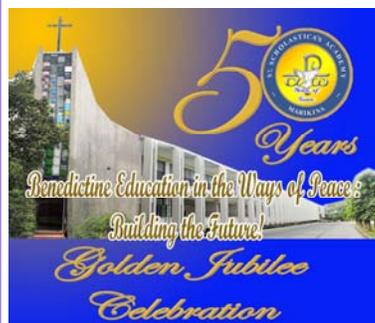


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SSAM's Golden Jubilee Celebration

With grateful hearts, the SSAM community celebrated the Golden Jubilee of its foundation on July 15-17, 2011. On July 15th, Sr. Roseve, OSB and Sr. Lydia, OSB formally opened the celebration with cutting of the ribbon and liturgy of blessing at the school lobby, the entrance of the exhibit area at the main building. Soon after, breakfast was served followed by a motorcade of 50 vehicles around the city headed by the PTA. Booths and fun rides such as the *calesa* and inflatable play gadgets were also opened. The cultural program in the afternoon at the S. Irmburg Covered Court. Was a glimpse of the history of SSAM—from the negotiation of the land at charity price down to the construction of the current additional facilities of the school. The significant events were presented in drama, songs, dances and video presentation. It ended dramatically with a song rendered by all administrators including the sisters, faculty members, staff and general services personnel entitled “One Voice.” It tried to capture the spirit of unity, harmony and love that kept the bond of SSAM community over the past 50 years.

Day 2 began with the solemn Eucharist with Abbot Tarcisius Maria Narciso, OSB and Presider and 6 other concelebrants from different congregations. The symbolic offertoring capsulized the different Gospel values, Benedictine values and transformative involvements that SSAM has integrated in its curriculum. The liturgy became lively and vibrant due to the SSC College of Music Orchestra and Choir led by S. Agnella Capili, OSB. The different Benedictine Communities in Luzon came over to join the Eucharistic Celebration.

It was followed by the field demonstration of all students from all levels. And the *small time BINGO* which was, after all, not a *small time Bingo*. It needed a bigger venue due to the enormous participation of the PTA members. It concluded with a musical concert in the evening, featuring students who are taking piano and voice lessons with the Music House teachers. Other performers were the Faculty Members, S. Roseve Balagat, OSB, the School Directress and Dr Fabian Cadiz, the Vice-Mayor of Marikina City. The evening closed with the beautiful fireworks.

SSAM Alumnae Association organized DAY 3 with the *Kulasa Ako Grand Alumnae Homecoming*. It started with Holy Mass officiated by Fr Jerry Orbos, SVD. M. Mary John Mananzan, OSB, M. Irene Dabalus, OSB together with other sisters from different communities came for the Eucharistic celebration. It was a whole day activity of Healthy Lifestyle and Wellnes Fair, Digital Yearbook batch photo-shoots, and capped with the evening's *Kulasas Got Talent* hosted by home grown TV personalities Agot Isidro and Amy Perez. Randy Santiago and other showbiz personalities also came for this one-of-a-kind fund-raising showcase of *Kulasa* ‘talents unlimited.’ 50 alumnae from across the different batches were awarded for excellence in their own field of endeavor and outstanding service to humanity.



(L-R) Sr. Lydia, Sr. Mary Bernard, Sr. Pauline, Sr. Daniela

