

SOWER



2009

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The SOWER derives its name from the parable of the sower (Mark 4:1-20) and endeavors to witness to the Word of God that is sowed and made grown so as to bear fruit in due time. This annual publication of San Carlos Seminary seeks to share the kind of life Karlistas have in the seminary. Most especially, it seeks to serve as an invitation for altruistic young men to respond to the call of God to serve of His Church.





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Editor's Note

Everything is grace! Our long journey in seminary formation is a witness to this statement.

Having been in the seminary for almost thirteen years, I have been familiar with the structure of seminary formation. At one point in my early years as a seminarian I remember asking myself questions like, "What's the point of doing almost the same activities and following the same schedules in the seminary every year? What novelty can each seminarian expect from his formation every year?" I think the difference lies in our response to our formation. Looking back I realize that my response to seminary formation gradually matured as I found myself growing in my stay in the seminary. The manner in how we respond to formation is always our decision. It will never be taken away from us. The work of formation really happens when we freely choose to respond to the structures and opportunities given by seminary formation.

Above all it is also important to recognize that formation is not only about our own efforts. In the end it is always the grace of God that makes possible the aim of formation i.e. to be like Christ. The grace of God brings about unity in our community as we deepen our relationship with each other as brothers. The grace of God clothes ourselves with the presence of Christ as we advance in age and grow in our self-awareness. The grace of God forms our pastoral heart as we serve the people in our apostolate areas. The grace of God conforms our minds to the mind of Christ as we equip ourselves with knowledge through the different academic courses that we take. The grace of God intensifies our longing to be in union with Him as we nurture our relationship with God by encountering Him through prayer. The grace of God assists us to choose to respond to our formation with overwhelming passion.

I believe that in our long journey in seminary formation the grace of God has always been there. We need the eyes of faith to recognize how the grace of God accompanied us in our own formation.

Sower 2009 with the theme "Everything is grace!" helps us look back in our journey and, hopefully with the eyes of faith recognize the grace-filled moments of our seminary formation.

It is already 2012. Holding on to the belief that Sower helps us look back on those grace-filled moments of our journey in formation, we believe that it is always worth the effort to work hard for the back issues of Sower.

After all the efforts in making this Sower 2009, we can only say that everything is indeed grace!

Jonathan T. Cadiz

Rector's Message

All is grace! This is not just a theological statement or a powerful scriptural message but a true, personal and existential reality for me. All is grace means God's constant guidance and underlying support throughout my life particularly in the journeys of priestly ministry.

At this point of my life as a priest, I am assigned to the seminary. This is a new challenge for me. Although I was a formator and professor before, I am a neophyte in the field of the real training and rigorous formation of seminarians. The development in vocation of men aspiring to become priests is not just a job but a "vocation within a vocation."

But first, I bring to the seminary a diversity of priestly experiences which I would gladly share with my formators, seminarians and personnel.

Radio Veritas. Arzobispado. Manila Cathedral. Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines and Campus Ministry. These were my roads of grace before my station now in the seminary.

Radio Veritas is grace! The powerful tool that is the radio is evangelization through the air. The Good News is proclaimed all over the archipelago especially to the lower middle class folk. Isn't this the prophesy of Isaiah fulfilled in Christ: to proclaim the good news to the poor? It was a challenge because the Gospel message has to be understood by ordinary people. Some can't go to mass because of sickness or disability or distance but they still wish to be touched by the Word of God proclaimed in the mass. My experience in social communication would help seminarians to value preaching and to make the presence of Christ felt in the hearts of people.

The Arzobispado is grace! The curia is the implementing arm of the Archbishop. It is a joy to witness and be part of that vision, the pastoral plans of which are carried out in parishes, schools, institutions and communities. This is the value of synchronization. It is like the conductor with his baton. The symphony is beautiful for it follows the flow set by the conductor. The curia entails being patient with people because all will have to get involved. It is a great delight to be part of organizing a great church gathering with all sectors actively participating.

