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FROM THE NATIONAL DESK



We are one with the church in celebrating the Season of Creation.

This is a conscious act to contemplate and do something for Mother Earth. Our generous God gifted us with a beautiful life in such a wonderful world! But along the way, humankind failed to sustain the very fragile earth, and we are now facing the perils of Climate Change.

In this Season, I saw how people responded to do big and small acts of caring for the earth. There is an increasing number of 'earth keeping converts' who are into advocacy and lifestyle changes. Last week, we were also reminded of the ruthlessness of natural disasters. While Ompong howled and cried to the best of his might, the earth crumbled and affected our brothers and sisters in some parts of the Philippines. Two separate landslides, one in Itogon and Naga claimed lives, buried houses, and memories.

We pray for the eternal repose of the victims of natural calamities. May their families be strengthened in faith. Let our earth keeping initiatives continue. May these actions include risk reduction and prevention in times of disasters. Let us be consistent and be discerning in all our works.

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COORDINATOR'S THOUGHTS

written by Jonel Bryan Reyes



It is always a constant struggle. But, I promised in SCA that I want to be an Earthkeeper. In the office and in every SCA activity, I initiate practices that remind people of the resolutions crafted during the 1st Earthkeepers Summit. The whole of it is to take care of all God's creations.

Last September 1, 2018, I joined and witnessed the celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the launching of the Season of Creation (September 1 to October 4) at Christ the King Seminary, Quezon City. A symbolic walk started the program, approximately 3,000 people joined (Religious, Civic, NGO's, Schools and Institution).

Aside from different groups, some SCA Units joined and participated the Walk for Creation like the Diocese of Cabanatuan (Sto. Nino Diocesan School, San Lorenzo Ruiz Diocesan Academy, College of the Immaculate Conception, Honorato C. Perez Memorial School, Marciano del Rosario Memorial School), Archdiocese of Manila (College of the Holy Spirit, FEU, DLSU) and Diocese of Pasig (Pasig Catholic College).

The event supported by SCAP is only a small representation to the big mission the movement is facing. The Eco-walk, where participants passed by eight prayer stations, let me reflect the texts from the Book of Genesis. The scriptures bring me back to the source of all things. Truly, I'm one of the billion stewards of creation. I am created to care and to love.



I am tasked to coordinate with two major collaborators on environmental sustainability and social justice in the office - the Global Catholic Climate Movement-Pilipinas and the Angel C. Palanca Peace Program. SCAP is thankful that there are like-minded organizations which we can partner with the same cause. I always pray and hope that we will never cease the power of compassion to others and to our common home. To end, let me borrow an original Tagalog poem (Lupa) written by Ms. Teresa Limpin from ACP3 read last September 1:

*"Ang pagmasdan ang iyong mga gawa, Panginoon
Ay kagandahang amin laging tuwa
Puso nami'y puno ng damdaming
Walang pagsidlan ng alinlangan ng diwa."*

ACROSS SCA CLUSTERS



NCR units grace new academic year with opening salvos



Media campaigns and recruitment activities are conducted in several NCR units to get fresh SCA membership this school year. Photos and posters come from FEU SCA, Ateneo SCA (AtSCA), UPSCA, MITSCA and DLSU-SCA.

The different units of NCR Cluster welcomed the new academic year with a fresh opportunity to engage the youth in becoming disciples of Christ by being evangelized and evangelizing through their opening programs.

UPSCA started the year with their Applicants Orientation with the theme "Welcome Home" last August 31, 2018 at the Delaney Hall, Parish of the Holy Sacrifice in UP Diliman.

Applicants were welcomed through discussions of the different activities of the movement. AtSCA on the other hand had their Orientation Seminar last September 10, 2018 with a retro motif that serves as an inspiration of looking back to the roots of SCA, the highlight of the said event is the assignment of their cells based on the places of their community immersion. FEUSCA, through their online presence, re-emerged in the FEU Community with the rekindling of their legacy as the oldest religious organization in FEU. MITSCA made their presence felt during the Registration Week in Mapua University through their theme of belonging to the family. And DLSU-SCA commenced with their recruitment week with other Religious Organizations of DLSU with an athletic motif. These units prove to establish further the presence of SCA in their universities and the NCR Cluster longs for the day that this presence will permeate even in the national programs and events of SCA.



