

F. Journal from November 13-25, 2024

November 13, 2024

Visit of Our Lady of Assumption, Maasin Leyte



Nuestra Señora de la Asunción de Maasin - The Powerful Protectress of Maasin, Southern Leyte



Graces Received with the visit of Our Lady of Assumption of Maasin, Southern Leyte

The Sea and Sky College was privileged to be one among the schools and offices in the city of San Fernando, La Union to have welcomed the original image of Our Lady of Assumption de Maasin, the protectress of Southern Leyte.

Singing the "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother, they bid farewell to the image as it journeys to its next host, the Diocese of Nueva Segovia.

The Assumption of Mary gives us hope that our we are precious, destined to rise again."

It is very timely that the Jubilee Year 2025 will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." Thus, we the Ortega twins of La Union with deep faith present our testimonies in the hope that it could assist in the canonization of Venerable Sister Lucia on the Jubilee year 2025!



November 14, 2024

Feast of All Carmelite Saints

Some names of Carmelite Saints are easily recognized and include these Doctors of the Church: St. Therese of Lisieux, St. John of the Cross, and St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila). However, there are also important Carmelite Saints that are less famous such as: St. Brocard (“Brother B”), St. Berthold, the Prophets Elijah and Elisha, St. Simon Stock, and another Doctor of the Church, St. Cyril of Constantinople. Of course, consistent with Catholic teaching on saints, there are legions of other Carmelites who lived “heroically virtuous lives” who are certainly with God.

The day is to commemorate all of the Carmelite saints whether they be well-known and venerated - or known only to those who experienced their lives of sanctity which continue to provide inspiration today on how to live a life of faith, hope and love. The honored saints exemplify some of the important traits of the Blessed Virgin Mary – particularly her willingness to say “yes” and her loving relationship to her Son, Jesus Christ.



Lord,
may the patronage
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, our
Mother,
and the prayers of
all the saints of
Carmel
help us to walk
steadfastly in
their footsteps,
and by our prayers
and good works
further the cause of
your Church.
We ask this through
our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns
with you in the
unity of the Holy
Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

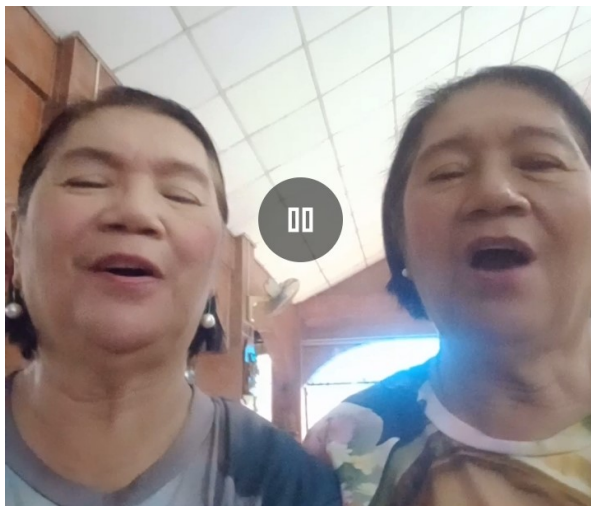


November 15, 2024

Feast of All Carmelite Souls

Today we remember and pray for our Carmelite dearly departed in a special way today, giving thanks for all that they have done, and praying that they may enjoy their eternal rest. In doing so, we continue to participate in the building up of the household of God, this house of many mansions (John 12:4), of which our brothers and sisters, and we ourselves, are invited to one day claim as our eternal home.

Today we also ask the Carmelite souls to pray for us as we journey toward Heaven to be with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Most Blessed Mother.



November 16, 2024

In today's gospel, Jesus offers a compelling example of faithful perseverance. It's the parable of the widow who won't take no for an answer. The widow was looking for justice, but the infamous judge, whom Jesus said "neither feared God nor respected any human being," didn't want to be bothered. Eventually, however, her persistence wore him down. Knowing that she will never give up, the judge finally rendered a decision. Jesus suggests that true "faith on earth" is exhibited not through spectacularly heroic deeds, but through the faithful perseverance by which we each day fulfill the commitments and responsibilities of our lives.



After the mass, we proceeded to our OCDS House of Prayer for our monthly meeting.



