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THROUGH THE ILOCANO EXPERIENCE OF THE
LADY OF NAMACPACAN**

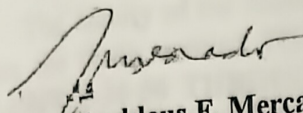
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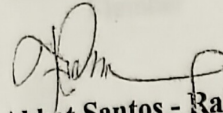
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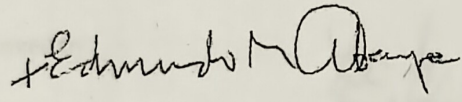
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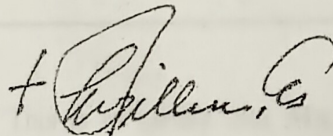

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Blessing of life-size image of Our Lady of Namacpacan
Rosa Ubaldo – Ortega, ocds First Death Anniversary
Gov. Lucero St., City of San Fernando, La Union
Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Canonical coronation

A **canonical coronation** is a pious institutional act of the pope, duly expressed in a formal decree of a papal bull, in which the pope bestows the pontifical right to impose an ornamental crown, a diadem to an image of Christ, Mary or Joseph. The act was later regulated to Marian images only, on 25 March 1973. The formal act is carried out by a representing proxy of the pope, via the apostolic nuncio or papal legate, or by the pope himself, by ceremonially attaching a crown, tiara, or stellar halo to the devotional image or statue.

Saint Catherine of Alexandria Parish Church, also known as the Shrine of Our Lady of Namacpacan , is located in Luna (formerly Namacpacan), La Union, Philippines under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of San Fernando de La Union. Once called Luna Church, its titular is Saint Catherine of Alexandria.



Nov. 23, 2024 65th Pontifical Coronation Anniversary and Solemn Spiritual Affinity_ Shrine of Our Lady of Namacpacan and the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

APPENDIX C.1
Church Hierarchy
(Apostolic Nuncio)



Most Rev. Salvatore Siiño
(1959-1963)



Most Rev. Antonio Franco
(1999-2006)



Most Rev. Carmine Rocco
(1967-1973)



Most Rev. Fernando Filoni



Most Rev. Bruno Torpigliani
(1973-1990)



Most Rev. Edward Joseph Adams
(2007- present)



APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE
MANILA PHILIPPINES

17 October 2006

Ms. MA. LUZ ORTEGA-BOLONG, OCDS
Sea and Sky Broadcasting, Inc.
Pagdaraoan, San Fernando City
2500 LA UNION

Dear Ms. Bolong,

I gratefully received your letter of 6 October 2006 which accompanied the VCD titled *Our Lady of Namacpacan: Naimbag a Nakem as Religious Experience*.

With filial confidence, I entrust you to Mother Mary, Our Lady of Namacpacan, that she may always obtain for you the grace and the zeal to promote her devotion through prayer and solidarity with the poor.

Sending you and your loved ones my prayerful best wishes for a grace-filled celebration of the central mysteries of our Redemption, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop FERNANDO FILONI
Apostolic Nuncio in the Philippines

Figure 4. Letter from Apostolic Nuncio Fernando Filoni to Ma. Luz O. Bolong, ocds