The Manila Cathedral is grace! The minor basilica is grace! The national shrine is grace! This is the seat of the Archbishop. The liturgy celebrated in the Cathedral reflects

the grandeur of heaven. The Eucharist celebrated in the Cathedral gives affirmation and oneness to a pastoral initiative. This setting is memorable, unforgettable and most hallowed to any faithful. The Cathedral is a mirror of heavenly splendor that a participant is simply filled with awe. This locale can transfix heaven into the soul of the churchgoer.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines is grace! Working for the bishops helps me understand the situation in the dioceses. It also gives me a perspective in the national level! Definitely, the seminarians will not have a parochial mentality i.e. narrowed, limited, confined to one's turf. The voice of the bishops is of paramount importance especially in moments of difficulty, confusion and trial. Seminarians in formation should learn fidelity to the Magisterium, the teaching office of the Church. Also as important, we will learn to see the bishop not just as an authority figure but as a father.

My Campus Ministry is grace! My work among the young is invaluable. The challenge is always being creative, dynamic and lively. The young need to feel Christ in you. One's personal encounter in joy needs to be felt by the young. Otherwise faith is a mere organization, an institution, a system that the young may find irrelevant.

Now I am in the seminary. Travelling along God's love throughout my varied ministries makes me adjust and adapt. I have had my moments of being humbled in these areas simply because I didn't know so I had to struggle, but I am consoled always by God's graciousness.

This first year in the seminary is like my first year in my other ministries. I am open. I am excited. I will find God in formation. I will find God among the seminarians. And yes, San Carlos Seminary is home to me.

Rev. Msgr. Hernando M. Coronel



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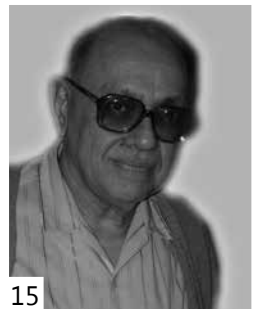


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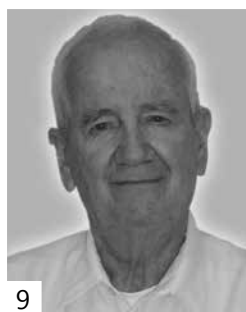


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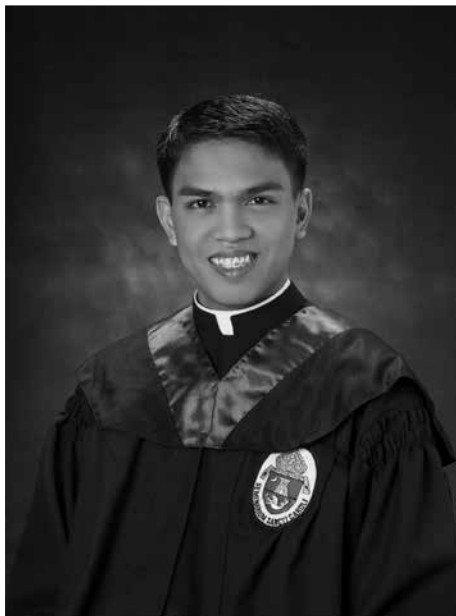


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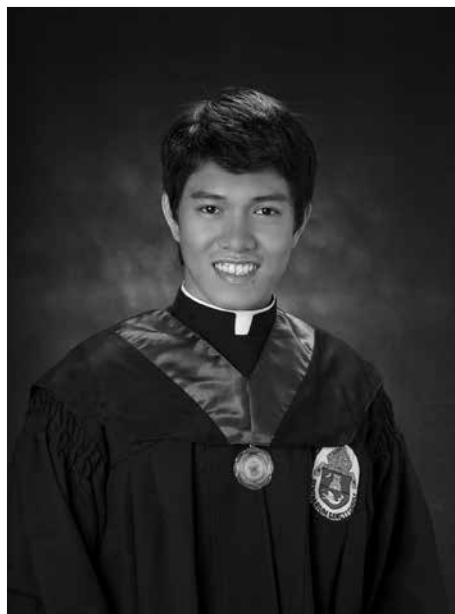