November 17, 2024

St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Gregory Thaumaturgus

Today the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious and St. Gregory Thaumaturgus. Elizabeth was famous for her great kindness and inexhaustible charity towards the poor and the sick.

Gregory was elected bishop. He was gifted with remarkable powers. He preached eloquently, made so many converts he was able to build a church, and soon was so reknowned for his miracles that he was surnamed Thaumaturgus (the wonderworker).



There is a danger that even the ambition to be a saint may be a self-willed and self-seeking ambition; but not if you have learned to be meek; for then you labour to the limits of your strength, you struggle to keep the commandments and to grow in love and in prayer, but you are patient with yourself, you leave the results to God, you do as well as you can at each successive moment, but whether or not you progress is a question you leave to God. Gerald Vann, O.P.

PROPHET IN LAYMAN'S TERM IS SOMEONE WHO SEES THE FUTURE AND REVEALS IT TO THE PEOPLE. ANOTHER DEFINITION, PROPHET IS DOING THE WILL OF GOD AND STANDS FOR THE TRUTH.



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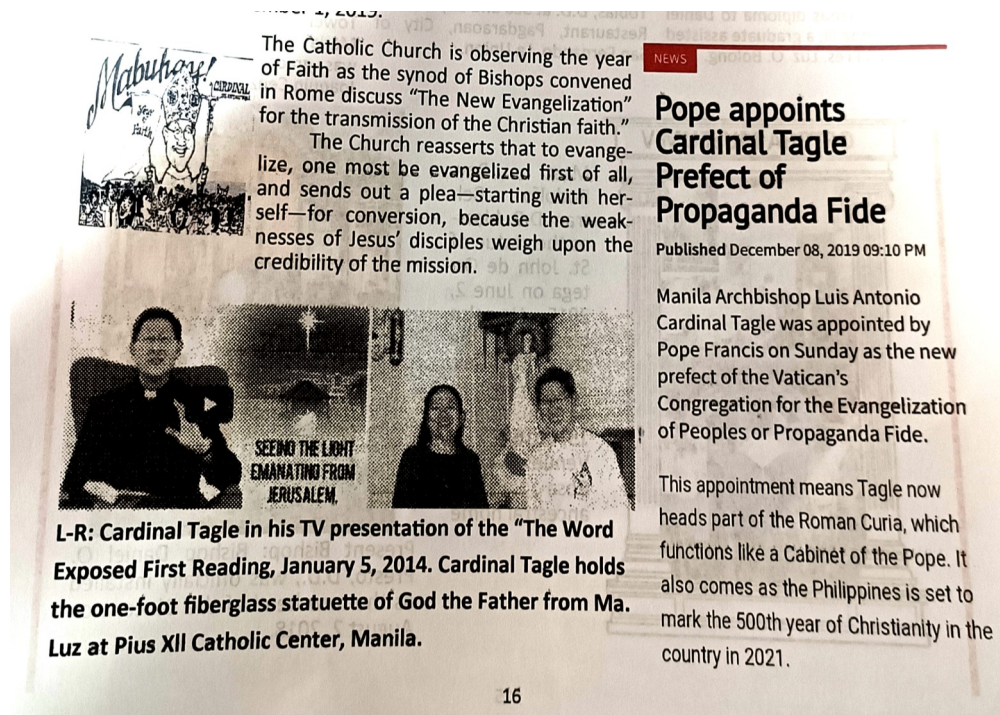
On October 29, 2024 I went to PNB to personally cancel my credit card. I informed twin Nila and she said, "Aren't we going to Fatima?" Actually I forgot about my telling her of my desire to attend Beatification/Canonization of Venerable Lucia. Hoping and praying that within the Jubilee Year 2025 the Beatification/Canonization of Venerable Lucia will take place. So, how happy I was that when I went to the bank November 4 they haven't cancelled my card. On November 27, I gave my authorization letter for the manager who was my former student in finance in Saint Louis College, San Fernando City, LU to take charge in activating my card.