A Twins' Journey with Our Lady of Namacpacan

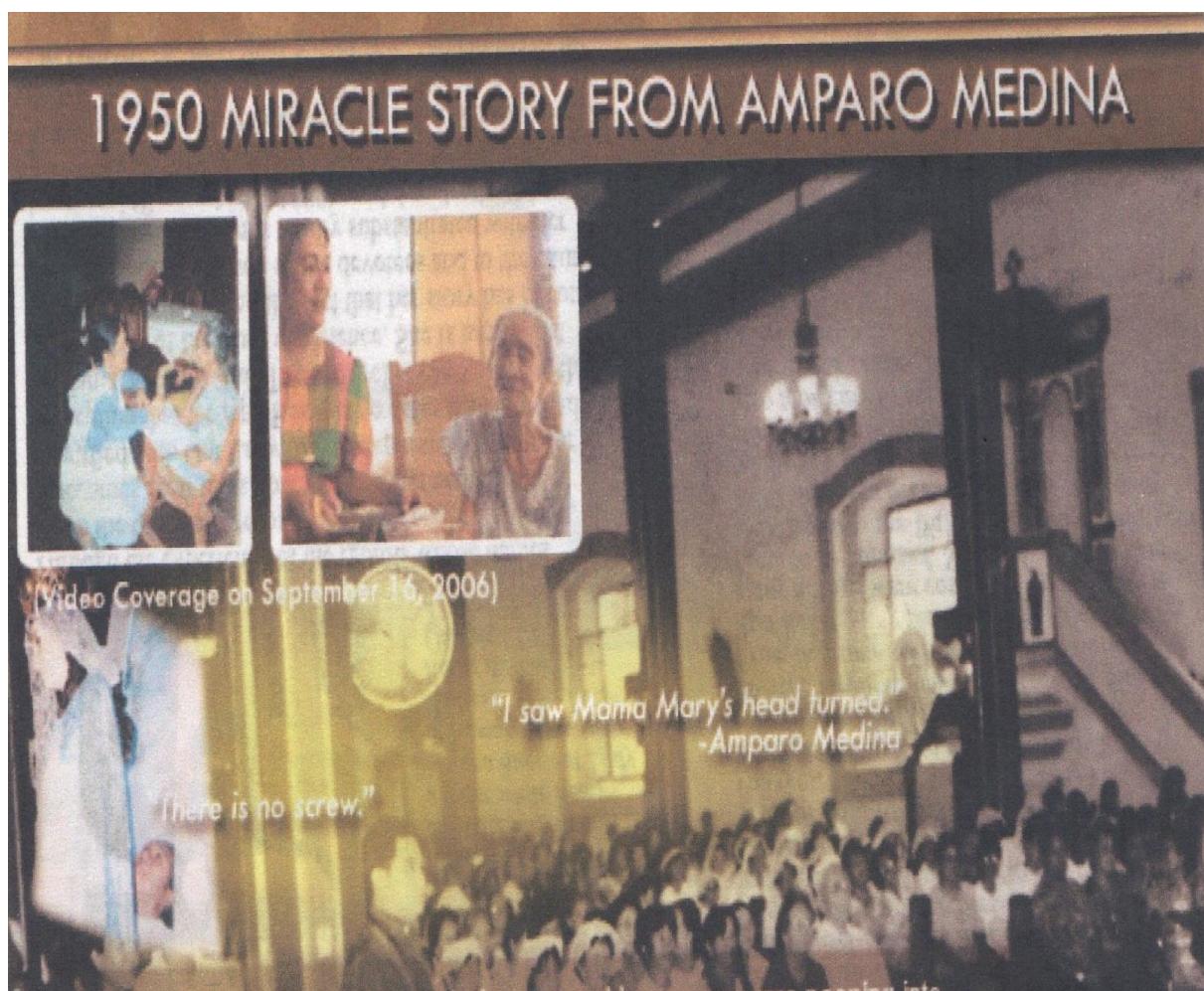


COMPLIMENTS
ORTEGA TWINS

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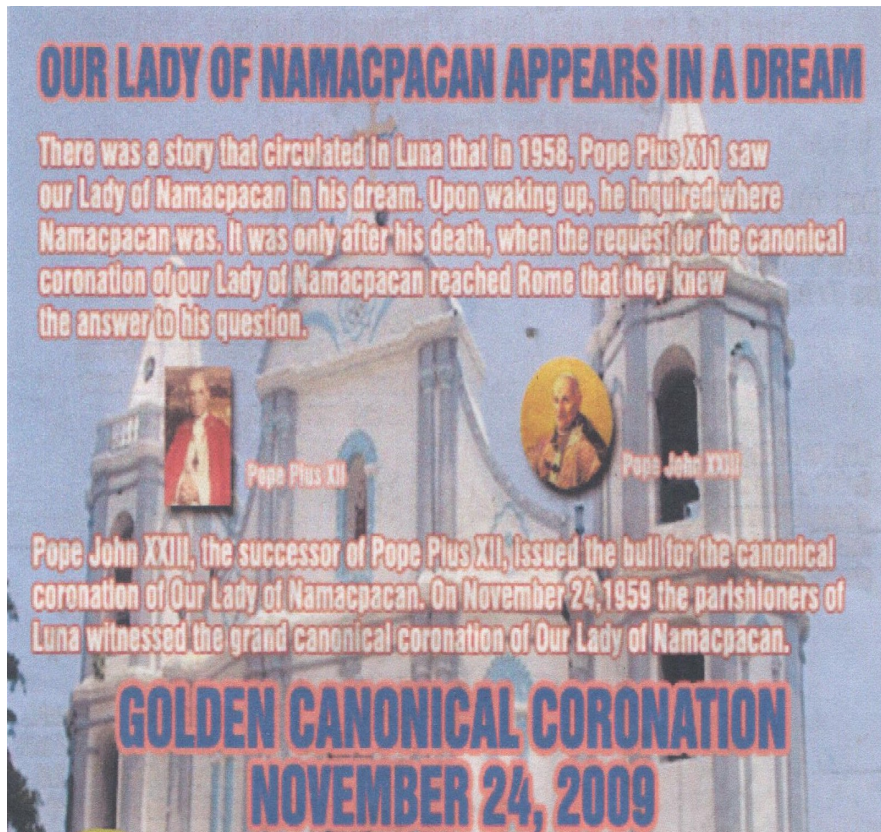
Twin sisters, Maria Luz and Maria Nila, undertake a study on the Ilocano's faith experience with Our Lady of Namacpacan, the miraculous image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the town of Luna, La Union. Together, the sisters unearth some miracle stories that may perhaps be unknown to many.

