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MISSION CATHOLIQUE NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPINES CATHOLIC MISSION  
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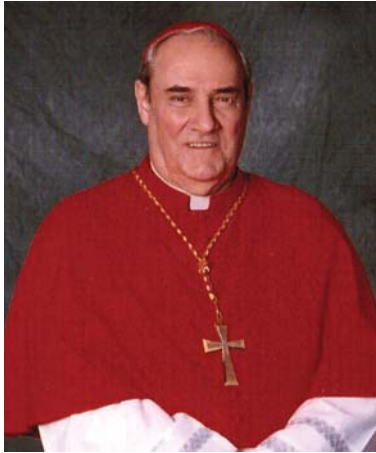
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Montreal, February 27, 2010

Dear brothers and sisters,

The mission of Notre-Dame-des-Philippines is now 20 years old, and is preparing to celebrate this anniversary in a festive way. It is an occasion to look back and remember the way, both big and small, that history has shaped the life of this community of faith.

It is also right, in this anniversary year, to give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings you have received for these past twenty years, lived as members of the flock of Christ, and guided by his shepherds.

Today's social, cultural and religious environment often challenges our Christian beliefs and values. A profound Christian spirit and commitment are required to face up to these challenges. Happily, you have the community of Notre-Dame-des-Philippines, where your faith can come alive. This community needs the contribution of all its members, and it can only be what those members make of it. May the renovation of your church building be a symbol of your community, a community that continually renews itself.

On this anniversary, I am happy to share in your joy. My prayer is that your community may grow, and share with others the richness of your religious heritage and traditions. May this celebration be for you all a time of grace, fraternity and witness.

I ask Our Lady of the Philippines to watch over you, and I pray that our Lord may bless you and make of you true witnesses of his gospel.

Happy anniversary, and may God grant many more years to your community

  
† Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte  
Archbishop of Montreal



# ARCHEVÊCHÉ DE MONTRÉAL

◆ CHANCELLERIE ◆

Montreal, February 27, 2010

Chers sours et freres dans le Christ Seigneur,  
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Our Lord,

C'est avec une tres grande joie que je viens vous offrir mes plus chaleureuses felicitations a l'occasion du vingtieme anniversaire de votre communaute philippine. Cet anniversaire vous le celebrez dans une eglise qui est maintenant bien votre, acquise par votre labeur et toute a l' image de votre riche culture et de vos belles traditions.

Since the arrival of Philippine Catholic people in Montreal, you have desired to have your own Catholic Community Center and you got involved for securing and supporting your church and your priests. You may be proud of this. Knowing that helping others is part of your traditional values, I want to thank you so much to have welcomed a French Catholic Community into your church hall with great respect and friendship. If God rewards the gift of a glass of water, how much more will He reward your eminent charity.

May God bless each one of you and may He make your community grow in quality as well as in quantity for His glory and the salvation of the world.

  
Mgr Michel Parent, V.É.

Chancelier

2009-09-18



## ARCHEVÊCHÉ DE MONTRÉAL

• COMMUNAUTÉS CULTURELLES •  
ET RITUELLES

Dear friends :

What can I wish to an alive community like yours, today on the twentieth anniversary of your foundation?

You have formed already a community where it is good to live! In union with your Pastor, Father Frank, you propose and announce Jesus Christ around you; in doing this, in effect you make the gospel radiant.

In this occasion, I want to say thank you for your attachment to the diocese of Montreal, and for all the ways in which you try to integrate to your new country.

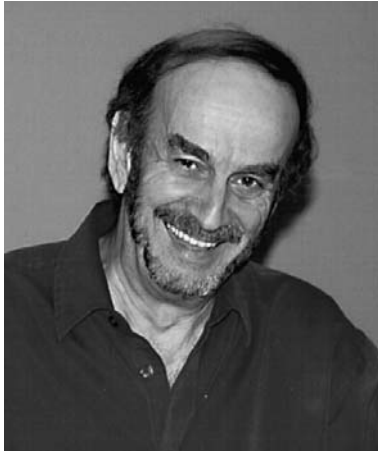
Now, to respond to my question at the beginning, my desire will be this:

That you continue to live what you are living in this moment... that you continue to radiate all around you, your joy and your pride of being who you are, that you continue to propose Jesus to your youth, to your adolescents and to all those you will find on your way !!!

As for me, I will ask to the Lord to bless your community, to bless your pastor and all of you, who are implicated in the parish.

*Msgr. Iginio Incantalupo, C.S.S.E.V.*

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October 13th, 2009

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

You celebrate this year, the 20th anniversary of the Filipino Mission's Canonical Installation. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my warm greetings and congratulations to each and every one of you.

As most of you already know, Saint-Thomas-Apotre church, your church, is particularly significant to me; it is always with great emotion that I come back and it is with deep gratitude that I thank you for all what you have done since it became your "home".

Vingt ans, ce n'est plus l'enfance ou l'adolescence mais l'âge adulte, un âge où normalement on est plus conscient de ses forces mais aussi de ses responsabilités. L'Église qui est à Montréal est riche de sa diversité; merci pour ce que vous êtes et pour ce que vous faites.

May the Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission continue to grow in faith and love.

Mabuhay

*Pierre Blanchard C.S.S.*

Msgr Pierre Blanchard, C.S.S.  
Vicaire Épiscopal



Februray 2010

Best greetings to the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal

I extend my warm congratulations to the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal for the 20th anniversary of its foundation. For the PME Fathers, it is a great joy to see so many fruits for the Filipino migrants and for the local Church of Montreal. We are happy also that Fr. Frank Alvarez is serving there, along with other PME priests. They use their missionary charism to be with you, and they receive from you as much as they give themselves to you. May God bless the FCMM.

Guy Charbonneau, PME  
Superior General

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MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I extend my congratulations to the men and women behind the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary of Canonical Installation and the Annual Fiesta of the Filipino Parish in Montreal.

Your vision of a mission-driven community, sustained by an abiding faith in God and Christ-like love of fellowmen, is laudable. I am especially very happy that you continue to practice and strengthen Filipino cultural and religious traditions as you pursue your mission. Your assemblage is a commendable example of a group that continues to maintain the ties that bind us as a people, even as our community has become part of the great multicultural tapestry that is modern Canada.

Your unflagging commitment to the call of civic and religious duty impacts not only the families who are your direct beneficiaries; your work also serves as a model to other members of our community in Canada. May this spirit of religions and social consciousness continue to thrive among us and within our hearts.

Nais ko ang patuloy ninyong tagumpay sa lahat ng inyong mga gawain.

Mabuhay!



**JOSE S. BRILLANTES**  
Ambassador

06 December 2009, Ottawa





# *The Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal*

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### MESSAGE

Dear members, benefactors and friends of FCMM,

With hearts filled with much gratitude to God we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our Canonical Installation. It is indeed a great day of joy and grace for our community as we reach this milestone of our history. We carry in our hearts the many happy memories of the past twenty years. We also remember with lots of gratitude all the persons who journeyed with us and those who served as our guide and inspiration, especially our different committed Episcopal Vicars (Msgrs Mario Paquette, Pierre Blanchard, Andre Desroches, Michel Parent, Igino Incantalupo), Fr. Carmelo Gosioco, Fr. Gerard Loiselle, pme, Fr. Roger Begin, pme, and other PME Fathers, as we strived to grow and attain the objectives for which we were founded.

We thank His Eminence Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte for the greatest gift he has granted to our community, i.e. the acquisition of this beautiful parish Church, Presbyter, wide parking lot, and the church grounds. This alone has greatly enhanced the growth and the community life and spirit of FCMM. The liturgical, pastoral, and social activities have become even more dynamic, interesting, and more meaningful, thus creating a parochial atmosphere conducive to spiritual growth and deeper commitment.

We equally thank you, our FCMM Benefactors, and other FCMM Givers for continuing to support us with your financial aid which help us to undertake new projects that aim at increasing our capacity to improve the material and physical condition of our facilities thus enhancing at the same time our ability to embark on more pastoral projects.

And finally, in a more personal way, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the Administrators, the Pastoral Council, the Presbyteral Team, the Dominican Sisters, and the MIC Sisters as well as to all the community members for your amazing dedication and persevering commitment to the FCMM. With your faithful and joyous willingness to be of service without counting the cost, my pastoral task of guiding and accompanying the community in attaining the objectives of our FCMM's vision-mission has been rendered light, effective and fulfilling.

May our beloved Patrons - our Lady of the Philippines, San Lorenzo Ruiz, and Saint Thomas-Apotre - continue to inspire and to give us strength as we endeavor to become the community God wants us to be.

Happy Anniversary to all!

