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Consecration of Sta. Teresita Parish Totus Tuus Journey (TTJ) Batch 6

MAKATI CITY, Philippines - The sixth batch of participants to the Totus Tuus Journey (TTJ) group of Sta. Teresita Parish made their consecration to Jesus through Mary last September 8, the birthday of our Blessed Virgin Mary. The group joined first the dawn procession at 4:00 AM dubbed as 'Walk for Mary" which was organized by the parish. The celebration of the mass followed, then the group shared together a sumptuous breakfast. After which the ceremony of consecration began, with Fr. Richard J. Magararu, SMM as the presider and witnessed by supportive parishioners who are already consecrated. The whole celebration brought another memory for all the participants to keep more than the pictures taken that day. But, the most significant was the words that each one uttered and promised in front of everyone and the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. From almost 30 lay faithful who started the journey, only nine persevered and finally made it on the day of the consecration.

The 33 weeks are the compilations of memories, faith formation, reflections and relationships with one another, the world, oneself, with Mary and with Jesus. Every session brings out something to ponder and acceptance of one's strengths and imperfections. Teachers, students and mothers were called for a specific purpose and reason as they gathered together every Wednesday evening. The pilgrimage made by

the group to the Marian Churches and the Recollection which was the final activity of the journey were likewise memorable to all participants.

Like the song that says, "We've only just begun", the process was indeed worth it and the waiting has finally ended but the true essence of being consecrated is just starting. The challenge now is to live each day as they pray the words "I am all yours, and all that I have is yours, O Jesus through Mary".

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