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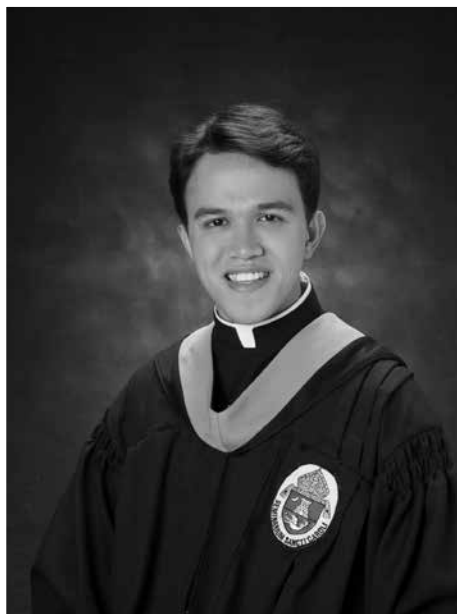
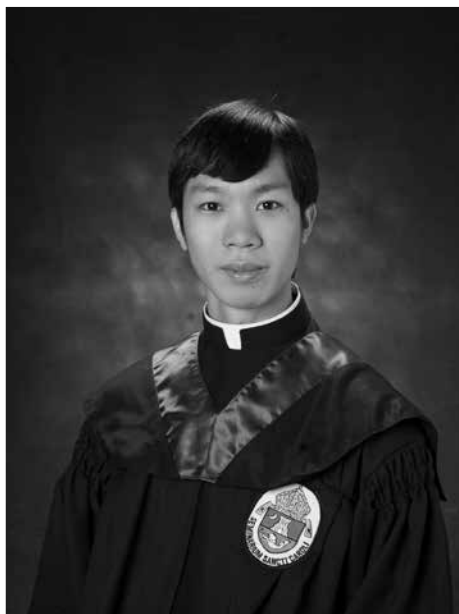




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► The St. Benedict of Nursia Class.





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Theology Department. **Theology 3.**



▼ The St. Francis of Assisi Class.





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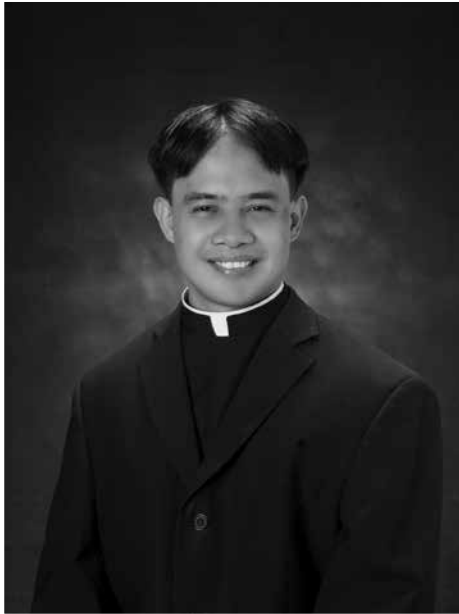


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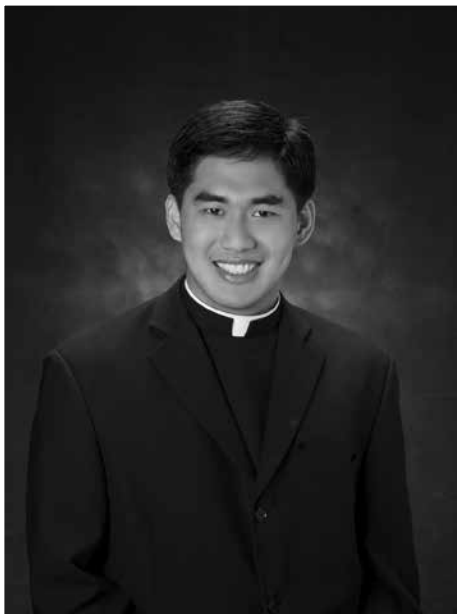
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▲ The St. Augustine of Hippo Class.