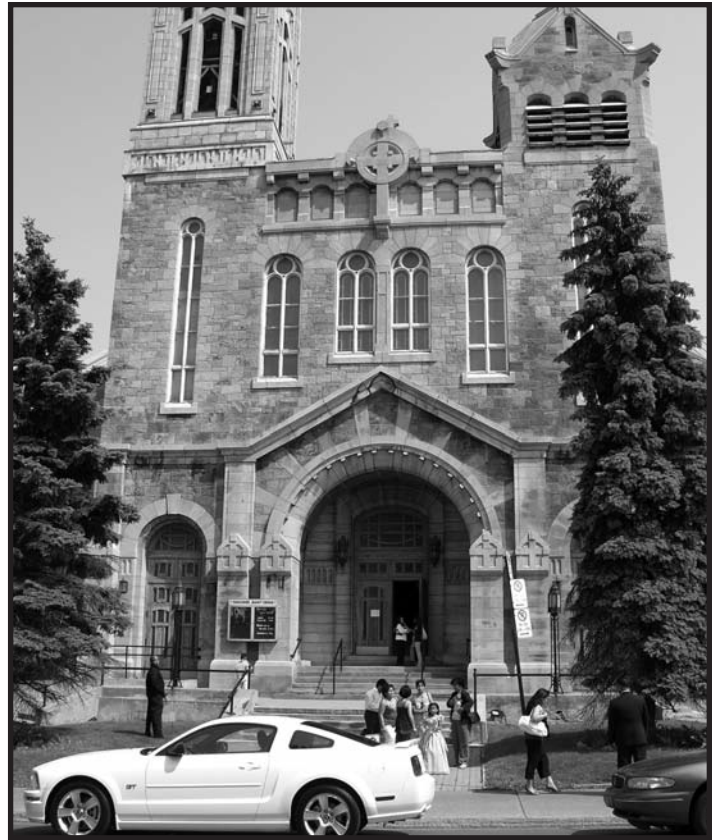
  
Fr. Frank Alvarez, PME,  
Pastor

## FCMM from 2004-2009

(From St Denis to Saint Thomas-Apôtre)

These were very challenging years for the FCMM community. As it strived to continue to grow and become a more stable community the atmosphere in our parish of residence was getting more and more antagonistic and restrictive. Gradually more and more facilities were not made available to us thus forcing us to stop many of our pastoral activities. Many did not anymore feel at home and happy. The attendance at our liturgical and pastoral activities started to be affected. Even the patient efforts of the Episcopal Vicar of the Region, Msgr Pierre Cote, trying to help the two communities come to a peaceful relationship ultimately failed. It became gradually apparent that the hosting community was determined to put the Filipino community out. The situation worsened as the months went on.

In the meantime the FCMM community tried to survive and to continue the various activities of the different pastoral ministries despite the many constraints. With patience and endurance the community strived to achieve some objectives. Among the big memorable events that happened during the years 2004-2006 are: the launching of the first Miss FCMM competition, the communal renewal of Marriage Vows with seven couples participating, the 15th Anniversary Variety Show, the creation of the first Ethnic K of C Council, the Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Council 13585, the Search for the King and Queen of Angels, the



St. Denis Parish, Montreal, QC

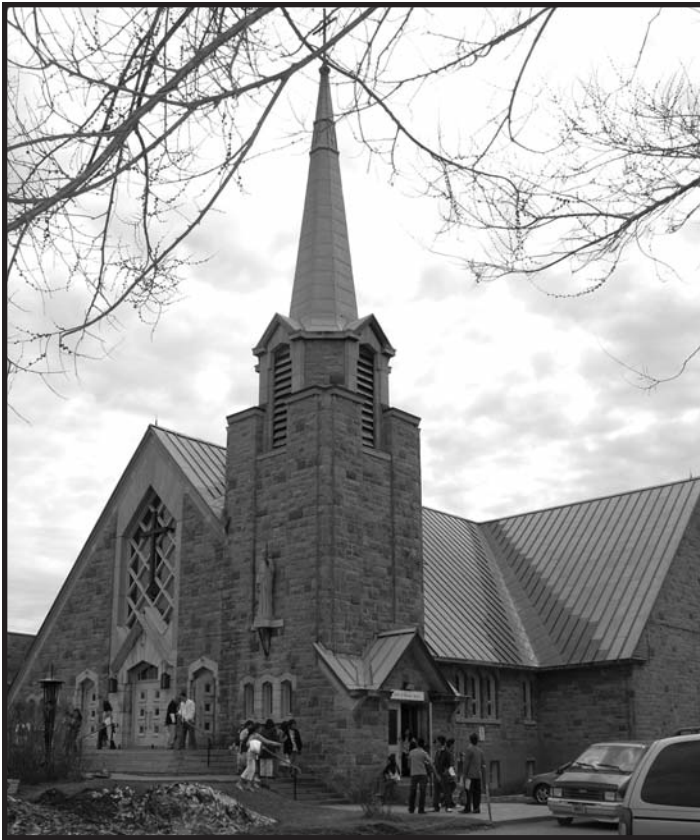
formulation of the FCMM's Mission-Vision, and finally the acquisition and transfer to Saint Thomas-Apôtre Church at blvd Saint-Laurent,

The sojourn at the Saint Denis parish unfortunately came to a sad end when the new parish priest brought to reality the dream of the hosting community to get rid of the FCMM community. Just a few weeks after his arrival the priest went to see Msgr Michel Parent, the Episcopal Vicar of the Cultural Communities, in order to inform him that he, the cure, was going to send the Filipinos out of his parish. The bad news was then transmitted to Fr. Frank Alvarez, pme, the FCMM's pastor.

This was the most painful moment for the FCMM community. Given only one month to find another place, a mixture of tension, stress and disperation became a shared experience for everyone in the community. The only source of hope was the assurance and the relentless effort of Msgr Parent to help find another place. With the consent of Cardinal Turcotte he proceeded to find ways to solve the crisis. The grace of God led him to talk to Msgr Pierre Blanchard, Episcopal Vicar of Region Nord. Having been a former Episcopal Vicar of the Cultural Communities he already knew many of our needs. He at once informed Msgr Parent that this Church of Saint Thomas-Apôtre was up for sale. Thus after several meetings and negotiations between the



The Feast of Sn Lorenzo Ruiz Procession on Laurier Avenue.



St. Thomas-Apôtre Church  
8500 Blvd St. Laurent, Montreal, Quebec H2P 2M8

FCMM and the Fabrique of St Thomas-Apôtre as well as the two Episcopal Vicars concerned it was finally agreed and decided that the Church, the Presbyter and the parish grounds would be sold to the FCMM.

With this historic event a new day has dawned in the life of the FCMM community. There was great rejoicing, excitement and gratitude to God and to the Diocese. The drooping spirit of the community became revitalized again and filled with dynamism. Finally on October 22/06 the official take over of the parish facilities took place. During the fully-packed attended Mass the welcome and friendly reception was led by the Cure of the St Thomas-Apôtre Fabrique, Fr. Serge Laverdure, CSSR. In response Fr. Frank Alvarez, PME, the FCMM's Pastor, expressed the community's heartfelt gratitude to the Fabrique members for their warm welcome as well as for their openness and willingness to pass on their Church to the FCMM. As part of the agreement the French community would be able to continue to celebrate their Liturgical services in the Church and to avail of its facilities for free.

The first two months in the new home was a time of clean up, renovations and repairs especially in the Presbyter, and adjustment to the new responsibilities and concerns. But everything was made light by the amazing community spirit

in terms of cooperation and collaboration, in terms of sharing time, talents and treasure and expertise. Happy and greatly inspired by the acquisition of a new home everybody was eager to come after their work in the afternoon and share their services up till late in the evening. With all these different contributions from the many volunteers everything was soon ready for the resumption of regular activities.

Strengthened with a renewed spirit and feeling at ease with the new home the community was now willing to attain more growth in the knowledge and practice of the Faith. The Evangelization and Bible seminars have been intensified, the Liturgical life has been constantly updated and made more dynamic, and the other Pastoral Ministries for the Youth, the Family Life, the Sick, and Prayer Groups have embarked on new projects. The two religious organizations, i.e. the Legion of Mary and the Knights of Columbus, became even more involved and committed in their respective domains. The K of C 4th Degree members have increased to the point that the San Lorenzo Ruiz Assembly was created to be the First Filipino 4th Degree Assembly in the entire Canada. All these to say that with the possession of the new mission home also came a new momentum and new breath. And in turn this enabled the community to take on a daring project, and that is the renovation of the Church.

For all these it is but fitting and proper indeed that, especially on this occasion of our 20th Anniversary of Canonical Installation, we magnify the Lord for all the wonders He has wrought to our FCMM community, and through us to those who have journeyed with us in one way or another.