November 18, 2024

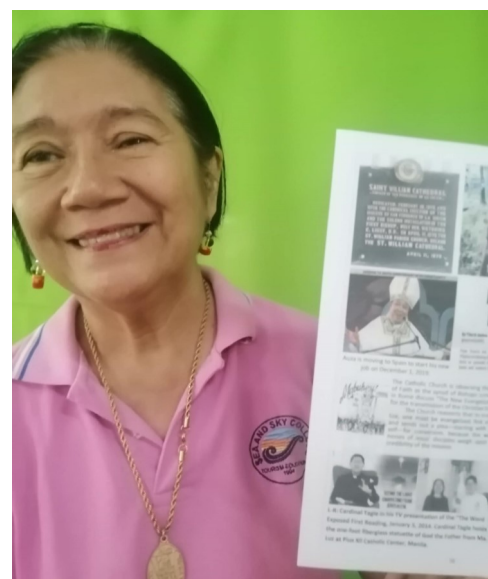
Dedication of Saints Peter and Paul

The Dedication of the Basilicas of the Apostles Peter and Paul is a feast day on the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, which is celebrated on 18 November.

This feast combines the standard celebration of the dedication of a church for St. Peter's Basilica and the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, which were both built by the Emperor Constantine the Great during the 4th century. Their significance in the Catholic Church is emphasized in the reference made to them in the obligation on Catholic bishops to make a Quinquennial visit ad limina in which they are required to go "to the tombs of the Apostles" in Rome every five years to report on the status of their dioceses or prelatures.

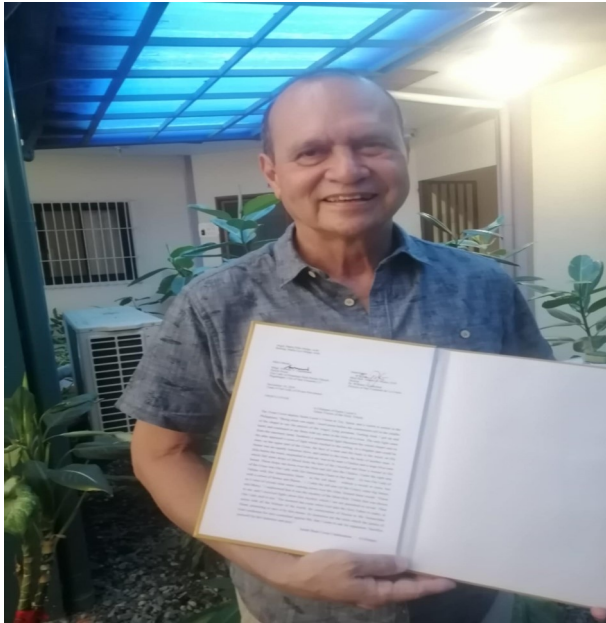


Luz holds the article bearing Cardinal Tagle's appointment



November 19, 2024

St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Matilda, and St. Mechtildis



"Some men see things as they are and say why. I dream things that never were and say why not."

The above quotation from US President Robert F. Kennedy was shared to us by Engr. Ernesto Runas in a video taken October 17, 2024. Engr. Runas acknowledges that the God the Father Tower is the idea of Luz brother-in-law, third placer in the Architecture Board Exam.

November 20, 2024

Feast of Christ the King

The earliest date on which the *Feast of Christ the King* can occur is 20 November and the latest is 26 November. It typically marks the end of Ordinary Time.

Some reflections on the Feast of Christ the King include:

- **Give Jesus control:** The Feast of Christ the King is a reminder that Jesus should be in charge of our lives, and that we should give him power over our thoughts, will, heart, and bodies.
- **Jesus is the answer:** Jesus Christ is the answer to every human life, and he knows the heart of every person.
- **Jesus is the King of our lives:** Jesus is the King of our lives, and he moves us in the direction of loving God and our neighbors.
- **Jesus is our Shepherd:** Jesus is our Shepherd, and he wants to lead us personally and intimately.
- **Jesus is the King of the Universe:** Jesus is the King of the Universe, and he is the essence of truth.
- **Jesus is a supernatural king:** Jesus is not a political king, but a supernatural king.
- **The Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of Love:** The Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of Love, and we should live our lives seeking to understand and know that love.
- **We should be servants to each other:** We should be servants to each other, just as Jesus modeled.
- **Christ reigns forever:** The Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that Christ reigns as King forever, while governments come and go.



