



DECEMBER 11, 2011



Brothers and sisters, let us rejoice in the Lord! Such is the invitation addressed

to all of us by the liturgy on this Third Sunday of Advent. We should rejoice because Christmas is not just the commemoration of Christ's birth more than 2,000 years ago, but is also and especially the re-living of that saving event in our personal and community life. We should rejoice because Jesus is already in our midst. The purpose of his presence is not to judge us but to show his solidarity with us in our effort to set ourselves free from sin and its disastrous consequences. But there is more:

Jesus is also with us to make us instruments and dispensers of his joy for all! Let us keep these consoling truths in our mind as we rejoice in the Lord in the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

Let us also remember in this Eucharist our community, Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal; as we celebrate the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of its Canonical Installation, may we continue to be guided and accompanied by our Patroness, the Immaculate Conception, on the road to holiness.



### HAPPY FIESTA TO ALL !

Today we celebrate our PATRONAL FEAST  
OUR LADY OF THE PHILIPPINES  
The Immaculate Conception-  
and

THE 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the Canonical Installation of  
THE NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPINES CATHOLIC MISSION OF  
MONTREAL

### M A B U H A Y !



#### FIESTA MESSAGE

To the FCMM Community and Friends,

It has been twenty-two years since the birth of our beautiful community. All throughout those years we have altogether lived through thick and thin, success and failure, joy and pain. But what prevailed was the community's consistency, perseverance, commitment, and especially the spirit of friendship, generosity, service and cooperation. All these made it possible for the FCMM to become what it is today.

Hence it is but fitting and proper that we take time to pause in order to express our heartfelt gratitude to God and to our Patroness, Our Lady of the Philippines, for continuously accompanying us with her loving care and guidance as we strive to grow and remain faithful and committed to become the Christian community we envision to be. (cf. FCMM Vision)

It is therefore also a challenge for all of us to renew our personal commitment to the objectives of our Mission Family, and do the best we can to get actively involved in the realization of our spiritual, pastoral, and social endeavours.

May Our Lady of the Philippines continue to inspire us and keep us in her loving embrace today and always ! Happy Anniversary to all !

Fr. Frank Alvarez, pme  
Pastor



We take this opportunity today to welcome all our brothers and sisters who are visiting us this joyful season. Although you may not be able to visit us regularly, we are happy that you are with us during these Special Days and we hope that you will visit your spiritual home of THE FILIPINO CATHOLIC MISSION OF MONTREAL more often. Be assured of our fraternal prayers for all of you!





**TWO ADMINISTRATORS ELECTED**- In a special assembly of FCMM members held last Sunday, **Mr. Quirino Seraspe, Jr.** and **Ms. Maria Teresa Ambayec** were elected as Administrators to serve our community for the next three (3) years. The two were chosen by the majority of the 92 community members who took part in the exercise. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Eduardo Ruiz and Mr. Felix Cambaliza, the other nominees, for their desire and interest to serve the community. The names of the two elected Administrators will now be submitted to the Cardinal for his approval. They begin their own terms January 1, 2012. **CONGRATULATIONS to Tess and Jun !**



**HELP TO CLEAN and DECORATE NEEDED** on Saturday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. We need your "time and talent" to help clean and decorate the church for the Christmas Season. Everyone is welcome. No one is too young or too old or even too busy... even a few minutes of your time will be greatly appreciated. Please see Mr. Louie San Juan or Mr. Francis Pandy **THANKS !**



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** to all who came for last night's 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dinner-Dance ! Thank You to all who made it a **BIG Success !**  
**MABUHAY ang Simbahang Pilipino ng Montreal !**



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECOR NEEDED** - Once again we are decorating the Church for the Christmas Season. We appeal to your generosity to donate for this need. Please complete the sponsorship form which is available at the FCMM Office. **DEADLINE – December 18, 2011** ( All Décor/Flower Donations are Tax Receipt eligible. **THANK YOU !**



**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES** -Our Advent Penance Service will be held next Sunday, December 18 before the 11:30 am Mass and the 7:30 pm Simbanggabi. There will be a number of priests in attendance. This celebration is one of the best ways for each of us to prepare for the feast of Christmas. Please make it a point to come earlier than usual. **THANK YOU !**



**Raise funds for the FCMM every time you shop!!**  
**GET GIFT CARDS FROM THE FCMM**  
**IN TIME FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING !**  
**Last Day to put in your orders in time for your holiday needs:**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2011**

For more information and details, come to the FCMM Office or see Ms. Marites Quirapas



**NON – PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, PERSONAL HYGIENE SUPPLIES, and SCHOOL SUPPLIES are being collected to fill up boxes to be sent to the Philippines !!!**



**A Project of the FCMM Missionary Animation and Action Club and the K of C – Our Lady of the Philippines Council 13585**

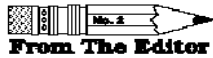


**LAST CALL for BULLETIN ADVERTISERS and SPONSORS**

New Edition will come out in January, 2012.  
Contact Mrs. Fe Elamparo (514- 738 1683) or the FCMM Office.  
Deadline : December 18, 2011.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS** offered by **ALVIN and HILDA VELOSO.**