First Christmas at Salle-St. Thomas 2006

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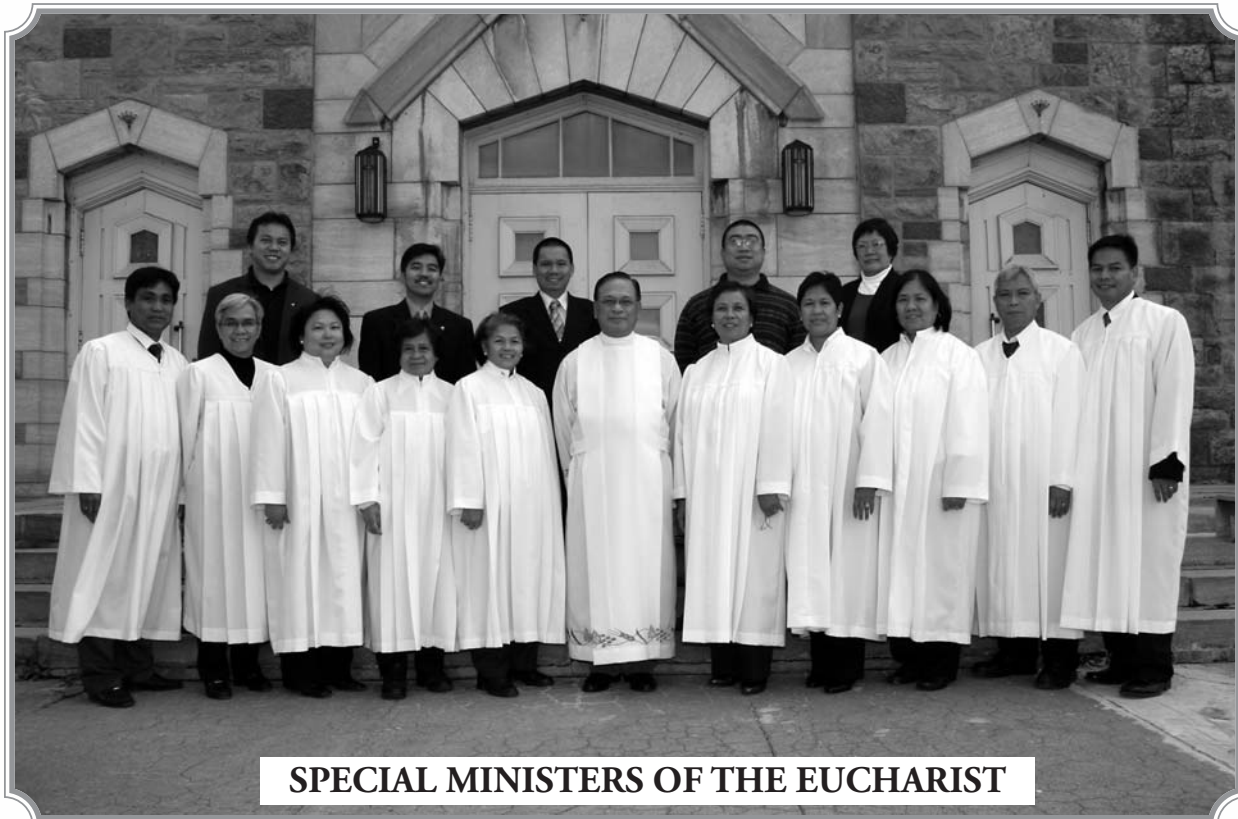
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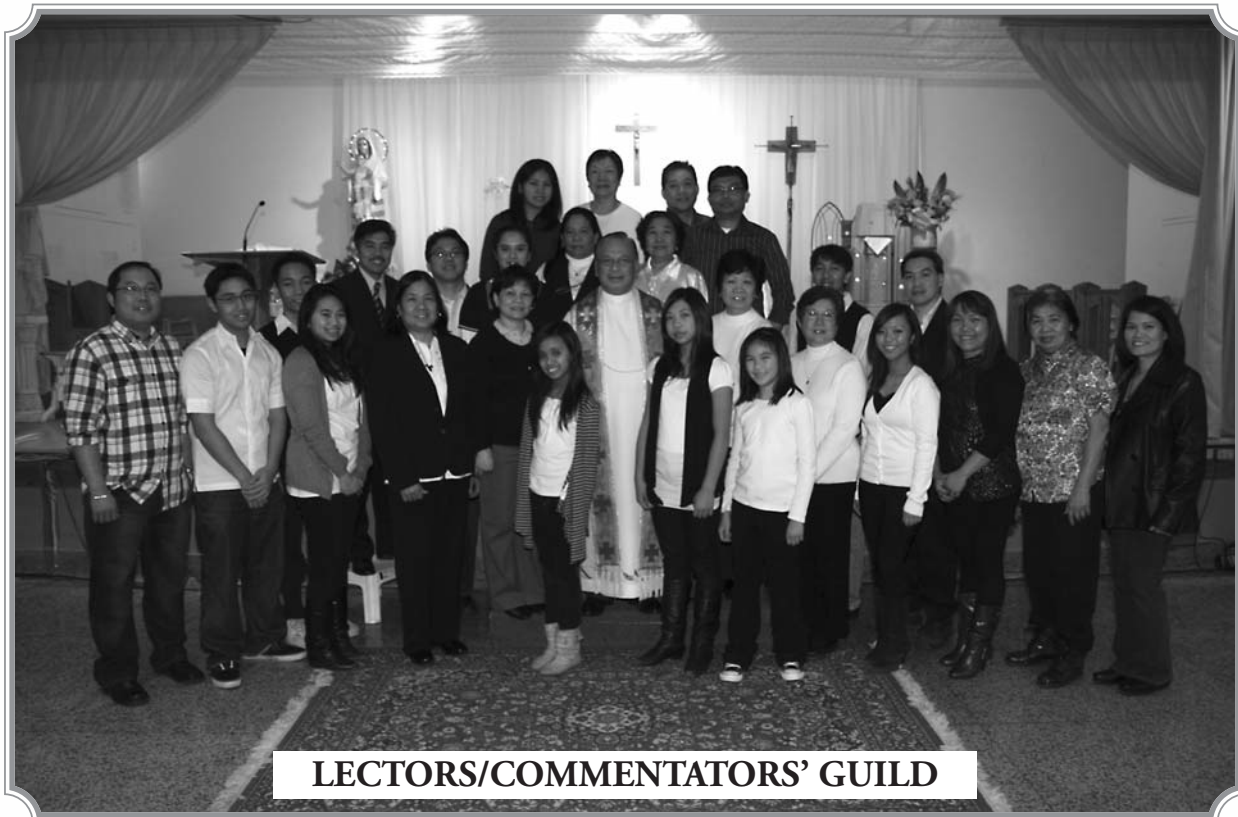
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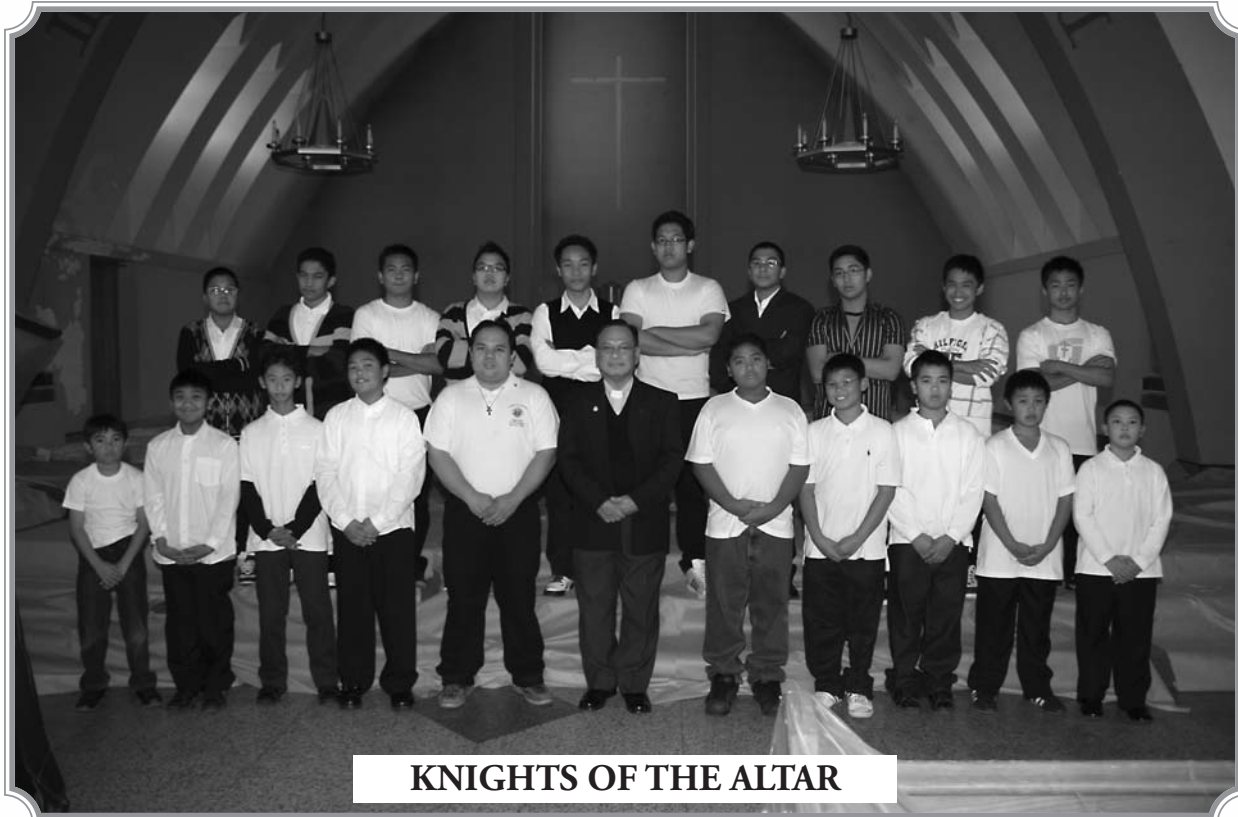
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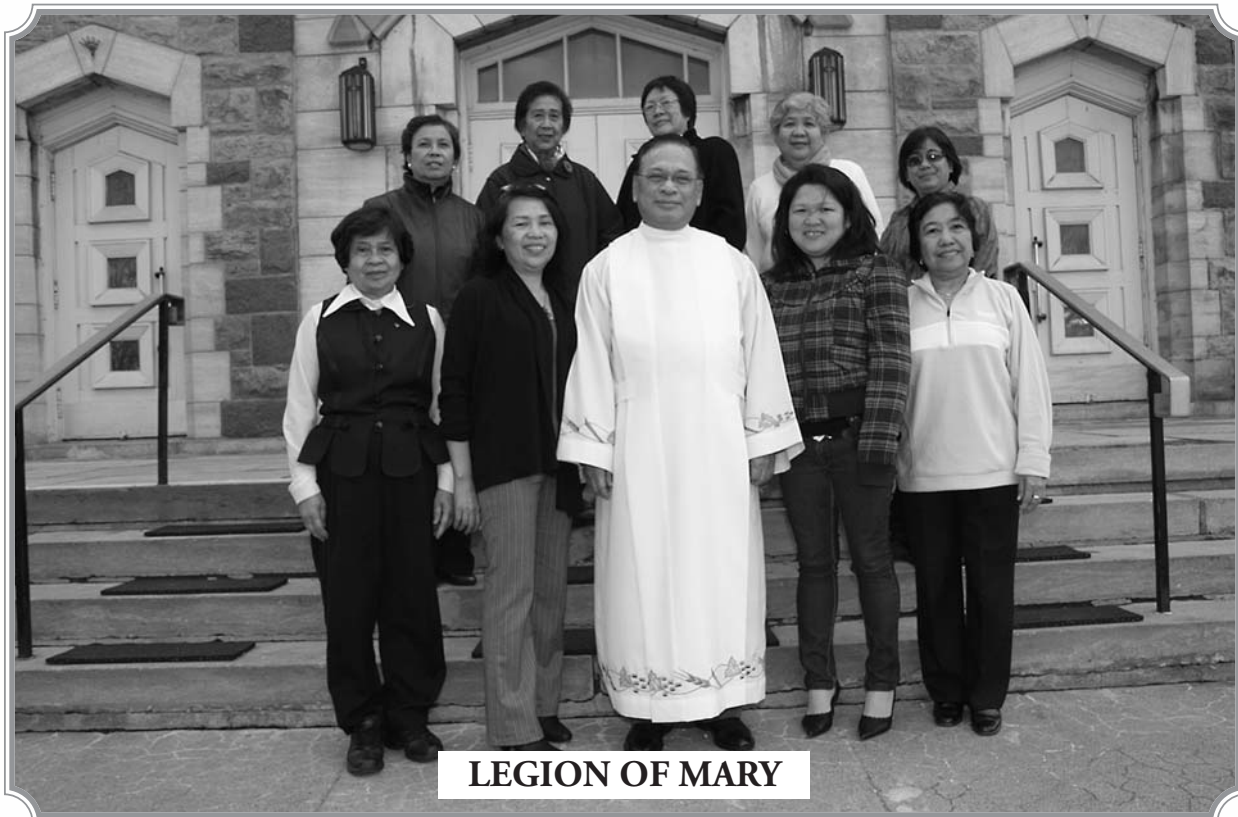
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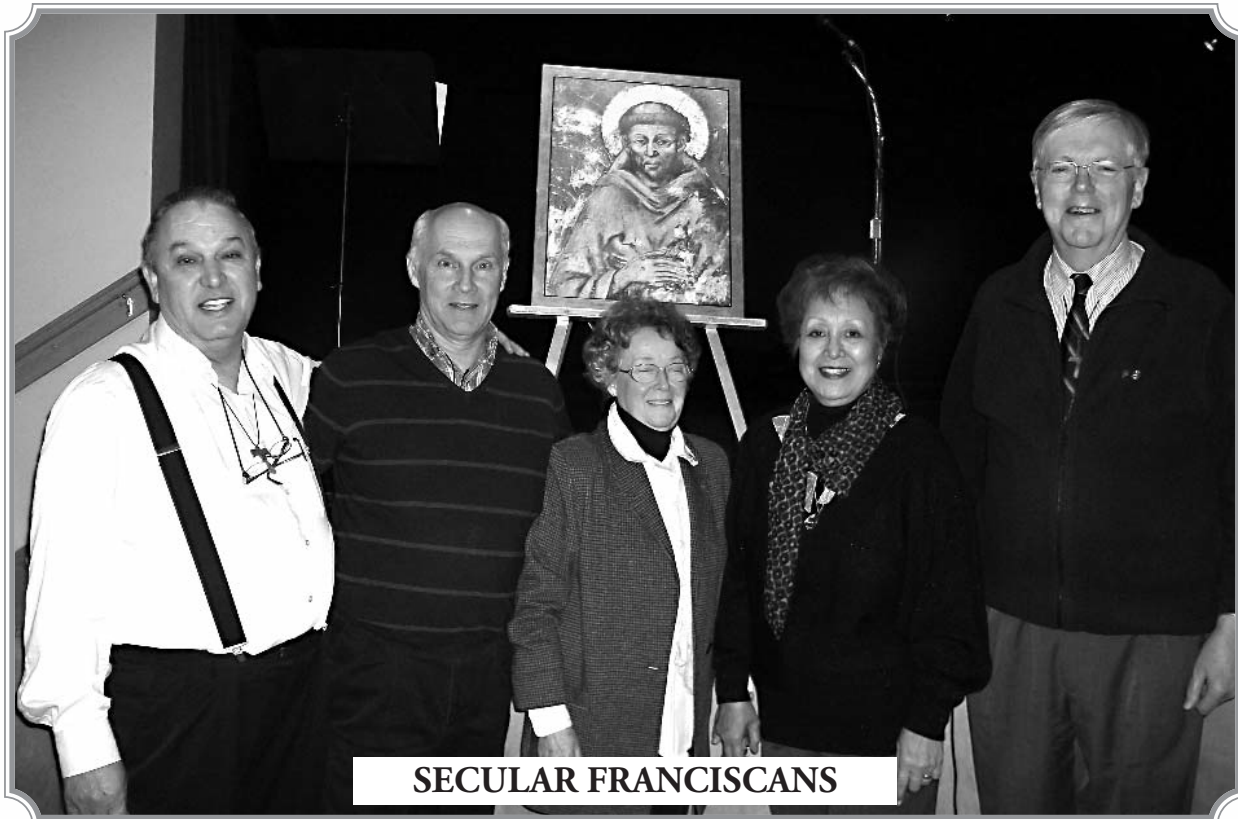
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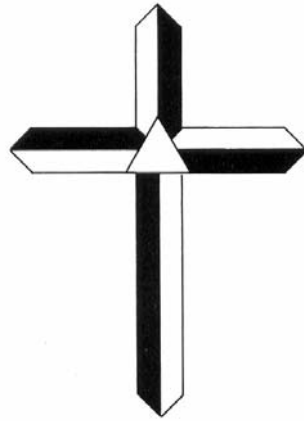
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# **FÉLICITATIONS !**