DVD
NTSC
English



Inside the dark church at night, people from several barangays were peeping into a window near the pulpit which Amparo Medina could not reach because she was small. The people asked the parish priest, Msgr. Quintin Velasquez to open the church door so they could see Apo Santa Maria.

When Amparo got near the statue, she saw her head turn sideways in different directions. She muttered a short thank you and told herself to return the next morning to see if there was a screw attached to Apo Santa Maria's head. Indeed, before the mass, she climbed the altar and saw with her own eyes that there was no screw. So "what I saw was true", was what she convincingly told us. Several days after that particular interview, Amparo passed away. It was as if she waited just for that miracle she experienced to be revealed and so now she can rest in peace.



Luz joins December 8 procession at Luna wearing a scapular with the image of Our Lady of Namacpacan. To promote the 50th canonical coronation of Our Lady Luz bought an altar that carried the images of Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Namacpacan. The announcement was embroidered in the scapular.

Golden Jubilee of Canonical Coronation_ Crowned by Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Rev. Edward Joseph Adams and former City Mayor of City of San Fernando, La Union, Philippines



The decree for the canonical coronation of the image, along with its canonical crown.



NOVEMBER 24, 1959



**His Eminence Jose F. Cardinal Advincula, Jr.
Cardinal of Manila**

HOMILY

Devotees of Our Lady of Namacpacan, we are here to celebrate two occasions: The 65th Pontifical Coronation Anniversary and the Solemn Declaration of the Special Bond of Spiritual Affinity between the Shrine of Our Lady of Namacpacan and the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

The image of Our Lady of Namacpacan was ordered from Spain by the Augustinian priest in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur. The ship carrying the statue of Our Lady intended for the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Vigan sought temporary shelter at Darigayos Cove. It was temporarily placed in the Church's convent. The next morning when the trip was about to commence, she could not be carried back to the ship and so the inhabitants took it as a sign that she wanted to stay there. A stream of Igorots came down from the mountains looking for the beautiful Lady who came to feed them and invited them to come down to Namacpacan.

Known locally as 'Apo Baket' which means venerable mother. She appears to the townspeople as an elder woman that offers them food.

Our Lady of Namacpacan was canonically crowned on November 24, 1959 through a special decree issued by Pope John XXIII through the Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines Salvatore Siino.

There are three important lessons: First is faithfulness to God's call. In the Annunciation, Mary said "yes". People should learn to say yes to God. We are called to trust in God's plan.

Second is Generosity, that is serving others. In Isaiah 61 it says, I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. Mary cared for her cousin Elizabeth and at the Wedding in Cana, she tells her son, they have no wine. And the miracle at Cana happened. Let us follow the example of Mary of generous love and service. To live out selfless love for others.

Third, is Mary praying for us, protecting us and leading us to her Son. In the Gospel, Mary played a most important role in our salvation.

REENACTMENT OF THE PONTIFICAL CORONATION OF OUR LADY OF NAMACPACAN

After the Homily, the Cardinal accompanied by the Bishop will reenact the coronation of the venerable and miraculous image of Our Lady of Namacpacan while the Hymn to Our Lady is being sung.

Afterwards, while kneeling, the Cardinal will lead the Act of Entrustment to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady.

ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF OUR LADY OF NAMACPACAN

O Mary, Our Lady of Namacpacan, Virgin most powerful and Mother of Mercy, Queen of peace and refuge of sinners, on this day of commemoration of your crowning, during this third millennium of Christianity, we your sons and daughters consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart.

We consecrate to you our very being and our whole life; all that we have; all that we love; and all that we are. To you we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls. To you we give our homes, our families, our communities, and our country. We desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to you.

In your presence today, our Lady of Namacpacan, we renew our promise of our baptism when we were restored to grace and became members of the family of the Church. We pledge ourselves to profess courageously and at all times, the truth of the Catholic faith which comes to us from the apostles and to live in communion with the Pope and Bishops throughout the world.

We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and his Church. In particular, we please ourselves to keep Holy the Lord's day. We likewise pledge ourselves to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, and above all, Holy Communion, an integral part of our lives, in so far as we shall be able so to do.

Finally, we promise you, O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of all, to devote ourselves whole-heartedly to your service, in order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of your Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of your adorable Son, in our own hearts and in the hearts of all, in our country and in all the world, as in heaven, so on earth. Amen.



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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Creed is said.