November 21, 2024

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's feast celebrates an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God, given over to God's purposes. Because of her dedication to God from an early age, she was called by God to become a greater temple than the magnificent temple in Jerusalem. If the temple in Jerusalem was the house of God, the place where God was believed to be present in a special way, Mary became the house of the Lord in an even greater way, because she carried the Lord in her womb until she gave birth to him. God came to dwell in her, through Jesus, because she was open to God's presence from the earliest years of her life. She is the prime example of the group that Jesus refers to in today's gospel as those "who do the will of my Father in heaven." Today's feast celebrates the fact that from her childhood Mary did the will of God, and was therefore ready to become the temple of God's Son at the time of God's choosing. We too are called to do the will of the Father in heaven so that we too can become temples of the Lord, people who carry Lord's presence to others.



November 22, 2024

WAF Retreat and Recollection



Delegates of WAF La Union



Five Delegates of WAF San Fernando Chapter

November 23, 2024

65th Anniversary of the Pontifical Coronation of Our Lady of Namacpacan

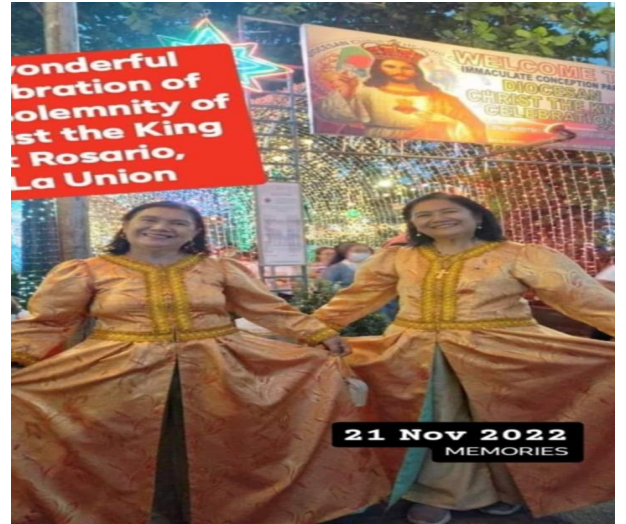


November 24, 2024

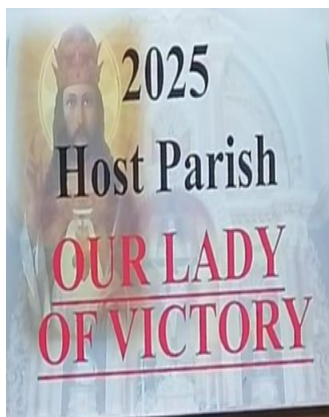
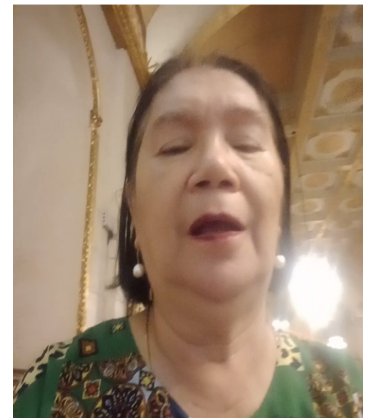
Feast of Christ the King

This Sunday, we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B.

We recognize Jesus as King of the universe, ushering in God's earthly kingdom rooted in love, justice, and community. Unlike the kings of earth, Jesus shows us God's compassion.



Luz attended the Christ the King celebration at Naguilian, La Union, while I (Nila) stayed at the Sea and Sky College finishing our documentation entitled, “Spiritual Books of the Ortega Twins of La Union, Philippines”. At 6:15 in the evening I went to St. Williams Cathedral for the 6:30 mass. In God’s perfect timing, the mass ended and I went out of the Cathedral. I heard the horn of Luz’ car already in front.

