deeney, OCD at the Friars Monastery. Nila gave him two booklets: 1. Proposed Itinerary 2. Actual Pilgrimage. Our twins' Report on our Fatima 100 Pilgrimage is dubbed as "84 Days Around the World_ Teresa Forever! Luz was so thrilled with our visit that in a gesture of gratitude had blessing by the hand or "mano" to Fr. Deeney, our friar in-charge of the Seculars in East Asia.

7 CONTINENTS

Fr. Aloysius Deeney, OCD, received the 7th and last statue we brought for our Fatima 100 Pilgrimage at the monastery of Kupang, Indonesia. We twins successfully fulfilled our mission of giving the Pilgrim statues of St. Teresa of Avila to the 7 continents of the world. Indeed, a Journey of "Great Faith". The statue is a symbol of our love to St. Teresa. In her 5th birth centenary celebration, we were witnessed to her being loved by the Carmelite Family, composed of the Friars, Nuns and Seculars.

CHRISTMAS 2017

Our Pilgrimage from October - December 2017 was a White Christmas Holiday for us. The cold weather was bearable and pleasant. The sounds and lights of Christmas made us like little children again as we pose with the Santa Claus at Lima, Peru for a souvenir photo.

Felis Navidad

Prospero Año Nuevo!

In our 84 days Around the World, we have experienced the Joy of Journey!

South America



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December 2017



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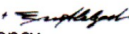


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FRONT COVER:

I, Maria Luz Ortega-Bolong, oclds wanted the statuette of St. Teresa of Avila to be brought out in the procession during her 438th death anniversary in October 2020 in an elevated carriage. The two framed images from Spain printed during the 5th birth centenary celebration of St. Teresa will be attached on both sides of the carriage that will carry the statuette.

On February 3, 2020 I instructed the work to be done at the OCDS House of Prayer (HOP). The Sea and Sky College (SASC) workers will construct a platform for the elevated carriage while Belleza Art Shop was to repaint the water tank and paint a 15 stairways on a piece of plywood. Fifteen steps symbolizes St. Teresa's birth year on 1515.

February 4, the work on the carriage was done. On February 6, Belleza finished painting and placed the stairways painting on the carriage. In the evening my twin and I went to pick our Filipiniana costume in Aringay, La Union. Eager for the shooting I asked Sr. Rose about the carriage, if everything is ready for the shooting. She said that something terrible happened to the carriage. I told her that we drop by the OCDS HOP.

The sketch done by artist Tony Belleza shows what happened as narrated by Divina Suizo. "The carpenters put thick slab of brick to maintain the balance of the carosa before leaving the OCDS HOP. Unknowingly, the artist took the slab in his hands and when he stepped to put it down, the carosa tumbled backwards - the wheel of the bicycle went up in the air and the two candle holders on front were thrown down on the ground and broke right away. The pentagon's roof opened throwing St. Teresa's statuette on the ground breaking the halo. I was at that time having my rosary walk and I was heading where the carosa was. I ran but it was so fast—I was aghast."

Listening to what happened, we twins felt shock; acceptance and thankfulness enveloped us. The statuette's face and body suffered no scratches or deformity and the two glass frames suffered no breakage. Certainly, the minor damage resulting from the accident is through divine intervention. St. Teresa of Avila says, "I know by experience that the glorious St. Joseph assists us generally in all necessities.

In the morning of February 7, we twins wore our Filipiniana attire and proceeded to the Sea and Sky College for our hair and make-up by SASC instructor Jesus Manangan and a student. I instructed the workers to fix the carriage and the SASC students to decorate it.

Our shooting with the BA Communication students who acted as production assistants and camera man went as scheduled.



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X. 505TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA MARCH 28, 2020

10.1 Testimonies on Shooting held February 7, 2020

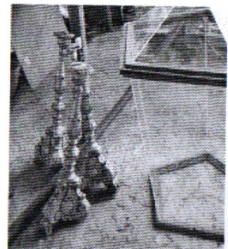
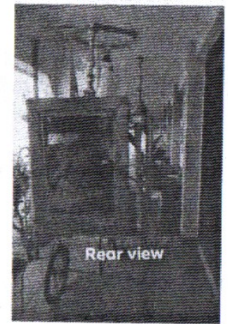
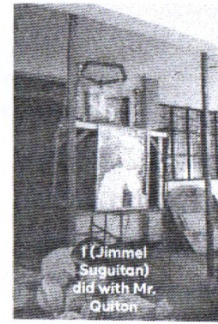
Fr. Provincial Delegate Benedick Piangco, OCD gave each of the Communities, copies of the photo of St. Teresa used during her centenary at Avila, Spain. I got two copies of the image and had it framed using 2442-8 gold moldings on December 16, 2019.