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northern luzon 

Benguet State University Unit sings for mass services to district inmates

Saying in Ilocano, “Maragsakan kami nga ada kayu nga makikankanta keniyami, mas paragragsakenyu ti panang-selebrar tayu ti misa!” (We’re so happy to have you sing with us, you make our mass celebration more joyful!), an inmate expressed her gratitude to SCAs who regularly visit the district penitentiary during mass services.

Cindy Gayle Mallare, President of the Benguet State University-Student Catholic Action, is always filled with an inspired spirit to join the Jail Ministry Apostolate team to sing for the regular mass services every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month offered for the Benguet inmates.

BSU SCAs takes part in celebrating masses at San Jose the Husband of Mary Parish (La Trinidad, Benguet) in partnership with the Catholic Women’s League (CWL) ministering this Eucharistic Celebrations scheduled every 2nd Sunday (1:00 pm) at Benguet Provincial Jail and on 4th Sundays (3:00 pm) at La Trinidad District Jail presided by Fr. Benedict Jason Lopez, the Spiritual Director of BSU-Student Catholic Action Unit.

Organizing choir and jail visitation has been considered as an organizational identity of BSU SCA which they started a few years back. For Cindy and her fellow SCAs joining her during these moments, they encounter the spirit of joy shared among the people who continue to long for reconciliation, justice, and peace. BSU SCA commits to doing more even in simplest yet meaningful ways to work for social justice and peace.



Standing and holding the guitar, Cindy Mallare, BSU SCA President joins other SCAs in their regular Jail Ministry Apostolate at Benguet Penitentiary.

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SCA Cebu grows 200 trees, supports call to end quarrying

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world unite to pray and care for creation. 2.2 billion Christians worldwide are encouraged to pray for the creation and do something for ecological justice. Pope Francis, in his message to the faithful, invites everyone to show mercy to the earth as our common home and cherish the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion.

Keeping its commitment to engage in and respond to the challenges posed by the Holy Father in his encyclical Laudato Si, the Student Catholic Action of the Philippines has been actively involved in several campaigns advocating environmental awareness and education. In Cebu, some 25 SCA leaders and aspirants grew 200 fruit bearing trees in the Recoletos Eco Park, Brgy. Maslog Danao, situated in the northern part of Cebu on September 1, 2018, in time for the World Day of Prayer for Creation and the opening day of the Season of Creation. The tree growing activity also marked the beginning of the one-year campaign to plant 25,000 trees for the 25,000 victims of the ongoing war on drugs. This campaign tagged as 25K Trees for Life and Justice calls not only for ecological but also for the social wellbeing of the country calling for justice in behalf of all the victims of Extra-Judicial killings and the violence perpetrated against nature.



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After the tree growing activity, the group proceeded to Brgy. Pangdan, City of Naga Cebu to join with some locals in their indignation on the continuing destruction in the environment by some mining corporations. The group, alongside with the residents called for the ceasing of mining and quarrying activities in the area. SCAP in Cebu has been very active in the campaign against mining and the operations of the Coal-Fired Power Plants in the province.

SCA Cebu has several activities lined up for this year's Season of Creation. Eco-Walk, exhibits, fora and other creative ecological actions are in place for the month-long celebration.

PHOTO: The cover page photo is a shot taken by USJ-R Cebu SCA in one of their environmental advocacy activities in the City of Naga, Cebu before the horrendous landslide disaster last September 2018. SCAP conducted relief operations and stress debriefing to the victims after the nature-induced terror.



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New members respond to SCA Tandag call

Saint Theresa College of Tandag- College SCA unit has now gathered new members to the growing family and it is getting more exciting!

31 students responded to the eSCAPade campaign entitled; "COME AND JOIN!" It was headed by the school chaplain, Rev. Fr. Ronald M. Josoy, DCT in partnership with the campus ministry directress, Sr. Miraflor Ramos, MSM. Despite the hectic schedule, participants were willing enough to commit their time to listen and to participate in the program.