**À L'OCCASION  
DU 20<sup>ème</sup> ANNIVERSAIRE  
DE L'INSTALLATION CANONIQUE  
DE LA MISSION CATHOLIQUE  
NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPINES  
DE MONTRÉAL !**

**Longue vie à la mission Philippines !**

**LES DOMINICAINES DE LA TRINITÉ  
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# THE F.C.M.M. STORY...





**FR. GERARD LOISELLE, PME**  
(Homily on Simbangabi Dec. 18, 2008)

*"Towards a Deeper Life in God's Love."*

*"Seeking ever new ways to reach out in Love:*

*A People of Charity and Justice !"*

Where will I get this way to love God better ?  
First of all, how can I imagine my love for God ?  
Where will I meet him?

Those are the questions we will try to answer tonight. The more we discover God, the more we know him, the more we will try to love him.

In my personal life, I can say that I am a Christian. So I am a member of a community, like you are, each one of you. You belong to this community named the Filipino Mission. When we belong to a community, we try to follow the spirit of this community, we try to take the orientation preached by the community.

I am sure you are guided by what Jesus himself told us to do: " Love God and love your neighbors." So our orientation is Love. We have the best proof that God our Father loves us. He sent his own Son 2,000 yrs. ago. Jesus came with a message: He wants to tell us that his Father, who is our Father too, loves us. He would like that we receive his Son Jesus as a brother because he has the power to give us the means and the ways to practice justice and love.

Where will we find Jesus, or where do we see his presence, if he is indeed among us ?

