

Awarding of Distinguished Alumni Award to Rev. Fr. Dominador G. Guzman Jr.

A pleasant afternoon to everyone!

I am spiritually elated to introduce to you a distinguished alumnus of PCS who has a very soft spot in my heart. This is because this person was my former student in 3rd year high school Economics in 1976-1977 when I was a "bagito" teacher in PCS. He is a true-blooded Paconian having graduated from the elementary department in 1974, and as class valedictorian of the boys' department in high school in 1978.

I remember it was during those most trying times as teacher that I have to read 5 to 10 chapters ahead of my students and 2 to 3 additional references in Economics aside from the textbook because I have to encounter advanced and challenging questions from my intelligent students from Monday to Friday.

Today, one of the bright students of that batch is back to his beloved Alma Mater with sterling credentials and litany of accomplishments in his chosen vocation, the priesthood. It was not to my surprise and perhaps with other teachers at that time because he really showed righteousness and uprightness of character which to my mind were innate attributes of his personality, strengthened in school which prepared him for his priestly ministry. He was greatly admired by his classmates not only because of his wit but most importantly this student best exemplified Noblesse Oblige, the PCS motto, which means that much is required from the person to whom much is given, much more is required from the person to whom much more is given.

His initial tertiary education began at UP Diliman in AB Journalism for a year (1978-1979) and eventually at St. Paul Seminary as college aspirant in June 1979 in AB Philosophy minor in Mass Communication. In 1984 until 1986 he enrolled in Theology at San Carlos Seminary, but transferred to Loyola School of Theology Ateneo from 1986 to 1988.

### ***His Religious Life***

Destined to become priest, under Society of Saint Paul he had his perpetual vows on January 25, 1988 during the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Almost a month later on February 14, 1988 he was conferred deacon by Bishop Gabriel Reyes and three months later in April 3 Easter Sunday of that same year ordained priest by Bishop Ted Bacani, a former PCS School Director.

His Past Assignments include the following:

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| St. Paul's Publication    | -Founding Editor of " <i>Sambuhay</i> " <i>Sunday Missalette</i><br>-Founding Editor of "365 Days with the Lord" Bible Diary |
| St. Paul College Seminary | -Dean of Studies for 2 school years<br>-Formator for Pre-College Seminarians   |
| Society of St. Paul       | -Provincial Councillor ~1998-2006<br>-Philippine Delegate, 8 General Chapter of the Society of St. Paul, Rome                |

Current Assignments:

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| Society of St. Paul | -Provincial Secretary for Philippines -Macau (1998-present)<br><br>-Director of St. Paul's Publishing House (1998-present)<br>-Contributing Writer for " <i>Sambuhay</i> " <i>Sunday Missalette</i> ; and " <i>Pandasal</i> " (Guide for Lauds and Vespers for Lay People) |
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Archdiocese of Manila

-Archdiocesan Spiritual Director of Office Prayer Communities (since January, 1997 appointment by Bp Bacani)

Charismatic Groups

- Spiritual Director, God Loves Prayer Community
- Spiritual Adviser, Rivers of Living Water Catholic Community
- Spiritual Adviser, Buklod ng Pag-ibig Healing Community
- Spiritual Adviser, Mater Dei Marriage Encounter Community
- Spiritual Director, La Paz Parish Charismatic Group
- Spiritual Director, Workers of Christ Charismatic Community

Others

- Regular Priest Celebrant, SM South Mall Sunday Mass
- Trustee, Evangelion Foundation (for Office Evangelization)
- Guest Writer for Bro. Sanchez's "Sabbath" Publications
- Editor, "St. Michael's Book of Deliverance" (St. Paul's: 2006)

Other Important Accomplishments

- Catholic Representatives Ecumenical Prayer and Toast 59th Anniversary, Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) January 4, 2006
- Presidential Retreat Master  
PGMA and Cabinet Retreat  
Theme: "The Cross -a Call to Discipleship"  
Bahay Pangarap, Malacañang Park  
March 22, 2005  
( cited in "Manila Bulletin, " page 11, March 29, 2005 column of Cerge Remonde)

Published Work(s)

- "New Every Morning, New Everyday"  
343 pages of Reflections on the Weekdays Gospel Readings. (copyright 2006: Saint Paul's, Philippines)  
Cited by Bishop Bacani as the "first book on reflections on the daily readings of the Mass. ...written by a Filipino."

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor and privilege to call on Rev. Fr. Dominador "Domie" Guzman, Jr., SSP, recipient of medal for having been adjudged as FR. GODOFREDO ALDENJUISEN DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD in his chosen vocation as a religious.

May I call on Msgr. Domingo A. Cirilos Jr., PCS beloved School Director to confer the medallion. Let us give Fr. Domie a big round of applause. Thank you very much.

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94<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day, 10 November 2006