



## **PHILIPPINES: Celebrating the Gift of Consecrated Life**

The Montfortian community in the Philippines gathered on May 31, 2018 on the Feast of the Visitation to celebrate the gift of Consecrated life. It was held at the Montfort Center of Spirituality in South Triangle, Quezon City. The event was held to commemorate the first profession of all perpetually professed members.

The Eucharistic Celebration presided by Fr. Richard Magararu, SMM started at 9:30 am. Present were the scholastics, novices, family members and friends. In his homily, Fr. Richard reminded the confreres on the importance of the on-going formation and conversion of every religious. According to him this is also the call of the the Church in Philippines as it celebrates the Year of the Clergy and Consecrated Persons with the theme *Renewed Servant Leaders for the New Evangelization*. After the homily, all the perpetually professed confreres renewed their vows. As a symbol of their renewed commitment they were given a cross made of marble stone where Montfort's motto "God Alone" is etched.

At the end of the Mass, everyone offered flowers to Mary while singing the lively song "Flores de Mayo".

The following confreres in their number of years of profession including those who were not present were remembered:

Fr. Ariel Aquino, SMM	30 years
Fr. Richard Magararu, SMM	30 years
Fr. Angelo Pusikit, SMM	28 years
Fr. Reynaldo Bullas, Jr., SMM	25 years
Fr. Paul Arnel Lucero, SMM	25 years
Fr. Nelson Cabañero, SMM	25 years
Fr. Norwyn Baydo, SMM	19 years
Fr. Roy Millano, SMM	19 years
Fr. Francis Tacio, SMM	17 years
Fr. Sherwin Nuñez, SMM	14 years
Fr. Rene Bustillo, SMM	12 years
Bro. Reynaldo Silverio, SMM	12 years
Fr. Santiago Casing, SMM	11 years
Fr. Federick Yumang, SMM	11 Years
Fr. Benjie Notarte, SMM	10 years
Fr. Arnel Pagaduan, SMM	10 years
Fr. Gener Pito, SMM	7 years (1 Aug 18)

*-Fr. Richard Magararu, SMM*

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