A backgrounder and orientation about the Student Catholic Action was the highlight of the event. Emerick Quevedo, the first batch school coordinator, together with alumni colleagues (who are now SCA Animators) facilitated the talk. The interest and excitement coming from the students themselves were enough to make the speakers inspire them more and to share their personal SCA stories.

The whole duration of August covered other fruitful SCA activities such as the two-day Basic Orientation Workshop (BOW) last August 4-5, 2018 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center of Tandag. The 4 cells actively join the different sessions.





BEYOND BORDERS

Eight delegates officially represented SCAP to the 13th International Young Christian Students Asian Session and Council held at Providence University, Taichung City, Taiwan from July 29 to August 7, 2018.

SCAP joined 9 other national movements from India, Sri-Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Korea, Singapore and the host country, Taiwan. Student leaders and animators across Asia gathered to reflect, discuss national situations, listen to invited experts and pray together to deepen an understanding of worsening environmental degradation and conditions of unpeace which reported realities common to all.

ASC's theme, "Students moved by faith towards Education of the Heart and Environment" led the

the national movements in drafting eight calls for action responding to environmental issues and peace-building efforts across the Asian Region:

- (1) To act with a properly formed conscience.
- (2) To assimilate the environmental issues that occur around us;
- (3) To incorporate actions in order to preserve Mother Nature;
- (4) To hold campaigns in different schools and institutions, to bring about awareness in the reduction of the use of disposable wastes in our daily lives;
- (5) To bring about awareness by posting online content on social media and other media platforms;
- (6) To be advocates of peace builders in each community;
- (7) To track the government commitment on reduction of CO2 emission;
- (8) To take into our lives the Pope's Encyclical of Gaudete Et Exsultate and be holy in our own vocation.

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The eight SCAP delegates to the 13th IYCS Asian Session and Council in Taiwan, together with Richard Apeh, IYCS Secretary General (Standing at the middle).



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Sr. Hermina Ebio, MCST, Central Luzon Cluster Coordinator and Animator from the College of the Immaculate Conception, accompanied two senior high school leaders from the same unit: Janielle Kayle Pantaleon and Daniella Linsangan. Daniella was elected as the presiding officer of the 13th Asian Council. Two college leaders namely, Beah Marie Ganarias from the University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos and Felimar Alelojo from Bago City College, with Animator Neil Juanga Jr., represented the Diocese of Bacolod. Melvin Pedrosa, animator for University of San Jose-Recoletos Basak Campus and Frence Boiser, SCAP National Coordinator completed the delegation list.

Here are some of the personal accounts of the delegates during the session and council:



The 13th Asian Session and Council was a wake-up call for me. It made me see more clearly the situation, not only in the Philippines but of the whole world. During the exposure, I saw the effects of human activities against nature. While a large number of greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, are being released by the coal-fired power plant, the Taichung Power Plant, people continue to find ways to resolve any form of pollution. I am inspired by stories in Taiwan like that of the rehabilitation of Lyu Chuan River in the urban area. Before it was very dirty and avoided but because of political will and the help of the people, now it is one of the main city attractions and stops. As an SCA Animator, I commit myself to help in the values education sector which includes teaching students to have a heart for the earth.

NEIL, SCA Animator, Bago City College Unit



Peace is a state of tranquility. However, it is not just the absence of war, rather it is about how you handle conflict in a non-disturbing manner. During the IYCS Asian Session and Council, I was exposed to the dark past of the country, Taiwan. Upon hearing the story of Tai Papa, a survivor of the White Terror in Taiwan, it made me reflect on various things. The experiences during the White terror era is similar to the extrajudicial killings happening now in our country. As a student leader, the realizations that I have discerned will not remain as judgments yet it will be the foundation of the actions that I must do in response to the call. It's now the time to take a stand and to be the voice of the truth; the voice of those who can't stand on their own; and the voice that will bring peace to the society.

