

UPDATE ON THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION WORK IN LEYTE.

As January comes to a close, we acknowledge with gratitude our Sisters, alumnae and benefactors whose untiring efforts and support since Typhoon Yolanda has brought us where we are now. On January 15, **St. Scholastica's College - Tacloban** reopened in two campuses: the Basic Education Department in the old site using tent-classrooms donated by the Buddhist Foundation Tzu Chi, and the College Department in the Janssen Building within the Divine Word campus. Enrolment showed only a slight decrease. Efforts are now being made to find property where the school building can relocate permanently, and we are eternally grateful to our benefactors and friends who continue to support our dream to rebuild.



SSC-Tacloban in Janssen Bldg.



SSC-Tacloban: BED in the old site

An **Ad Hoc Finance Committee for SSC-Tacloban** is hereby appointed, composed of: Sr. Andrea (Chairperson), Sr. Ana Maria Raca, Sr. Baptista Busmente, and Sr. Mary Thomas Prado – members. The Committee will make a cost projection of the needed renovations and repairs and other financial needs of SSC-Tacloban. They shall also make a cost projection of the new school site. This is to provide support to Sr. Andrea, SSC-Tacloban treasurer, for the big, big task ahead.

The **Divine Word Hospital** has full occupancy these days. Repairs on the St. Hildegard Building is ongoing, as well as in the ground floor of St. Benedict's Building, where the pediatrics department is expected to operate. Laboratory, Radiology and other equipment damaged by the flood have been replaced or are in the process of being replaced, thanks to many generous donors, most of whom gave donations before we even asked. In the midst of the work of rebuilding, the hospital community will take a break on the 7th of February to celebrate the launching of the program of activities for the hospital's golden jubilee next year. A highlight of the affair will be a simple parade around the streets of Tacloban to thank the groups, individuals and NGOs who have helped the hospital get back on its feet.

Our Sisters in **St. Peter's College, Ormoc** were able to move back to the Sisters' quarters at the end of the Christmas season. SPC was able to reopen classes already on December 1, but repairs of the buildings continue in the campus. SPC is celebrating its Centennial this year, but the series of activities planned for the centennial had to be cancelled after the typhoon. However, the Sisters and the

academic community will still be celebrating their Centennial from February 20-23, 2014. Let us all celebrate SPC's Centennial with prayers and our presence on these days of their celebration!