Last February 5, 2020, I (Jimmel Suguitan) and JR Quiton went to the OCDS House of Prayer to install the additional platform for the St. Teresa carosa and it was satisfactorily done. The picture frame that was placed at the rear side was really huge so we placed a counter weight at the front of the lower platform.

Divine Lumen's written testimony of what transpired at the OCDS House of Prayer on February 6, 2020.

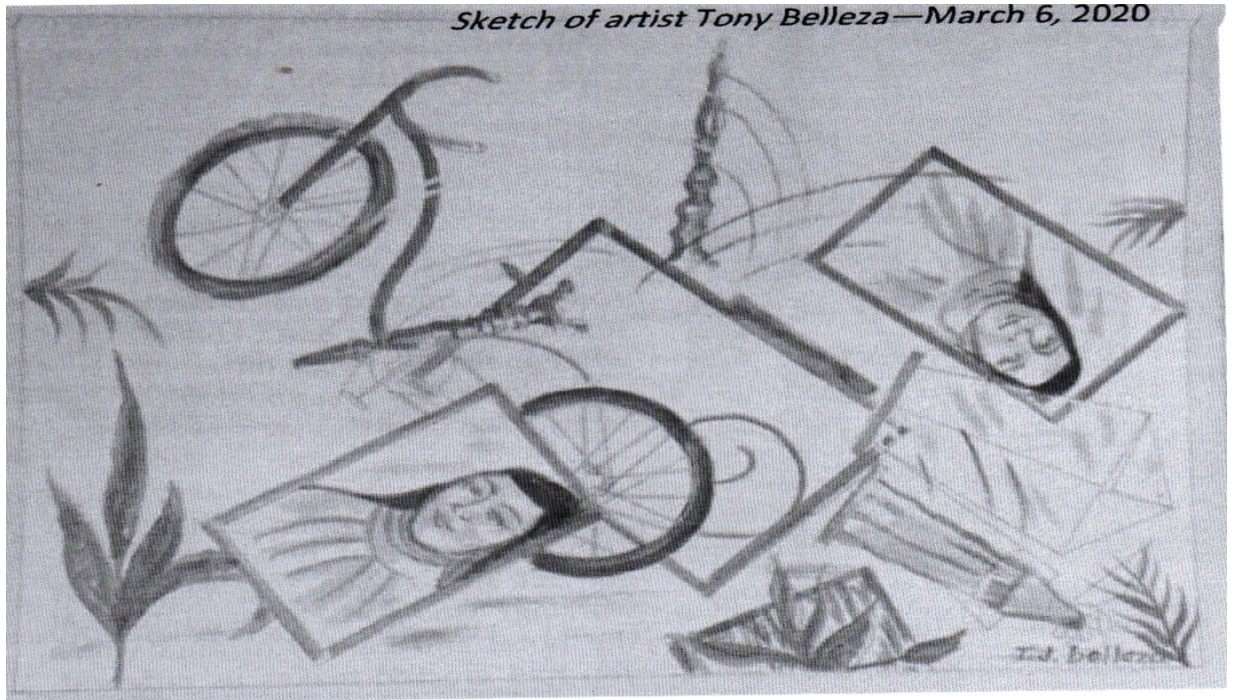
The artist saw that a thick slab of brick was left on the flooring of the carosa. When the artist took the slab of brick in his hands and put it down, the carosa tumbled backwards, the wheel of the bicycle went up the air and the two candle holders were thrown down on the ground with the base broken while the other one remained lying on the roof. The pentagon's roof opened throwing St. Teresa's statue to the ground. The face and body of St.

Teresa statuette suffered no scratches or deformity. The frame suffered no breakage, not even nail disengagement. Luz went to check on Feb. 19 what material was used for the frame. Lito Oreiro said it was 1/16 clear glass.



Jimmel Suguitan fixed the protecting flexiglass pentagon by putting adhesive. SASC students decorated the carosa beautifully. St. Teresa saved these holy objects not only for the shooting of the Ortega twins but preserve them as loving momentos to her children who will continue to follow in her footsteps in living the life and spirit of Carmel.

