

St. Agnes Academy's 102nd Foundation Day Celebration

July 1, 2014 was the 102nd Foundation Day of St. Agnes Academy, the oldest Catholic school in Albay. The theme of the two-day (July 1 and 2, 2014) celebration was **SAA @ 102: CONTINUING OUR CALLING AND MISSION...**



Sr. Ottfrieda Kindergarten Building



New High School Building

Day 1 of the celebration started with an Institutional Holy Mass which highlighted the courage of the pioneering Sisters- Sr. Ferdinanda, OSB, Sr. Edilburgis, OSB and Sr. Alexia, OSB, who responded to the invitation and call to start the apostolate of Christian education among the youth of Albay in 1912. In the said Holy Mass, the school's support of the Church's Program on the Year of the Laity was also launched. Thanksgiving of the school for the PAASCU Re-accreditation (clean slate/five years, valid until 2019) of the Grade School (GS) and High School (HS) Departments was also an intention in the Mass. Right after the Eucharistic Celebration was the Blessing of new and renovated school facilities: the New HS Building, Science laboratories, Music Room. Offices of the SIP, CMO and Agnesian Publication, ICMO, Institutional Multi-purpose Room/Exhibit Room, the Sr. Ottfrieda Kindergarten Building, GS Primary Science Laboratory, HELE Industrial Arts Room, GS Conference Room, Faculty Lounging Room and Offices of the SIP and CMO. In the afternoon was

the Institutional Thanksgiving Program where numbers from the different sectors were presented and well-applauded. But the most applauded part was the Honoring/Recognition of a young alumna, Ms. Yveth Marie A. Santiago, High School 2009 Salutatorian and the reigning Bb. Pilipinas-Supranational. The school administrators, alumni association and the GS and HS PTA gave Ms. Yveth plaques of recognition for her outstanding achievement.



Ms. Yveth Marie A. Santiago being welcomed by the Agnesians on July 1.

The Benedictine Sisters, administrators and teachers with Ms. Yveth Marie A. Santiago.



On July 2, 2014, the second day of the celebration, the Gabay/Guidance Department sponsored SNAP Learning activities for the GS pupils and HS students facilitated by the school's alumni and parents. School Culture Quiz and Archives Museum Tour were also among the activities of the day. Rich Conversations with the Alumni Activity: the Talk of Ms. Yveth on Leadership and on Personality Development capped the second day celebration.

And as a tradition in SAA, SIP/Outreach activities of the different sectors within the period July 1 (SAA Foundation Day) to July 11 (Feast of St. Benedict) are held. This year, the HS faculty will have their SIP/Outreach activity on July 9; the OP and GSP on July 12; and the GS faculty on July 18. The GS pupils and HS students will have their Manualia and SIP/Outreach activities on July 11 and 12.

The Agnesian Community is truly grateful for the graces received from God all these years. And all the members of SAA promise to **CONTINUE THE CALLING AND MISSION** which started 102 years ago.

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