Your faith and the faith of your Parish Priest, Administrators and the Parish Council helped you to acquire this Temple, this building where you can come and pray, talk with Jesus. Here you will find Him. Here, He is present in the Word of God which is proclaimed at every Mass. Here, He is present under the appearance of Bread and Wine and becomes present in us when we receive him in Holy Communion. And here, He is present in the person of your many brothers and sisters who, like you, come to seek him. The fact that this Church now belongs to you – you should be at ease to come and visit Jesus.

I have seen the beginnings of your parish- the Filipino Mission. I worked with Fr. Gosioco to group together the Filipinos leaving in Montreal and the surroundings. You gave your collaboration, even if you had difficulties. You succeeded with Cardinal Gregoire in getting the recognition of your Filipino Mission. And you succeeded with Cardinal Turcotte in giving you your own church building. I know you are proud to attend your gatherings, to receive the Sacraments in your own church where you can speak and sing in your own language. You now have the place to keep your traditions alive . But remember also, in this Church building, you must keep in mind the need to encounter Jesus.

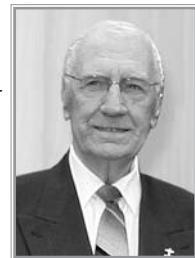
We are celebrating Christmas not in Palestine but here in your Church. Jesus is here and He will stay with us up to the end of time. My dear people, you have so many chances to meet Jesus. Your community is united by love and the more you can practice justice and work together, the more this love will grow stronger. The more that people will see that you encounter Jesus in this community, in this Church.

Continue to give your cooperation to Fr. Frank and your Parish Council, because they will help you meet Jesus in your neighbours among you. Rule over your problems and differences and get more courage from each other. You will also then be examples of justice and charity to all.



## 20 YEARS OF GROWTH AND PROGRESS

I have known the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal 10 years ago, on January, 2000. Since we are celebrating its 20 Anniversary of foundation this year, it was only 10 yrs. Old at that time. Yet, it was already wonderful, although still in its childhood. It was dwelling then, in the St. Denis church, on Laurier street, sharing the church with a small and elderly French community. Under the pastoral guidance of Fr. Frank Alvarez and the leadership of dedicated administrators, it was already full of dreams for the future and of energy for the present.



That was the time when I was received into the community. I was not a complete stranger to the members, since I had served as a missionary in Davao during 35 years, where I had known Fr. Frank as a seminarian, many Dominican sisters and a few nurses from the San Pedro Hospital. Immediately, I felt at home with them, happy to share my faith as a priest to many members through seminars on Christian Life and bible Discovery, while receiving from them the testimony of an authentic faith, enjoying the wonderful celebrations of their liturgy, and the beautiful music and songs of their four choirs of adult, youth and children.

I was surprised to discover so many Catechists preparing the children for their First Communion and their Confirmation with great skill and dedication, and the commitment of so many Knights of Columbus in the life and progress of the parish. It was a wonder also to see so many and so fervent altar boys serving in the sanctuary, and so many young girls reading the Scriptures at Mass so perfectly. And to see so many adults participating at Mass every Sunday and contributing so generously to the financial needs and decorations of the church.

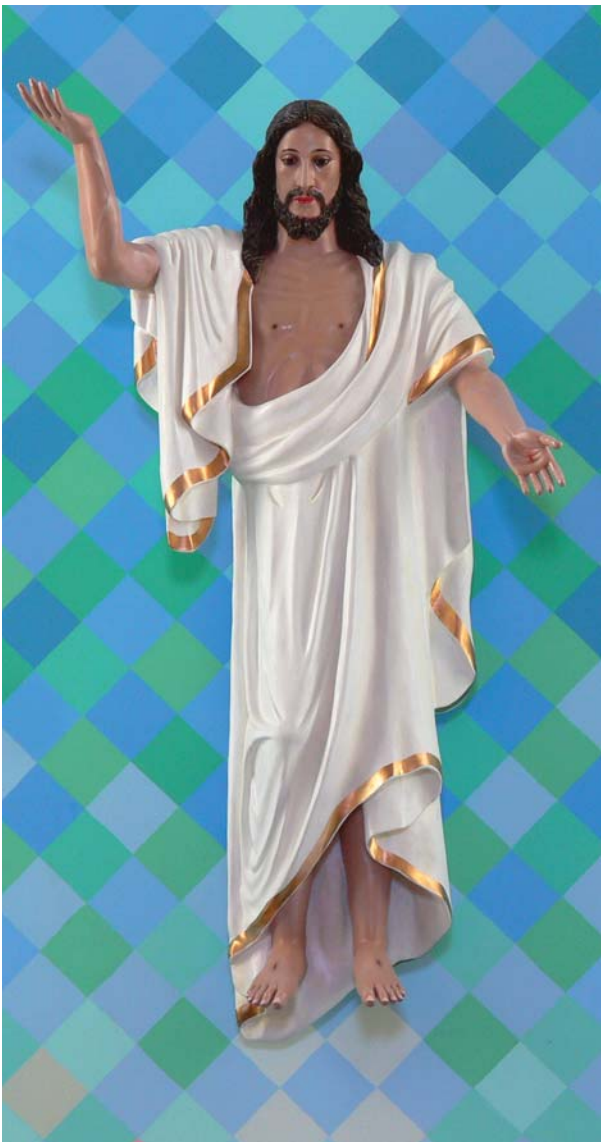
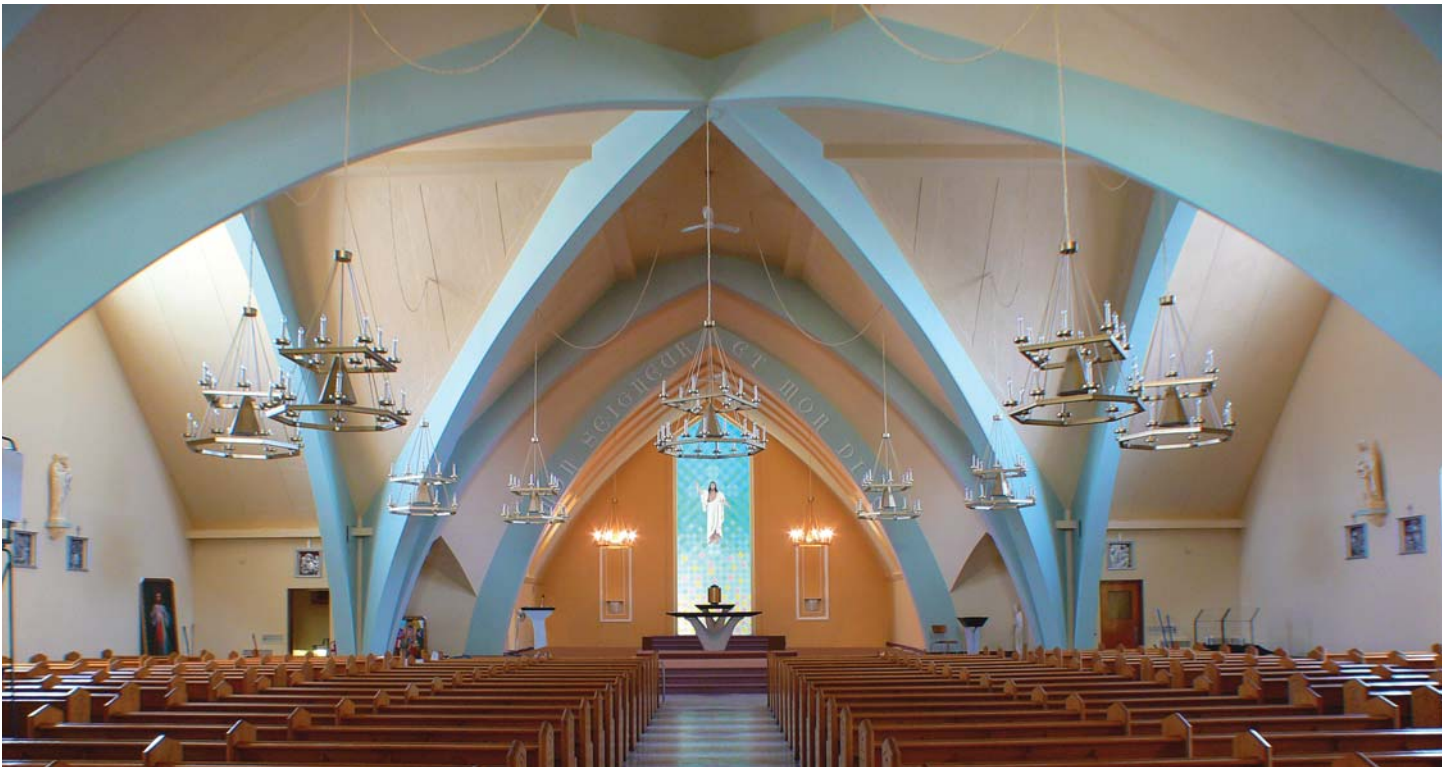
So much so that, one day, the community felt the need to look for a more convenient church to favor the progress of the Mission. Three years ago, the Lord finally heard the prayers of the members and offered to them, the beautiful church of St. Thomas, the Apostle, on St. Laurent Street. Again, all the members made big sacrifices to buy the church and the convent, and to repair them according to the needs and the expectations of the parish.