BEAH MARIE, SCA College Leader, University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos



ASC2018 in Taiwan brought a big change in me. I admit that sometimes I become one of those arrogant people who just think only for themselves. But through the help and teachings of some of the good people I met in SCA and the IYCS family, these learnings are being renewed. It motivated me to change my difficult ways. A change that should be seen when I returned to my community. The program strengthened me to face the consequences of making a decision that is not aligned with others whose opinions and criticisms can destroy.

FELIMAR, SCA College Leader, Bago City College Unit

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The 10-day journey was an opportune time to get to know some people who have the sense of commitment to help the young see their worth and eventually allow them to discover their own purpose in life to become better Christians and responsible citizens of their respective countries. The session and council, schemed after SJA methodology, was an avenue for me to better grasp the movement's pedagogy and allowed me to appreciate the path SCA Philippines has been taking and affirmed my own understanding of how should SCA operate and function as a movement. ASC started with establishing friendship and linkages among participants. It has developed in me a sense of belongingness regardless of culture, language, and other forms of unique expressions of each and every national delegation. The exposure program, study sessions and tour had been very helpful in establishing and creating awareness in me in terms of the social relevance of the movement in Asia.



MELVIN, Visayas Cluster Coordinator/Animator, USJ-R Basak Cebu

Every time I've been asked about what I feel when I'm in the council, my answer will always be different and up until now I still don't know why. See-Judge-Act Methodology might not be new to me but I realized that I still have something to know and learn. In seeing the overview of the 225 and Taiwan's Martial Law, everything was "inhuman". It hurts my heart especially when I see a picture that illustrates how the victims were tortured just to admit a sin they did not commit. Their freedom of speech was greatly violated, as what Prof. Hong-Yuan Lee stated: "People are living the way they should not live." (I've seen this in one of the statements in the museum). The phrase that struck me the most is what Fr. Chetan said: "Do not think about a hundred things you can't do, instead think about the one you can do." also what Ate Althea said: "Simple things may result in bigger change" And what made me think of who I am is from Fr. Serge "YCS is the new generation apostles of Jesus; you may not have the web of Spiderman but still you can be a hero." These three important statements made me realize that no matter how young, how weak or how fearful I am, I can still be an agent of change. I think the most special part of the Session and Council to me is when all voices from different countries in Asia are being united in a song.



DANIELLA, Senior High School Leader, College of the Immaculate Conception

The Student Catholic Action of the Philippines is a full member of the International Young Catholic Students (IYCS). SCAP is part of the IYCS Asian Regional Coordination. The Asian Session and Council happens every after three years. It decides for the direction of the region alongside with the global advocacy set every World Council. IYCS is recognized by the Holy See as one of the International Catholic Organizations. It has a consultative status to the UNESCO and UN ECOSOC.





THE FILIPINO FAITH

Sanlibo ko'ng Kamatayan, Sa iyo ko ilalaan

by Hart Aldrin Aran

Foreigners and vehicles filled the side streets of Manila. Dry-air afternoons in historic cities like this always invited me to stand a few inches from the wall, a few meters from the road, and see how the contemporary unfolds and transforms from the traces of the distant past. This is some place. Without even going inside the famous Intramuros (although on second thought I entertained the suggestion, given the fact that today is no other than the memorial of a great philosopher from Hippo), Manila will always be this graph of interesting lanes and alleys that both defined and redefined what is modern. Some may say that the whole setup was poor taste. I would argue, rather beautifully, that all I was seeing was how the wars and colonization,

businesses and poverty got mixed up in the capital that now confused what is progress, what is art, what is to preserve, and what is to be classified as plastic and non-biodegradable. Nevertheless, the place is both modernity and memories.

My friends and their baggage already booked a car and its backseat, and so I was left to take the dusty road by foot with no other known soul but myself. If it weren't only for the fact that I have to appear in a 5:30 PM appointment in Binondo, I could have used more of my time alone in trying to weave what was to be written about the infinitely busy subject Manila.

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But that appointment is everything to me— for I planned to hear the Mass in the church there, which is no other than the Minor Basilica of San Lorenzo Ruiz.