Sketch of artist Tony Belleza—March 6, 2020



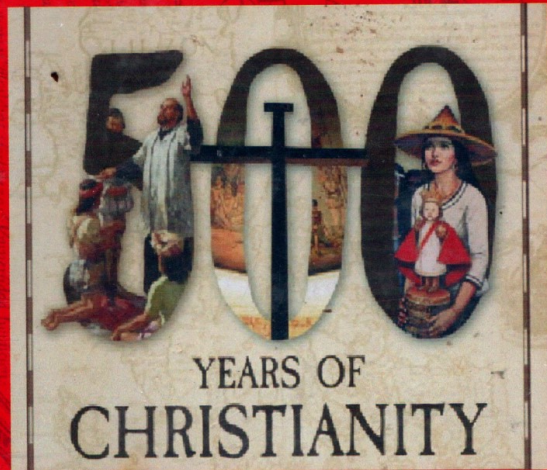
In the Footsteps of La Madre:



ORTEGA TWINS OFFERING FOR THE



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We twins prepared a skit for the Joint Christmas program of the St. Teresa of Avila Community and the Carmel of the Holy Family Nuns at Pindangan in 2009.

The setting was the Carmelite Monastery where Sr. Lucia, the visionary of Fatima resides. Wearing a Carmeline nun habit, Ma. Luz is seen with two statues of Sto. Niño.

Ma. Luz said, "I was very busy at my work beyond the vegetable garden. I had met a child. I had asked him if he knew the Hail Mary and he said he did, *where upon I requested him to say it so that I could hear him.*

But as he made no attempt to say it by himself, I said it with him three times over, at the end of which I asked him to say it alone. I asked him if he knew where the Church of Santa Maria was, to which he replied that he did. I told him to go there every day and to say this: "O my heavenly mother, give me your Child Jesus!" I taught him this, and then left him.

On the 15th of February, 1926, I found a child who seemed to me to be the same one whom I had previously met, so I questioned him:

"Did you ask our heavenly Mother for the Child Jesus?" The child turns to me and said: "And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?" With that, He was transformed into a resplendent Child. Sr. Lucia knew then that it was Jesus."



Saint Teresa is personally associated with devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague, a statue she may have owned.



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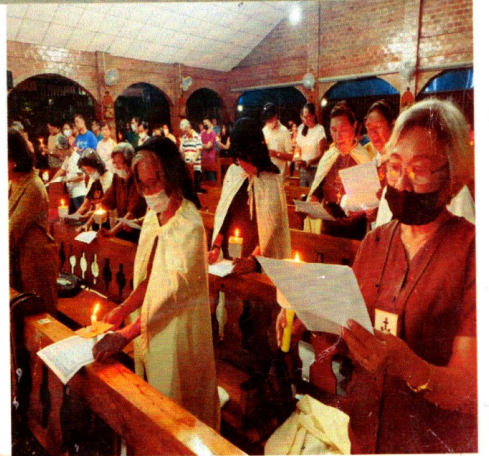
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

DECEMBER 14TH





One of the most important of all the revelations of Fatima is the last great vision in 1929. The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.



April 14, 2023

Nihil Obstat:



Msgr. Alfonso Lacsamana

Parish Priest , Our Mother of Perpetual Help

FRONT COVER:

Fatima Message

Our Lady of Fatima gave us 3 Task to bring peace to our world:

1. Be sorry for what we've done wrong; put God first in our lives.
2. Pray the Rosary each day for peace.
3. Make sacrifices for sinners so they will know and love God.

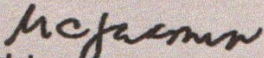
We twins are blessed for our God the Father statue up to waist is now at St. William the Cathedral. We do our best in bringing harmony in the Ortega Clan. Last Easter Vigil 2023, the community with lighted candle renewed our baptismal vow. Also, we twins and our fellow Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites renewed our vows and promises.

"The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it" ...
William James

In the pages of this book, you will meet the Ortega Twins: Ma. Luz and Ma. Nila, as they share their "life to the full". Refreshing and inspiring _ they have written the evidences that "nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account..."

Yes, it is no accident that the Ortega twins were born. By their life as accounted for in this book, printed for generations to read, the reason of their birth, is clear _ they were born to God! For Ma. Luz, I am a witness to her travails: from a College Teacher at St. Louis College in San Fernando, La Union she accepted teaching loads in the field of business education and then she planted the seed that was to grow with fondest caring now known as the Sea and Sky College. Interspersed by joint undertakings with her twin, Ma. Nila, Ma. Luz pursued a dream...education for life! Now, a landmark in the City of San Fernando, students are given the opportunity to study and prepare themselves for a future like the Ortega Twins, they too, will realize that their Sea and Sky College is an instrument to a successful life on earth.!

