

Blessing of the Convent

The blessing of our newly restored convent on November 15, 2014 has three-levels or meanings:

1st we praise and thank our loving God for the gift of the newly restored convent of the Sisters assigned at Holy Family Academy, Angeles City;

2nd we request our Sisters from our nearby communities, guests and participants in the blessing to join us in praising and thanking God; and

3rd with gratitude and appreciation we thank our Archbishop Emeritus, Paciano B. Aniceto, DD, our parish priest, Bishop Pablo Virgilio David, DD, Mother Adelaida Ygrubay, OSB and all the members of the Board of Trustees of Holy Family Academy, Engineer Federico So and Family, Architect Rachelle So, Jeanette Sambo and Joana Manalang and the other engineers, painters, carpenters, electricians who have been instruments in restoring the Sisters' Convent and also the maintenance personnel of the school as well as all the members of the Community who helped in the preparation of the day's event. Special thanks to Monsignor Ricardo Serrano who saw to it that the altar table, the ambo, the crucifix and the tabernacle were all designed accordingly using his knowledge as a doctor of sacred liturgy. He also helped prepare the rite for the blessing of the lectern or ambo, the altar table, the tabernacle and the crucifixes.

The blessing started at 2:30 in the afternoon. Sister Lumen Gloria Dungca, OSB, the Vicar General, who came all the way from Rome did the Reading of the Word of God while Sister Lydia Villegas, OSB, the Subprioress of the Manila Priory read the Responsorial Psalm. Sister Mary Placid Abejo, OSB was on the organ while the Sisters sang "Praise the Lord" a composition of the late Sister Ildephonsa Pineda, OSB. The different areas in the convent were all blessed including the school clinic which was newly renovated. The antiphon "like olive branches around the table of the Lord so are the children in the church" was sung during the blessing of the altar. Before the final song "Now Thank We All Our God" we all sang "Holy God We Praise Thy Name."



Then all Sisters and guests present received the final blessing.

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