We owe our faith to our martyrs. While certainly no right amount of words can give justice to how they surpassed the human level of endurance and even longed to embrace both the instruments and inflictors of their tortures, I couldn't help but write about my hero—for he was both Filipino and Católico . San Lorenzo is inspiration: in martyrdom and faith, in zeal and heroism.

Now who can measure how my pair of huge black sneakers was so close to the piece of specific land where the sandals of this great calligrapher actually stepped on? While San Lorenzo was altar boy and writer, he probably took the same paths I took today, and gazed at the sanctuary in this same particular view that I was now seeing. This kind of parallelism was only too little detail. I would like to highlight now how he, after 381 years of gruesome and bodily death, still lived in the hearts (and in the streets) of the Filipino people. More than dedicating churches and halls in his honor, I think I also see him present in the artistic ink of our history.

Spending some free and quality time in the main roads of Manila was probably one of the many things that we should thank San Lorenzo for. There is freedom. If anything, it was remarkable how he managed to hand down to us his greatest inheritance that now define his people: faith, courage.

Our country has been conquered and freed, then conquered and freed. Fortunately and unfortunately, San Lorenzo was not the only hero in the long roster of people who died rather selflessly for country and religion. The land we are now stepping on was the resting place of martyrs and ancestors who fought the good fight and defended the freedom they thought we now deserve. In one way or another, San Lorenzo gave them strength. Inspiration for the Catholics, courage for the activists, Kuya to the Filipino people.

As the horrors of Martial Law resurface—in books and television—I feel afraid. This time I could have only been lucky to be granted the chance to stroll around Manila and be saved from pickpockets and accidents. But the contemporary picture is a little heavier and darker than that. This is the reason why I cling to faith and placards much harder than before. Time and again, my people are being made to suffer the fangs of poverty and persecution. The years 1637, 1972, and 2018 may have been decades to centuries apart, but the pattern and struggle are the same: there is torture. But a lot stronger and even more powerful than that, there is the Filipino faith.

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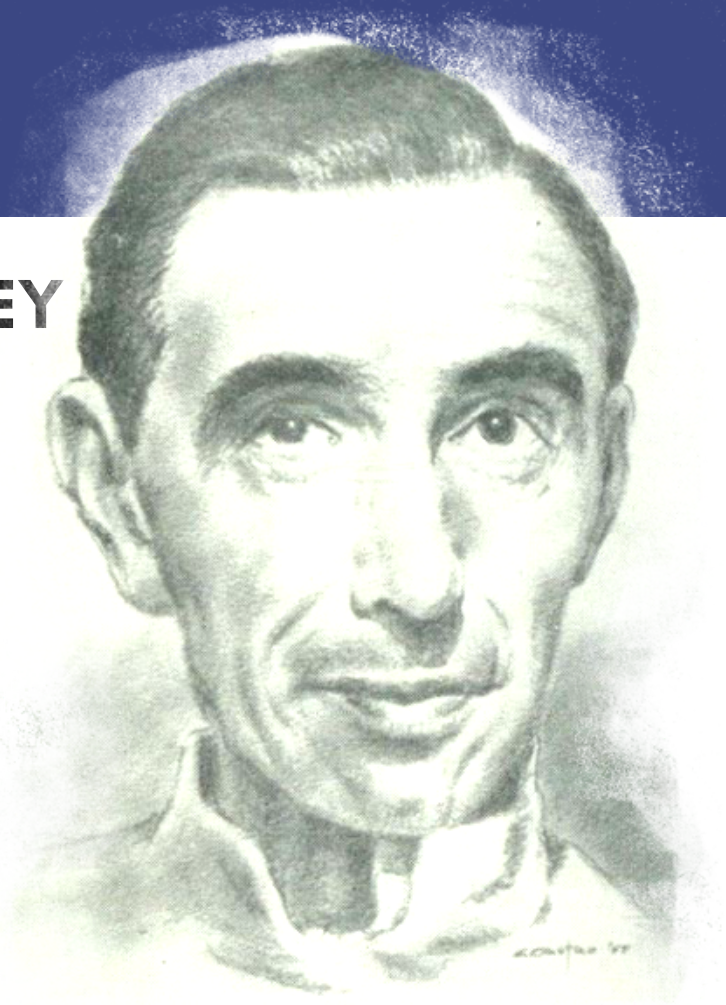
ECHOES OF FR. DELANEY