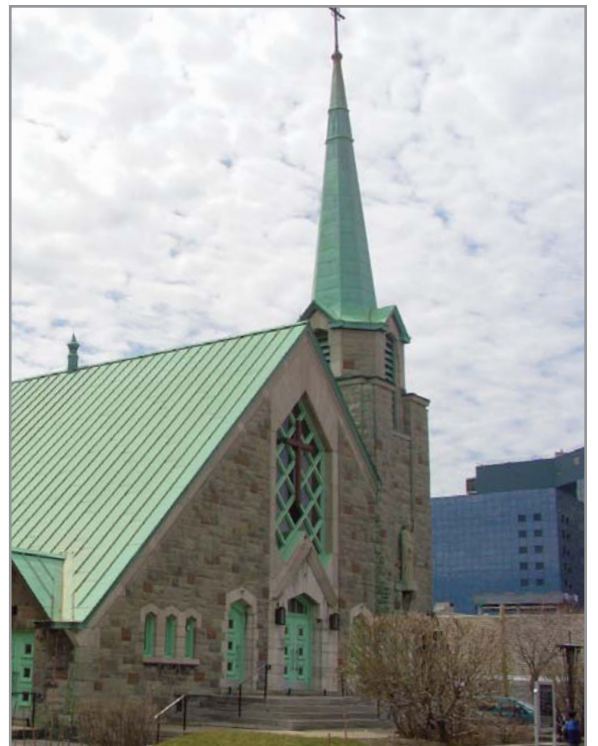
At 20 yrs. Old, the FCMM has now reached the maturity and the capacity to accomplish its mission of Evangelization in their new country of adoption. Our people here needs badly the example and the testimony of their faith to become again the real Christians they have been in the past. We give thanks to our Filipino brothers and sisters for the testimony they give us of their authentic Christian life. Finally, I am personally grateful to them for the happiness they give me in working with them.

Sincerely,

Fr. Roger Begin, p.m.e.









THEY ARE NOT GONE FROM US  
BUT GONE BEFORE US.

*In Memoriam*

Marcos Banawa  
Adelaida Britos  
Claire Cosico  
Josefina Feniza  
Feliciano Guce  
Timoteo Macaraig  
Virgilio Mangubat  
Rita Molina  
Tatay & Nanay Mungcal  
Diomedes Panganiban  
Valentin Parienko  
Alfredo Quinto  
Isabel Quinto  
Erlinda Ruiz  
Katrina Tabamo  
Lester Joseph Tan  
Papang Vicente Versoza

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.

In this life you embraced them with your tender love;  
deliver them now from every evil and bid them enter eternal rest.

The old order has passed away:

welcome them then into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, now weeping nor pain,  
but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

# P R O G R

## SOLEMN THANKSGIVING EUCHARIST and LITURGY OF DEDICATION

2:00 p.m. – St. Thomas, the Apostle Church  
8500 blvd. St. Laurent, Montreal, Quebec

### Main Presider:

M. le Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte  
*Archbishop of Montreal*

### Concelebrants:

Rev. Msgr. Iginio Incantalupo, css  
*Episcopal Vicar for Ethnic Communities*

Rev. Msgr. Pierre Blanchard, css  
*Episcopal Vicar for Région Nord*

Rev. Fr. Guy Charbonneau, pme  
*Superior-General, Prêtres-des-Missions Étrangères*

Canon Rene Martin  
*Ceremoniaire*

Rev. Fr. Florent Vincent, pme  
*Regional Superior- Canada, Prêtres-des-Missions Étrangères*

Rev. Fr. Julien Cormier, mafr  
*Provincial Superior, Missionaires d'Afrique*

Rev. Fr. Nicolas Sengson, svd  
*Superior, SVD Granby House*

Rev. Fr. Gilles Bourdeau, ofm  
*Assistant Provincial, Franciscans*

Rev. Msgr. Francis Coyle  
*Pastor, St. Patrick's Parish*

Rev. Fr. Regis Pellerin, cssr  
*Curé, Unité Pastoral*

Rev. Fr. John Lyng  
*Pastor, St. Kevin's Parish*

Rev. Fr. Lawrence Mac Eachen  
*Pastor, St. Malachy's Parish*

Rev. Fr. Francisco Alvarez, pme  
*Pastor, Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Mission*

Rev. Fr. Gilles Barrette, mafr  
Rev. Fr. Jean Binette, pme  
Rev. Fr. Donald Bouchard, pme  
Rev. Fr. Francois Brunelle, pme  
Rev. Fr. Jacques Doyon, pme  
Rev. Fr. Georges Fortin, pme  
Rev. Fr. Serge Laverdure, cssr  
Rev. Fr. Real Levesque, pme  
Rev. Fr. Georges Morin, ofm

Rev. Fr. Roger Begin, pme  
Rev. Fr. Normand Blais, pme  
Rev. Fr. Jacques Bourdages, pme  
Rev. Fr. Jess Dimafilis, mccj  
Rev. Fr. Tiburtius Fernandez, sma  
Rev. Fr. Armand Galay, mafr  
Rev. Fr. Clarence Laplante, ofm  
Rev. Fr. Gerard Loiselle, pme  
Rev. Fr. Jean-Marie Thibault, pme

# A M M E

## GALA RECEPTION

6:00 p.m. – Grand Ballroom, Wyndham Montreal Airport Hotel  
12505 Cote de Liesse, Montreal, Quebec

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Philippines - Kathleen Rosebelle Diaz  
Canada - Rhea Therese Foz

INVOCATION

Rev. Fr. Roger Begin, pme

WELCOME ADDRESS

Rev. Fr. Francisco Alvarez, pme  
*Pastor, Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal*

MESSAGE

Most Rev. Msgr. Iginio Incantalupo, css  
*Episcopal Vicar for Cultural and Ritual Communities  
Archdiocese of Montreal*

## DINNER

CULTURAL PRESENTATION

PAMANA ng LUZVIMINDA  
Philippine Folkloric Dance Company

MESSAGE

Most Rev. Msgr. Pierre Blanchard, css  
*Episcopal Vicar for Région Nord  
Archdiocese of Montreal*

MESSAGE

Rev. Fr. Guy Charbonneau, pme  
*Superior-General, Prêtres-des-Missions Étrangères*

SPECIAL NUMBER

Elisa Jane Cullarin

INSPIRATIONAL TALK

His Excellency, Hon. Jose Brillantes  
*Philippine Ambassador to Canada*

20th Anniversary RIGODON DE HONOR

Mr. Jose Aracena and Mrs. Cynthia Puray-Pacheo  
Mr. & Mrs. Felix and Minda Miñon  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry and Alice Panado  
Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Jr. and Judith Diaz  
Mr. & Mrs. Dante and Juliana Tabamo  
Mr. & Mrs. Randolph and Gloria Antonio  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymundo and Rhodora Foz  
Mr. & Mrs. Julius and Ian Dait

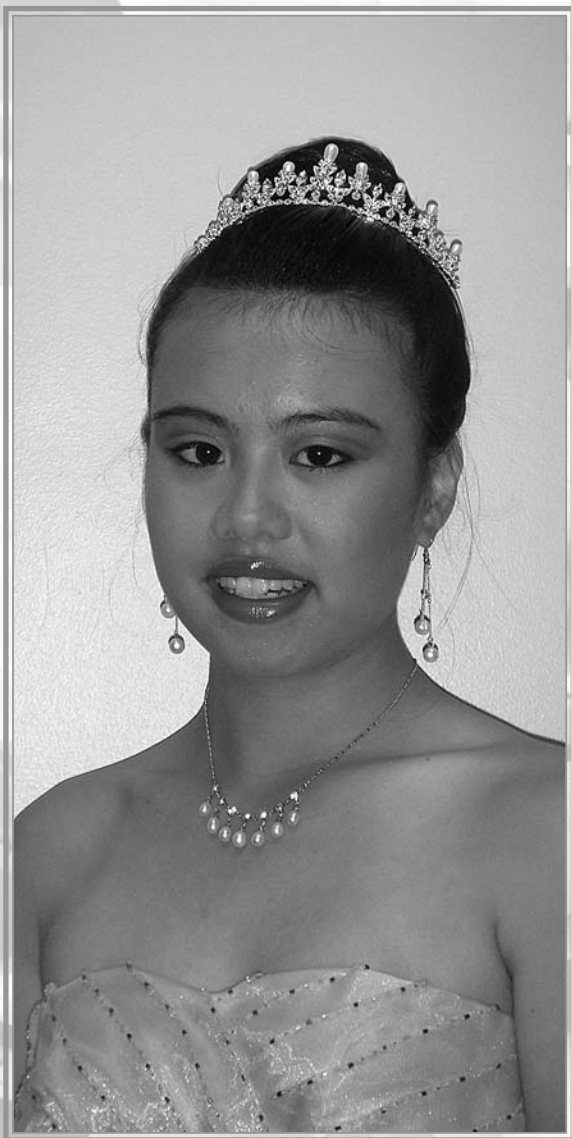
CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Raymundo Foz  
*Treasurer, Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal*

## SOCIALS

*Laura Alexa Panado*

MISS F.C.M.M. 2009



I would like to congratulate the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal on its 20th Anniversary of its foundation. As we celebrate the milestone, I am proud to be an instrument in the realization of what was once only a dream for us Filipinos, to own a Filipino Church.