Let us read this book and get inspired. As Bishop Carlito Censon of the Apostolic Vicariate of Baguio, Benguet wrote:
Exempla trahunt (Examples draw)
Verba Movent (Words move)
Scripta Manent (What is written remains)



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Our Lady of Fatima

While attending mass at St. William's Cathedral on August 5, 2022, I, Luz got an inspiration to prepare a report this time addressed to Manong Manoling Ortega. I have chosen our tarpaulin printed last May 13, 2022, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. This statue I bought through a vendor in front of the cathedral was dirty so I bathe it while staying at the Evaristo-Rosa Ortega Ancestral Home. I was surprised because it looked like newly varnished. Well, those little "miracles".

But what would be nice, come August 15, 2022? Our Lady's Assumption is for true peace in the Ortega Clan, a prelude to the whole world. I presume I take over the shoes of the late Sr. Lucia of Fatima for the following reasons:

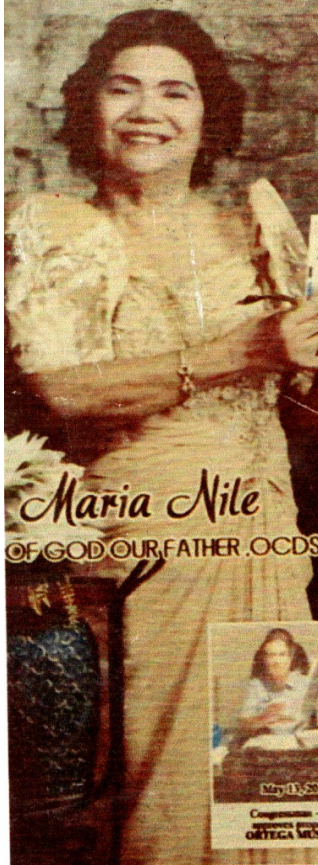
1. On March 31, 1969, the grand statue of Our Lady of Fatima visited San Fernando. On top right side in the photo is papa Bisting helping carry the statue.
2. A namesake of Sr. Lucia of Fatima, I was awakened from a dream at midnight of August 4, 2002. I was inspired to go to Fatima to visit Sr. Lucia, so we twins went for a Marian Pilgrimage to Europe. We saw Sr. Lucia's house and her prepared tomb. In a photo of the three visionaries, I could see my resemblance with Sr. Lucia.
In 2017, I received another inspiration to attend the 100th year of the "Miracle of the Sun on October 12. On top of the colonnade were statues of saints, and that the first from left is the statue of St. Teresa of Avila. Upon setting foot at the colonnade the following day, October 13, to attend the culmination mass, I received a revelation from God. "People were moving towards me. Somebody pointing and with a joyous greeting said, "I knew that lady is special... I took a portrait of her." Then there were flashes of cameras."
Coincidentally, at the airport in Greece, a co-passenger, Fr. Paul Fenech, a Roman Catholic Priest sketched my face and later gave the portrait to me before embarking for Turkey.
4. My religious name as Secular Professed Discalced Carmelite is Maria Lucia of God Our Father. We twins had our ceremonial on February 19, 2005.
5. On May 13, 2016, I went to look for cousin Pablo Ortega. Luckily, I saw him at the City Hall. He expressed approval of a Museum. In fact, he said may the original furniture should be displayed. We twins had brought our Papa Bisting's desk and chair at the Ancestral House of Lolo Joaquin.
6. We went on a pilgrimage in 2017 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Miracle at Fatima. We were unable to visit Sr. Lucia's tomb because of the preparations for a concert. It is ironic that pilgrims were prevented to visit her tomb when pilgrims have to pray for her intercession. However, God immediately lifted our spirits from the disappointment. A couple brought us to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Ortiga, in the parish of Fatima. According to tradition, Our Lady appeared around year 1758 to a shepherd girl who was going to guard her flock. The Lady asked for a little sheep. The girl who was mute from birth, felt her tongue loosen and replied to the Lady that she would not give her the sheep without the permission of her father. The father was overjoyed and told her to give the Lady whatever she asked. This gives us twins, the determination to propagate devotions to Our Lady of Fatima.
7. SIGNIS Philippine President Bernard Canaberal acknowledged it is a miracle that we twins were able to go to the 7 continents in 84 days. We agree, for we consider it as a gift from our Lady. We thought we would only go to Europe and South America but it had brought us to Antarctica and the rest of the continents.