by Felix Javier

I picked up an autobiography entitled *Simple Glories*. Written by Antonio "Tony" Joaquín, who would later become a friend of mine, one chapter described Tony's assisting a group known as U.P. Student Catholic Action in fundraising for the construction of the famed domed chapel in Diliman. From this book did I come across Fr. John Patrick Delaney, S.J., Tony's teacher at the High School that congregated in the quonset huts by the ruins of the old Ateneo de Manila campus in Calle Padre Faura.

I was still in U.P. Visayas Miag-ao that time, and to find out that there actually was a Catholic organization in U.P. was already something for me. I had just shortly returned to the Catholic Church around that period and I was looking for something that could enrich my faith even in the supposed secularist atmosphere of a national university. All I found, however, were these 'interfaith' Bible study group, a number of which were frequented by Catholic peers. Interfaith and non-denominational by the way are code for either Evangelical Protestant or Christian fundamentalist, exactly one factor to how I gullibly bamboozled myself into leaving the Church. UP SCA Iloilo had since the late 20th century died, I'd find out much later, my mother being the last President of its High School chapter.

Cross-enrolling to U.P. Diliman with the intention of transferring in the next semester, I had come across the contemporary inheritors of Fr. Delaney's legacy. Like a lost tribe of Israel, they have seen better days, and now as a member, that can't be any clearer.



A portrait sketch of Fr. Delaney. Photo taken from Philippine Studies

Midway through my new life in Metro Manila, I met my grandpa's first cousin, Asunción "Sony" Ordóñez, who, with her husband, the late Luis Sisón, President of UP SCA in 1952, were direct witnesses to the 'bigoted preacher of U.P.' Shortly before the untimely passing of the good Father, they were wed by him, top-of-the-line quality products of his Love & Courtship talks he'd often hold. She and Tito Luis, who were active members of the Christian Family Movement, introduced the Marriage Encounter to the country in '69 with Fr. Rubén Tanseco, S.J., and her advocacy for marriage continues to this day. She would occasionally quip to me the possibility of having it re-introduced in the university.

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The writer together with Ms. Asuncion "Sony" Ordenez, wife of late Luis Sison, UPSCA President in 1952.

So I mentioned prior that I had left the Church once. Now what pulled me back was I had discovered, in my U.P. Visayas days, a man by the name of Fr. Espiridion Celis, and the parish he pastored to the Parish of Santa Ana in the historic Molo Church. The parish was known for its active youth ministry, a far cry from the geriatric-dominated BECs of many a Philippine church. If you've heard of that quote of "teach a man how to fish", that's exactly what Father did, especially for the youth, concerning matters of the Faith. He didn't just blabber on what we should stand for; he also laid out the why's and how's. No other priest I knew at that time ever seemed to be of a similar evangelizing flame. I always looked forward to the

Wednesday Catechesis held inside the church. The topic would often range from the many essential elements and facets of the Mass to veneration of Mary, which included how to debunk the lies set out by Christian fundamentalists. And of note was that it was openly advertized. There was no need for registration, and it was live-streamed on Facebook for everyone to access.

How this ties into our dear Fr. Delaney was that it seems to me that Fr. Celis and he untiringly ministered to one group not often in the Church's sights: we the youth. The Jerusalem Youth Ministry as it came to be known was founded initially to counteract the meteoric rise of Christian fundamentalism in the Islands, specifically in Iloilo, in the years directly following the People Power Revolution. And Christian fundamentalism then, and even now, takes advantage of the fact that our youth are *uncatechized*. Until reprehensible clerical politics got in the way, this youth ministry that would find itself in Molo in the 2010s, for a time, was quite sizable and reminded me much of the scale and manner of what Ven. Fulton Sheen had been going.

Likewise, before Fr. Delaney, was taken from this world, he had been intending to venture into what we would now refer to as the pro-life movement. He was writing, with a certain Félix Bautista, a book on the topic of artificial contraception, nearly half a decade before the invention of the nefarious morning-after pill. The unfinished work was published as "The Sin of Birth Control", which, sadly does not amount to much.