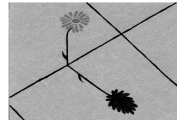
**Our regular Hospitality & Stewardship Corners will be back on the January 8, 2012 Issue. Thanks !**



**SIMBANGGABI 2011-** Everyone is invited to assist at the **SIMBANGGABI 2011**, the central feature of the Filipino Christmas Celebration, to be held from December 15 –23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. here at the FCMM. All those interested to sponsor any of the ‘Aguinaldo’ Masses are requested to contact Mrs. Susie Alejandro, Mrs. Luming Silverio or the FCMM Office.

**REMINDER:** Aguinaldo Mass’ sponsorship has a minimum donation of \$25.00. (Tax Receipt eligible )

During this season, we are invited to meditate on God’s sure coming—but often in places we would not think to look. We are invited to ponder God’s awesome deeds—but often not the ones we would expect. What we celebrate and anticipate is the unexpected manner of God’s coming in Jesus, and the unexpected ways God is still coming to our world. We join Isaiah in remembering God’s mighty presence in the past and in longing for its renewal. And we prepare ourselves to be surprised, amazed, and unsettled by the unexpected appearance of our God.



During the SIMBANGGABI, we Filipinos approach Christmas with a unique focus. Like eager children waiting for the arrival of expected guests, we long to experience the transforming presence of God in our midst. During this 9 nights of our Christmas Novena, we are invited to meditate on God’s coming in surprising places and with awesome deeds. We will worship and reflect on the Scriptures in conversation with each day’s theme. Beginning with a call to pay attention to what God is up to, it will continue with a focus on scene changes, on sadness changing to gladness, on changes in our world’s order, to celebrating Jesus, God’s saving surprise, and finally to welcoming our growing church family.



**DECEMBER 15-23, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.**

**GENERAL THEME: GOD’S AWESOME DEEDS WE DO NOT EXPECT**

- \* Thursday, Dec.15- The Father’s Presence in Jesus
  - ❖ CELEBRANT: Rev. Fr. Frank Alvarez, pme
  - ❖ CHOIR: The Panday Tinig Choral Ensemble
  - ❖ HOSTS: MAAC/ The Ambayec, Sampana, Wong, Perlas, Valenzuela, & Pandy Families
- \* Friday, Dec.16- God enters the world in Human form.
  - ❖ CELEBRANT: Rev. Fr. Armand Galay, mafr
  - ❖ CHOIR: The FCMM YOUTH Ministry
  - ❖ HOSTS: FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY/ YOUTH MINISTRY
- \* Saturday, Dec.17- Sent on God’s Mission.
  - ❖ CELEBRANT: Rev. Fr. Donald Bouchard, pme
  - ❖ CHOIR: The BAGONG HIMIG GHOIR
  - ❖ HOSTS: EVANGELIZATION TEAM/ The Quirapas, & Palisoc Families
- \* Sunday, Dec.18- The Reliable Words of God. The Reliable Words from Mary.
  - ❖ CELEBRANT: Rev. Fr. Richard Brodeur, pme
  - ❖ CHOIR: The FCMM ADULT CHOIR
  - ❖ HOSTS: THE ADULT CHOIR/ The Antonio, Deriquito & Bacosa Families
- \* Monday, Dec.19- God’s unpretentious approach to people. Fr. Jacques doyon
  - ❖ CELEBRANT: Rev. Fr. Jacques Doyon, pme
  - ❖ CHOIR: The BAGONG HIMIG CHOIR
  - ❖ HOSTS: THE CATECHETICAL MINISTRY/ PARENTS’ SUPPORT GROUP
- \* Tuesday, Dec.20- Close encounters with God our partner.
  - ❖ CELEBRANT: Rev. Fr. Jean Binette, pme
  - ❖ CHOIR: The PRAISE BAND
  - ❖ HOSTS: THE KAWAN NG PANGINOON/ The Pavico & Foz Clans
- \* Wednesday, Dec.21- It is right and just to give thanks to God.
  - ❖ CELEBRANT: Rev. Fr. Frank Alvarez, pme
  - ❖ CHOIR: The FCMM ADULT CHOIR
  - ❖ HOSTS: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/ LEGION OF MARY/ The Masaya Family
- \* Thursday, Dec.22- God’s hands is always with us.
  - ❖ CELEBRANT: Rev. Fr. Jess Dimafilis
  - ❖ CHOIR: The ACG
  - ❖ HOSTS: SECULAR FRANCISCANS/ The Allana & Soguilon Families

\* Friday, Dec.23- The Lord is here to set us free.

❖ CELEBRANT: Rev. Fr. Jerome Jose

❖ CHOIR: The BAGONG HIMIG CHOIR

❖ HOSTS: The FCMM ADMINISTRATORS/ The Tabamo & Tadeo Families