As a reigning Miss FCMM, I am proud to be part of this momentous event. Unfortunately, I could not be here due to my school trip in Europe. However, my thoughts and my heart will be with the community in this very significant moment.

Certainly, the success of the FCMM was made possible by the concerted effort of all the parishioners, supporters and benefactors alike who contributed their talent, time and money for the acquisition of the first Filipino Church in the Northern Hemisphere. My congratulation goes to all of the parents who worked so hard on the fundraising campaign. Their hard work and dedication not only helped in the acquisition and renovation of the church but it also teaches us children charity and involvement in the community. After all, children learn by example.

May the good Lord, continue to guide us and help us set as example to all that a “dream can become a reality if we all work together.”

**MABUHAY**  
ang SIMBAHANG PILIPINO !

# 2009 MISS F.C.M.M. and Her Royal Court



**Laura Alexa Arceno Panado**  
FCMM Queen 2009



**Sheena Vanessa Bado Visario**  
Princess of Charity



**Nerizza Kaye Riñon Mentos**  
Princess of Faith



**Maria Gemberlyn Nicor Boloso**  
Princess of Hope



**Mary Joyce Anne Araza Ruiz**  
Princess of Peace



**Rachelle Audrey Cepillo Noel**  
Princess of Unity



**Rachelle Lerma Cambia Pascual**  
Princess of Friendship





As we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the foundation of the first Filipino Church in North America, we are happy to be part of the milestone of the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal (FCMM).

In 1986 when FCMM was first founded under Fr. Mel Gosioco it seems impossible to fathom that the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal will become what it is today. We are very proud of the Filipino Community for their courage in building the first Filipino Catholic Church in the northern hemisphere. As Filipino, we can be proud to call Notre Dame Des Philippines our own.

It is heartening to know that as Filipino parents, we are not the only ones involved but our own little children are part of this tremendous achievement as well. To all the candidates of the Queen of Angels, King of Angels, Miss FCMM and Miss May Flower, to all of you “kudos” for a job well done. Rest assured that your name will forever be remembered and written in the pillars of the FCMM.

May Our Lady, Notre Dame Des Philippines continue to help us and inspire us to do more. Our job is not done, in fact we are called to do more by keeping FCMM visible not only to the parishioners but to all Filipinos. May Filipinos come to realize that the success of FCMM does not only reflect on the parishioners but to all Filipinos of Metropolitan Montreal. Hence, all Filipinos should support FCMM.

Of course, none of these would have been possible without the dedication of our very own pastor, Fr. Frank Alvarez. His leadership and charisma proved to be effective to the Filipino community. To Fr. Roger Begin, Sis. Luz, Sis. Celia, Sis. Ely and to all our spiritual leaders who worked hard to make our community what it is now surely contributed to the entire success of FCMM.

MABUHAY ang FCMM.

***The Panado Family***

**Larry, Alice, Laura-Alexa, Julian-Niven  
& Naomi-Grace**



We would like to praise and thank God for giving us the strength and guidance all throughout SHEENA's participation in the 2009 Miss FCMM special fund-raising project.

As in the previous Church fund-raising that we have participated in, it is our pleasure to be able to help and support the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank family, friends, and supporters for their help and support in our daughter's candidacy.

May God who is never outdone in generosity bless you a hundredfold.

**MARAMING SALAMAT SA INYONG LAHAT !**

**HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY FCMM !**

**CONGRATULATIONS to our dearest  
SHEENA VANESSA BADO VISARIO  
FCMM Princess of Charity, 2009**

**Albert, Vangie and Alvin Dean Visario**





Congratulations  
to our dear Kaye.  
We are very proud of you.  
Best Wishes!  
We love you very much!

Daddy, Mommy  
& Marvin

Greetings in the Name of God,  
To our dearest Gemberlyn,  
We are very proud of you for helping the F.C.M.M.  
To all our relatives, friends, and supporters,  
God Bless you all for your generous help.  
**MARAMING SALAMAT PO !**  
and  
**MABUHAY FCMM !**

*The Boloso Family*  
**Bernie, Gemma, Gemberlyn & BJ**





We, the Ruiz Family, would like to express our earnest gratitude to all who supported our daughter Mary Joyce Ann, as one of the Ms. FCMM candidates. This event provided a lot of help for our church renovation and we are therefore thankful to all who collaborated in this effort. Thank you so much and may we continue being united as one community in faith in the Filipino Catholic Mission.

MABUHAY FCMM !

*The Ruiz Family*





*Congratulations Neriza,  
All the Best!*

*From,  
Chady, Andrea, & KC Redita*

*Leah Mentos  
Cesar Rendon*

*Congratulations to Neriza Kaye Mentos*

*Happy 20th Anniversary  
to the FCMM*

*From,  
Nimpha & Lorie Dalkin*

*"The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus Our Lord."*  
(Rom 6:23)

To the The Notre-Dame-des-Philippines  
Catholic Mission of Montreal  
Congratulations and best wishes on your 20th  
Anniversary !

**THE TAWAY FAMILY**

Congratulations to The Notre-Dame-des-Philippine  
Catholic Mission of Montreal  
on your 20th Anniversary !  
May God's blessings continue to be  
bestowed upon you!

**WENIE, ISABEL and KERWIN REY**

Congratulations and best wishes on the 20th Anniversary  
of the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal !  
May our Lord Jesus Christ, in His infinite wisdom,  
continue to guide and bless us. Amen.

**MR. & MRS. ROMULO CALVERO & FAMILY**

It is through cooperation, hard work, sacrifice, and a commitment to God that  
The Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal is a dream  
come true – a reality celebrating 20 years in its permanent "HOME."  
May these qualities, and the Love of God carry the FILIPINO Church forward for  
many more years to come.

**The PURAY and PACHEO FAMILIES**

**Congratulations on your Emerald Anniversary FCMM !**  
**We wish you continued success in spreading the Word of God!**  
It is with great pleasure that we express our congratulations to  
The Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal  
in celebrating 20 years under the guidance of our  
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Mr. & Mrs. Nelson and Perla Ortizo and Family**

Congratulations on reaching a very impressive milestone.  
May we all celebrate more years together.

**Mr. & Mrs. Melito Locquiao and Family**

God Bless The Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal on her 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**MARIA-SOCORRO PADIDA**

**Congratulations to the Notre-Dame-des Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal!**

*Preserve us O Lord our God.  
Make us Children of the light that we may walk in your ways.  
Establish us in your commandments holding steadfast within ourselves the remembrance of your judgments.  
Preserve O Lord all the families of our Mission Community,  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory, are yours now and forever, Amen.*

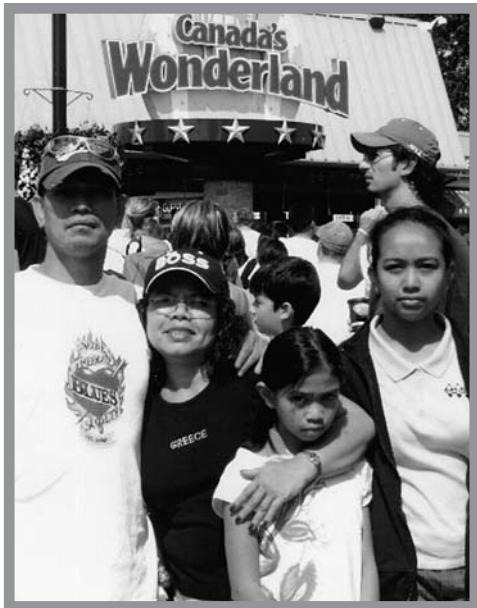
**MABUHAY ANG SIMBAHANG PILIPINO NG MONTREAL!**

**Ana Cerrado**

On the 20th Anniversary of the Notre-Dame-des-Philippines we pray that we may be the servants of God who know how to wonder at His goodness, who are always ready to offer our lives to Him in carrying out His will, obedient to what the Master wants, and ready to die to ourselves so that Christ can live in us.

**MABUHAY !**

**THE JALEA FAMILY**



*Compliments from:*  
**Gerry, Juliet, Joy & Ann**

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,  
 as working for the Lord not for men,  
 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from  
 the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving".  
 (Colossians 3:23)*

**Congratulations to**  
 The Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of  
 Montreal on creating a 20 - year holy history.  
 A story of faith, hard-work and support of God-loving  
 people. Over the years, we have worked together,  
 learned together, and together we made a  
 BIG difference for our Church.



**We are so blessed to  
 be a part of the  
 FCMM story!**

**Caring, Butch,  
 Baby-Lynn, and Laiza**

Open our eyes, that we might see the needs of others.  
 Open our ears, that we might hear your call of discipleship.  
 Open our hearts, that we might love without prejudice.  
 Open our mouths, that we might share the Good News.