Feast of our Lady of Fatima
 May 13, 2022

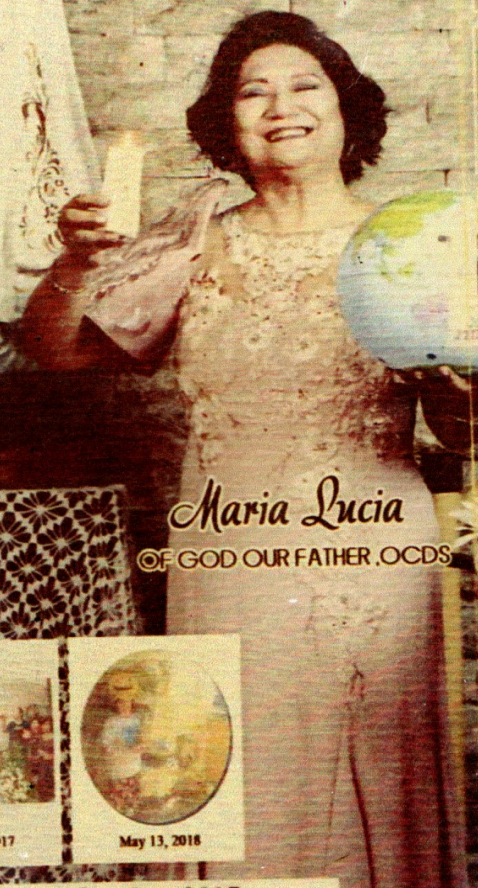
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Maria Luz and Maria Nila are twin sisters who became part of the Filipino population in 1954. Maria Nila, the younger twin is the author of *In the Footsteps of La Madre: Sta. Teresa de Avila*. She is one of the 2021 recipients of the Biguena Achievers Award in the field of Media. After living for a few years in Canada, she returned to the Philippines because no place is like home and decided to carry out God's will as evangelists.

In her book, written on the occasion of the 500th year of Christianity in the Philippines (1521-2021) she carries out their mission, a book designed for the Catholic reader to journey with two Secular Carmelites in their quest to do God's will and holiness of life, and hopefully be moved by such experiences towards God.

Maria Nila Argel.

In 1954, the late Judge Evaristo Ortega and Rosa Ubaldó, their parents, contributed their own twins. Maria Luz, was named after then First Lady Luz Magsaysay. Being a 15 minutes younger, she was named Maria Nila after Leonila Garcia, wife of Vice President Carlos Garcia. March 17, 1957 President Magsaysay died on a plane crash, and so Vice President Garcia succeeded to the presidency. The '50s had given them the chance to grow and enjoy the mirth of innocence. When they were kids, mama and papa made sure people would not mistake them as ordinary sisters. They dressed them like twins - and our joy and their parents were limitless. They were practically inseparable - we



shared the same room and bed, went to the same school. The '60s imbibed in them the thrill of adolescence. High school friends are some of the best friends a person can have. They had fun times with their classmates and coming close to God by joining the religious organizations like Theresians and Lourdesiana. The '70s unfolded before them the scrolls of responsibility. They went to school at the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas graduating in 1974 with the same passion for Continuing Education, Work and Making A Difference. They worked for a while at the National Media Production Center at Intramuros, Manila. Before the year 1974 ended, Mama gave them roots and wings. They flew to Canada where aunt Lourdes and brother Steve lived. They worked and travelled. Indeed, it was an enjoyable 2 ½ years experiencing the four seasons: winter, spring, summer and fall. They decided to go home for good via Europe. Then the waves of the '80s rushed in and threw them in unexpected relationships. Luz got married in 1978 to Danny Bolong and she in 1980 to Pacifico Argel who lives at Vigan City, Ilocos Sur. She worked with the Department of Public Information. The '90s witnessed the growth of a new life cycle with the birth of the children. God bless! 1999 - the Year of God the Father is the start of their persevering discipleship.

Nurtured their children to ripen and see their fruits mature to witness their own life cycle. She retired from government service after 37 years as manager of the Vigan Information Center of Philippine Information Agency in 2015 which was not the end of a productive life. In fact, it was a transition point for beginning a new phase in her life.

The book "In the footsteps of La Madre: Sta. Teresa de Avila" is the greatest legacy that they will leave to their heirs.



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STA. TERESA DE AVILA Joins Ortega Twins 500 YOC Journey



14 April 2021



Reenactment of the First Baptism



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FRONT COVER:

By the authority of President Rodrigo Duterte, Proclamation No. 1130 was issued declaring a special non-working holiday for the city of Cebu on April 14, 2021 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the first baptism.