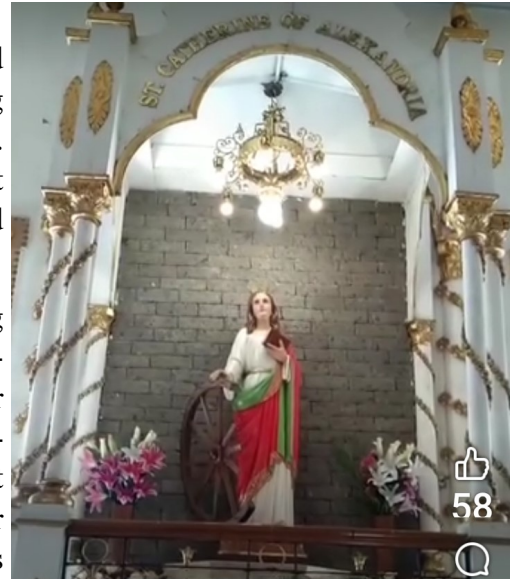


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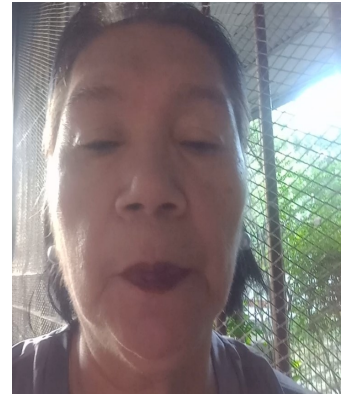
Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Saint Catherine of Alexandria was martyred around 305 in Alexandria, Egypt. The young saint was born around 287 in Alexandria, Egypt. At that time, Alexandria was one of the finest cities in the world, and a center of learning and culture as well as faith.

Around 14 years old, she experienced a moving vision of Mary and the infant Jesus, and she decided to become a Christian. When the emperor Maxentius began persecuting Christians, Catherine was moved by the power of the Holy Spirit and spoke eloquently in defense of her faith. Her words were so moving that several of the pagans converted to Christianity and were immediately executed.



Bishop Daniel O. Presto, D.D.
homily St. Catherine of Alexandria _ A virgin and martyr



Luz receives Nihil Obstat from Fr. Tagupa, SVD WAF Spiritual Director and Burgos Parish Priest.

With profound joy and immense gratitude,
 His Excellency,
MOST REV. DANIEL O. PRESTO, D.D.
Bishop of San Fernando of La Union

The Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese of San Fernando of La Union and
 the Courtesies of Sta. Monica Parish
 request your prayers and presence at the

Pontifical Coronation

OF THE VENERATED IMAGE OF
NUESTRA SEÑORA DE CARIDAD DE AGOO

by the authority of
 His Holiness
POPE FRANCIS

in a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration to be presided by
 His Excellency,
MOST REV. CHARLES JOHN BROWN, D.D.
Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines and Vicar Archbishop of Agaña

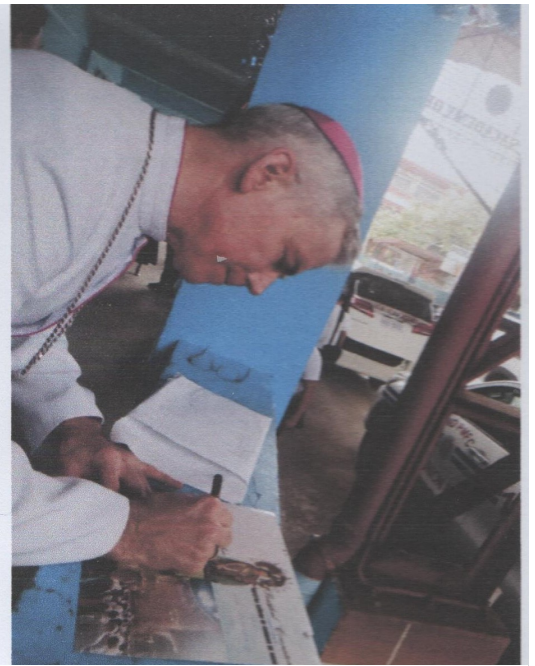
on the
 10th day of December 2024,
 9:30 in the morning at
 The Minor Basilica and Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Charity,
 Sta. Monica Parish, Agoo, La Union.

Charles J. Brown
Apokado Agaña

THE SOLEMN PONTIFICAL CORONATION
 of the Venerated Image of
Nuestra Señora de Caridad de Agoo
 REYNALAYAN-AGOO
 December 10, 2024 - 9:30 AM
 MINOR BASILICA & DIOCESAN SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY
 STA. MONICA PARISH, AGOO, LA UNION

MAIN PRINCIPAL
 His Excellency,
MOST REV. CHARLES JOHN BROWN, D.D.
 Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines

PH. TERRY BEE SAN
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The photo card of Luz bears the signature of Apostolic Nuncio Charles Brown, D.D.