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Had he stayed on longer, he would have been a pro-life hero like the unsung champion that is the late Fr. James Bertram Reuter, S.J., another man of God proactive with the youth. Fr. Celis, who had made Chicago his second home in '73, was witness to the many horrendous things occurring then. Coming from the spiked heels of intersectional feminism was Roe v. Wade that legalized abortion on demand in all the United States. He would brush elbows with the likes of supposedly Catholic legislators like US Senator Richard Durbin, one of the most vehement abortion advocates in the American Congress. In more familiar surroundings, he would never cease to state the immorality of the Reproductive Health Law and why it is so. Yet, many a priest are reluctant to speak out against this for fear of 'alienating' parishioners.

And that was odd, as could we not ask the same thing of those who openly marched against coal plant construction or held 'solidarity Masses' in the name of certain political figures? And ultimately, what example does this give to us the Catholic young whose search for Jesus in our lives is often unheeded?

The great Jesuit and Atenista, Fr. Horacio de la Costa, S.J., once wrote in 1953 that "Catholic priests in this country have been criticized both for taking no interest in the common man and taking too much of an interest in him; both for perversely staying in their conventos, and for perversely going out of it." Nothing truer can be said of this, but I'd go on to add that it was also entirely dependent on what kind of 'interest' did the cleric take in the common man. Cardinal Sin-ful Church is not a Church that nurtures and prepares the faithful for eternity but leads them further in the confusion of this desertland God did not promise for us.

I remember the last text of Fr. Romeo Intengan, S.J., a fellow UP SCAn and Ilonggo, to me before his unfortunate demise last year, saying how he quietly slipped away after the Mass in memory of Martial Law at U.P., expressing disgust at how much the event that day was politicized. Likewise, Tita Sony did tell me that the one thing that broke Fr. Delaney's heart was a Catholic youth that put politics before anything else.

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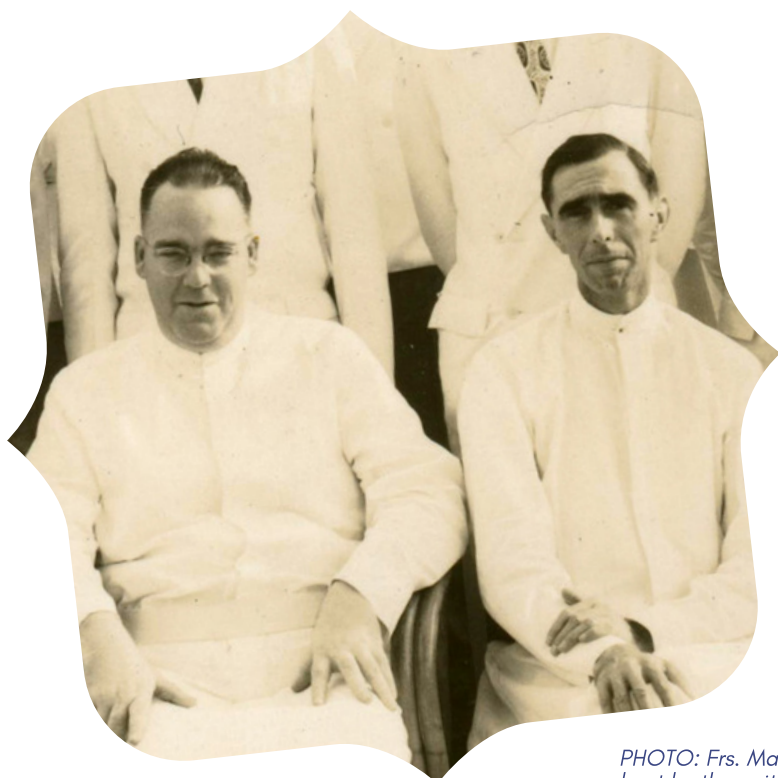


PHOTO: Frs. Masterson and Delaney. This photo is one of the collections kept by the writer.