May God continue to guide the Notre-Dame-des-Philippines  
 Catholic Mission of Montreal with His grace, enlighten it with His  
 Word, strengthen it with His Holy Spirit. Amen.



**The MOJADO-PAMBUAN FAMILY**



**Congratulations & best wishes  
 to our beloved Pastor, Fr. Frank, the Administrators, Pas-  
 toral Council  
 all ministries, organizations, and parishioners of our  
 beloved Filipino Church.  
 MABUHAY !**

**THE PANDY FAMILY**



**Club Doce Pares du Québec**  
**Doce Pares Club of Québec**  
 A but non-lucratif / Non-Profit Organization

We want to greet and commend the Pastor, Fr. Frank, the Administrators and Pastoral Council of the Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal, and all its supporters for their united stand and commitment to pursue the vision of the Filipino Mission for the glory of God's Name.

May all of us be resolved to continue to support the Filipino Church with renewed zeal !

**MABUHAY ANG SIMBAHANG PILIPINO  
 NG MONTREAL !  
 DOCE PARES  
 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2009-2010**

# ILOCANO ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL

**Executive Board 2008-2010**  
**Nida Quirapas**  
**(President)**

**More power to the  
 FCMM...God Bless!**

**'This is the LORD'S doing  
 and its marvellous in our eyes.'**



Jowen, Michelle, Gabby and Mira extend sincere greetings to you all as we mark this significant milestone in the history of the Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal !

May the Lord continue to bless us all and use us for His glory.

Under the faithful stewardship of our Pastor, Fr. Frank, the Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal has blossomed wonderfully.

May the Lord continue to bless our untiring efforts as we enter into a new decade of Church Ministry. We acknowledge the goodness of the Lord our God through all these years.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow !**



Greetings from:  
**Cora Afan,**

**Lanie & Jay, Adam, Jacob and Angelica Beltran**





*Samantha-Michelle C. San Juan*

**Queen of Angels 1999**

It's been 11 years since I won the title of "Queen of Angels" and in eleven years I've seen this parish grow and flourish just as I have in my own life. I've seen it through ups and downs, good times and bad, Pacquiao matches and Easter Egg Hunts. I've seen it during choir practices and dance practices doing what we do best and of course, I've seen it cleaning up and making the place look perfect for the next special event. I've seen this community in bad days. But more importantly, I've seen it grow together as ONE family through the good days. In 20 years, we've come from the "little Filipino community in Montreal" to the "only Filipino Mission outside of the Philippines" to have its own church! I can't say how proud I am of our community and I can't and won't ever be able to express what this church means to me. I grew up here, I made the best of friends here and I discovered myself here.. This church.. It's my second home. This church **IS** and always will **BE** my *family*.

~ Sam (:

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**Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Years  
Anniversary to FCMM**

From  
**Nestor, Milma, Roxy, Rosen, & Ronel**



**Congratulates the  
Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal  
on its 20th Anniversary celebration.**

**Mabuhay ang Notre Dame des Philippines!  
HALA BIRA!!!**

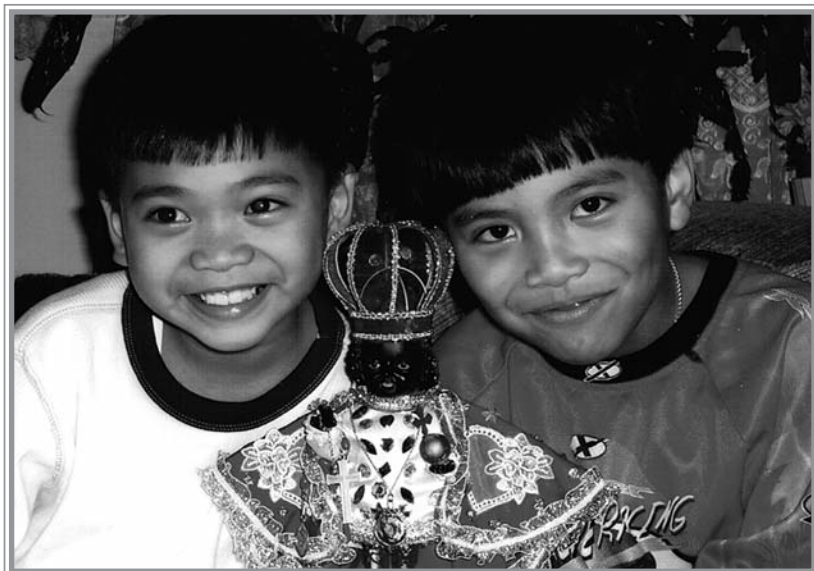
With warmest wishes for this special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to  
Fr. Frank Alvarez  
*and all the Staff and Parishioners of the*  
Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal (FCMM)



### The Pelausa Family

Dr. Jess P. Pelausa  
Mrs. Natalie O. Pelausa  
Dr. Ermelinda O. Pelausa  
Dr. Edilberto O. Pelausa  
Grandsons: Crisanto, Orion,  
and Alexander

**Santo Nino is the Protector and Defender of the Philippines**



### **The SANTO NIÑO PRAYER GROUP**

Montreal-Qttawa  
congratulates  
The Notre-Dame-des-Philippines  
Catholic Mission of Montreal  
on its 20th Anniversary !

*Niño's Angels*



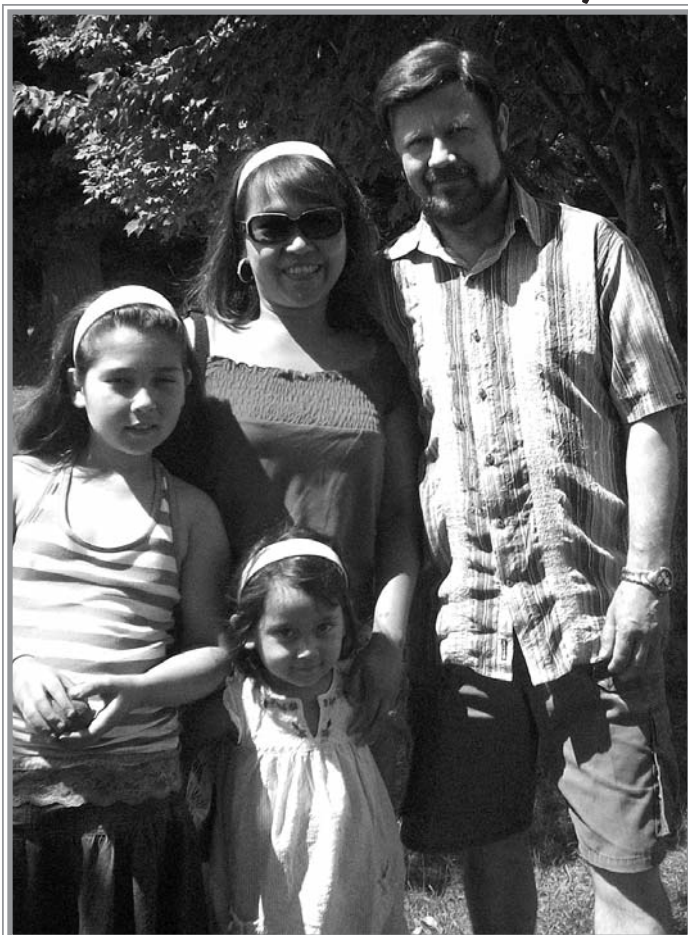
It is so thrilling to become a part of the growth and forward momentum of our Filipino Mission which in the hands of God has brought much spiritual blessing to the Migrant Filipinos of Montreal. We trust that in the years to come, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Notre-Dame-des-Philippines will continue to accompany us so we can continue to bequeath the richness of our faith to our children and grandchildren.

**Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
to the F.C.M.M.!**

***Winie, Ruby & Carissa  
De Mesa***

**Congratulations on our 20<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary! Great job.  
Keep it up.  
May God shower His choicest  
blessings to achieve many more  
such glorious milestones!!!  
We wish everyone success in  
our journey ahead.**

**With prayers,  
The Kardos family**

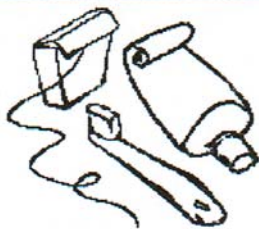



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*Congratulations on your 20th Anniversary!  
Mabuhay ang Simbahang Pilipino!*

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**Gloria, Angie and Bennie**

Congratulations on the 20<sup>th</sup>  
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Love, Family, Friends, Faith,  
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Happy 20th Anniversary!!  
**The Antonio Family**  
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# Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

## *The Tadeo Family*



We rejoice together with all of you as another blessed year of ministry passes by. Indeed, *“the Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad”* (Ps 126:3)

**We are very proud to be a part of the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal.**



1 Chronicles 16:8

“Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name;  
make known among the nations what He has done”

More Power and Wisdom from our God Almighty...

Congratulations FCMM!!!

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The early Christians in Jerusalem shared all they had so that all could benefit from God's gifts.

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God's family works best when its members work together.

Through the generous support and collaborative efforts of all,  
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re-acting or repeating what the early Christians in Jerusalem had done.

Therefore, today's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festivities and the Blessing of our Church  
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