

“DOING GREAT THINGS FOR THE LORD”



SSC-Manila delegation to the Mission Congress held at St. Paul's College, Pasig last January 18, 2014

That was the theme of the Mission Congress organized by the Pontifical Mission Societies held last January 18, 2014, a day before Holy Childhood Sunday of the feast of Senor Santo Nino. The sisters running St. Paul's College – Pasig were very kind offer their new and spacious gymnasium and other facilities to accommodate more than a thousand young students from schools in the different dioceses as far as Candelaria, Quezon.

St. Scholastica's College, Manila was represented by twelve Grade 3, 4 and 5 pupils and nine (9) Grades 7 and 8 students and Fred Lachica, Mrs. Royalyn de la Cruz and S. Isabel Orito, OSB as chaperones.

The morning was spent watching cultural presentations from assigned schools and listening to the sharing from our youth representative to the World Youth Day 2013 at Rio

de Janeiro. At 11:00 A.M. the Eucharistic celebration was presided over by His Excellency Most Rev. Arturo M. Bastes, SVD, Bishop of the Diocese of Sorsogon and Chairperson of the Episcopal Commission on Mission, CBCP. His booming and melodious speaking as well as singing voice caught the attention of all. He told his young audience how the child Jesus can be their model in living the Christian life.

After lunch and some animations, Rev. Fr. Xavier 'Javy' Alpasa, SJ gave a talk developing the theme of the Mission Congress. His talk was interspersed with heartwarming video clips which made a connection with the young people. More cultural presentations followed and the day was punctuated by picture taking of every delegation which took quite a long time. Nevertheless, our girls and even adults found the experience worthwhile and challenging.

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