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At an informal dinner at the residence of a high society matron, at the insistence of the kind lady of the house, I delivered a spiel to her posse on behalf of fundraising for UP SCA. As I had settled down on the table, a woman next to me inquired, "You're with SCA?" Yes, I responded. Piqued, she said, "My husband was National President of SCA." That husband happened to be José "Joecon" Concepción, businessman and former trade secretary. His missus speaking to me was none other than María Victoria "Marivic" Araneta y López. As she proceeded to introduce me to the other ladies, various inquiries were uttered, like the state of Catholicism in the 'godless university' and who the current chaplain was. One even thought that Episcopalians have become dominant in U.P., before I corrected her that it was Evangelicals rather. I had stated that I am a return Catholic, and that if I could lose my faith even with my prior Catholic education, evangelization, especially among my fellow youth, was something needed now more than ever, and that it was something I have since become passionate about. With that, Miss Araneta imparted: "You must look for a Father Delaney to help you."



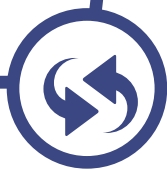
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NATIONAL PROGRAM MILESTONES FROM MAY - AUG 2018



*Selected high school and college student leaders, animators and members of the parish youth committee from Lucban Parish, Quezon Province completed the Basic Orientation Workshop-Students Chaplains and Animators Formation Exchange (BOW-SCAfe) at St. Louis Bishop Parish Hall last June 15 to 16, 2018. The National Secretariat facilitated the activity.



*33 participants from 11 schools in the Diocese of Cabanatuan completed the Basic Orientation Workshop-Students Chaplains and Animators Formation Exchange (BOW-SCAfe) held at Golden Rosas Retreat Center last June 22-23. The national secretariat, together with some animators from CIC SCA Unit, facilitated the program.



*The National Secretariat visited again Diocese of Baguio last July 9-11 to follow-up school linkages partnership with the Commission on Youth.



*9 willing SCA Alumni joined the 1st National Formation Team gathering at the Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation Center last July 14. The program has been launched to gather a pool of formators to sustain a strong contact with committed alumni who will help facilitate national training and activities.

*The National Secretariat facilitated the SCA Animators Formation Exchange (SCAAfe) in the Diocese of Tagbilaran at Arnoldus Retreat House last July 21 to 22. 20 Animators created a network of animators whose aim is to share best practices and enhance their skills in accompanying students.

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ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION MILESTONES FROM MAY – AUG 2018



*SCA Philippines together with SCA College of the Holy Spirit Manila and SCA Lopez Quezon joined the celebration for the 3rd year anniversary of Laudato Si' – Care for our Common Home last June 18 at St. Scholastica's College Manila.



*SCA Philippines joined 15 organizations during the General Assembly of the Federation of National Youth Organizations last July 15. A new council was elected by the body – Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Salesian Youth Movement, Filipino Youth with a Mission and CFC-Youth for Family and life.



*SCAP sent 8 official representatives to the 13th International Young Christian Students Asian Session and Council held at Providence University, Taichung, Taiwan from July 29 to August 7.



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COMING SOON this OCT-DEC 2018

programs

- **OCT 17-19** - SCA Bacolod Diocesan Visit
- **OCT 25-28** - 5th LUZON REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, Cabanatuan City
- **NOV 5-9** - Mary in our Midst/Magnificat INTERFAITH Program, DLSU Manila
- **NOV/DEC** - 2nd National Coordinating Council Formation and Meeting (Tentative)
- **NOV/DEC** - SCA Mindanao Cluster Visit (Tentative)

representation/advocacy

- **OCT 10** - Forum on Federalism with ACP3, Philippine Normal University
- **DEC 2** - Federation of National Youth Organizations (FNYO) Day

celebrations

- **NOV (whole month)** - SCAP National Solidarity Month
- **DEC** - Launching of the Year of the Youth/Youth Ministry Week/NYD Local
- **DEC 9-16** - Youth Ministry Week/National Youth Day (Local)

early announcements

- **23-28 APRIL 2019** - NATIONAL YOUTH DAYS, CEBU CITY (150 Slots will be opened this October 2018! Wait for further announcements.

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