The celebration was in a very limited capacity of only 700 individuals in a venue that has the capacity to accommodate 3,000 people. Security was tight at the Magellan's Cross at Plaza Sugbo but with Luz showing our reports to the police, we successfully passed through and she is seen at the Welcome Arch jubilant.

Arriving early we had the opportunity to watch the Sandiego Dance company doing their rehearsals on the reenactment of the First Baptism in front of the Magellan's cross, the holding of the First Baptism Mass in the Philippines and the gifting of the Santo Niño to Juana of Cebu. The first baptism in the archipelago took place in Cebu on April 14, 1521 when Spanish missionaries led by Fr. Pedro Valderama, chaplain of the expedition administered baptism to Rajah Humabon, his wife Hara Humamay and at least 800 of their subjects. Humabon and Humamay, who were given the Christian names Carlos and Juana were the first to embrace Christianity in the Philippines. Chaplain. Juana asked Magellan to give her the image of the Sto. Niño to keep in place of her idols. The actual show started at 2:30 p.m.

There was a one-hour rests before the Pontifical mass in commemoration of the 500 Years of Christianity at 4 p.m. We had a souvenir photo of the 500 YOC logo. We were lucky to get seats reserved for visitors as the processional with Apostolic Nuncio Charles Brown, main celebrant with Cardinal Emeritus, Orlando Quevedo, OMI, Cebu Archbishop Jose Palma, and Auxiliary Bishop Midyphil Billionness, passed by at our place.

The nuncio led the welcoming of the seven children, namely: David Villagrancia, John Michael Dragon, Milby Illocendo, April Suan, Billy Connie Pal, French Cedrin Sison and Jolito Abaquita Jr. to the Catholic Christian Community. They also received their first Holy Communion. The newly-baptized children were carrying images of Sr. Sto Niño. The commemoration highlights the call for Filipinos to recommit to their baptismal calling and continuously share the "Light of Christ" to the world.

Apostolic nuncio waves to the Cebuanos as the crowd sings "Bato Balani sa Gugma" at the concluding rites. Luz was carried away with the song and waving of hands that she went in front. Then the nuncio gave his blessings, "May the Almighty and merciful Lord, grant you indulgence, absolution, and remission of all your sins."

Viva Pit Senior, Viva Señor Sto. Niño. Viva Pit Senior

The Covers of this book has a Philippine Flag butterfly as its border.

INSIDE BACK COVER:

We twins delivered the manuscript of our book, "STA. TERESA DE AVILA Joins Ortega twins 500 YOC Journey" on May 12, 2021 at DZNS, for the Nihil Obstat and Foreword of Abbot Santos Rabang. We dropped by Pantay Fatima to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady.

On May 13, the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three shepherd children at the Cova da Iria, at Fatima, Portugal we attended mass at Simbaan A Bassit. Luz held the statue of Our Lady with the three children _ Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto, now Saints.

During the funeral mass of Abbot Rabang on May 18 we received the Foreword. As requested, the Foreword has the date May 13, 2021 below his signature. The oldest of the visionaries Lucia was also known as Lucia of Fatima and her religious name was Sister Maria Lucia of Jesus of the Immaculate Heart, OCD. She was a Portuguese Discalced Carmelite.

Our Lady of Fatima excites Luz. A Secular Carmelite she took a religious name Maria Lucia of God the Father, OCDS. On our 500 YOC Journey, we had encountered Our Lady's statues in various places:

1) March 22, 7:13 a.m. as we depart for Limasawa Island, site of the First Catholic Mass in the Philippines, we had picture with her statue before it was brought inside the boat.

2) March 27, 6:50 am. At Maasin, on our way to a computer shop, we saw a life-size statue of Our Lady in one of the sidewalk store.

3) April 4. Our Lady of Fatima, Spiritual Pastoral Formation Year House, Archbishop's Residence Compound, Cebu City. Luz through her video said:

Pray the Rosary everyday.

If possible, go to mass and receive holy communion daily.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

4) April 15, departure date. Ortega Twins with Louevelle Novalles at the Fatima Garden leading to the room where we stayed for 13 days at the Carmelite Nun Monastery.

Nila requested Oscar Ventulan, ocd to bring us to the Mabolo Church. Luz kisses the statue of Our Lady of Fatima as we leave the Church.

Pray the Rosary everyday
Servant of God Lucia of Fatima

