



Ordination to Priesthood of Rev. Gener Pito

DAGUPAN CITY, Philippines - With Gratitude to God, on the 13th of October 2016, the Company of Mary celebrated a momentous event on the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima with the Presbyterial Ordination of Reverend Gener Calado Pito, SMM held at Saint John the Evangelist Cathedral, Dagupan City, Pangasinan.

The celebration was officiated by the Most Reverend Elmer Mangalino, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Lingayen-Dagupan who revealed that it was his first ordination rite after being consecrated a bishop.

Also present during the celebration was the Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan the Most Reverend Socrates Villegas, D.D. and the members of the Montfort Missionaries Philippine Delegation headed by Rev. Fr. Richard J. Magararu, SMM, Delegation Superior and some guest priests.

In his homily, Bishop Elmer shared with the faithful the importance of priesthood in the light of Jesus' example as a Good Shepherd. He also reminded them of their responsibilities to help pray and support our priests. The Bishop encouraged Rev. Gener to carry out his mission of leading God's flock to the right path in a spirit of self giving, while facing the challenges that may come along the way as a new priest. He reminded Rev. Gener of the importance of a strong relationship with God in prayer and a loving and merciful service to the people entrusted to him.

The event was attended by the Daughters of Wisdom, SMM Lay Associates and Mission Partners, SMM parishioners from Sta. Teresita Parish (Makati City), St.Louis-Marie de Montfort Parish (Bolosan, Dagupan), SMM Communities from Timog (Quezon City) and San Jose de Monte, Bulacan and family, friends and relatives of Rev. Gener from Burgos, La union and Sablan, Benguet.

Right after the mass, all the participants were served dinner and later entertained with a short cultural program.

The celebration was made possible by the help of various people who worked together to make this a memorable and successful occasion.

-Francois Leonard Ancheta