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Diocese of Daet



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Diocese of La Union



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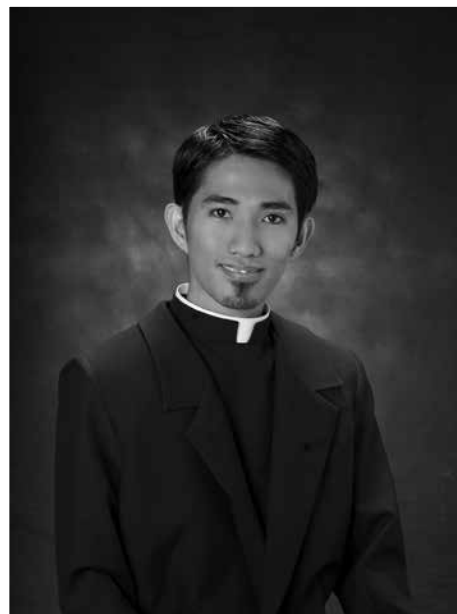
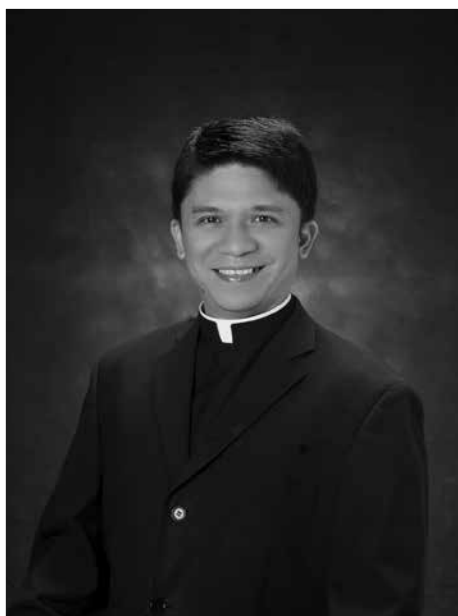
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▼ The Theology Graduates of 2009.





◀ WARREN CAMPILAN
Order of the Servants of Mary



▲ FERNANDO SABADO
Lorenzo Ruiz Mission Society

◀ MANUEL SANTIAGO CUEVAS
Diocese of Antipolo
Holy Apostles Senior Seminary



▲ JASPER TIONGQUICO
Missionaries of La Salette



► ERICKSON TOTANES
Servants of the Risen Christ

Activities. June-August.

► Pilgrimage to Antipolo.



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▼ Closing mass of the theology department annual retreat



▼ Tribute to Fr. Edwin Mercado.



► Despedida mass of Fr. Edwin Mercado.



◀ (on opposite page:) Opening of the sportsfest.

Activities. June-August.



▲ Theology at *Humanae Vitae* anniversary, UST.



▲ Philosophy interseminary meeting "Ifaa" opening salvo.

◀ Theology department team-building.



▲ Indoor games competition during the "Ifaa."

► Thanksgiving for the successful hosting of "Ifaa."



Activities. ***September-December.***



▲ The 76th annual alumni homecoming.

▼ Ending liturgy of the alumni homecoming.



◀ Msgr. Dacuycuy, golden jubilarian this year, presides over the alumni homecoming mass.

▼ Cardinal Vidal presents the awards to the jubilarians and outstanding Karlistas.





▲ Batch 1988 presenting a song number during their reunion.

▼ Msgr. Ding and his classmates turn twenty years in the priesthood.



*Activities. **September-December.***



◀ Fr. Carlo welcomes guests to the newly-opened Bulwagang Karlista.

▶ Philosophy department and formation year join to host Christmas party for neighborhood children.

▼ Children's mass and Christmas party.



► Parol-making contest for Christmas.



▲ Community Christmas party.



◀ Theology department sharing Christmas joy.

Activities. January-March.



▲ Philosophy week debating competition with Maria Assumpta Seminary.

▼ Philosophy week exhibits.



▲ Ati-atihan dance festival in honor of the Santo Niño.



▲ The Santo Niño festival.

▼ Procession around the complex to honor the Santo Niño.



▲ Theology department prepares for their dance presentation.

*Activities. **January-March.***



▲ Theology department going for outing in Puerto Galera.





◀ SEMNET gathering at UST.



▶ Admission to the candidacy to the sacred orders.



▲ SETA Family Day program at the covered court.

◀ Parents join in parlor games during the Family Day.



Activities. January-March.



▲ Bible quiz during the celebration of the Bible Week.

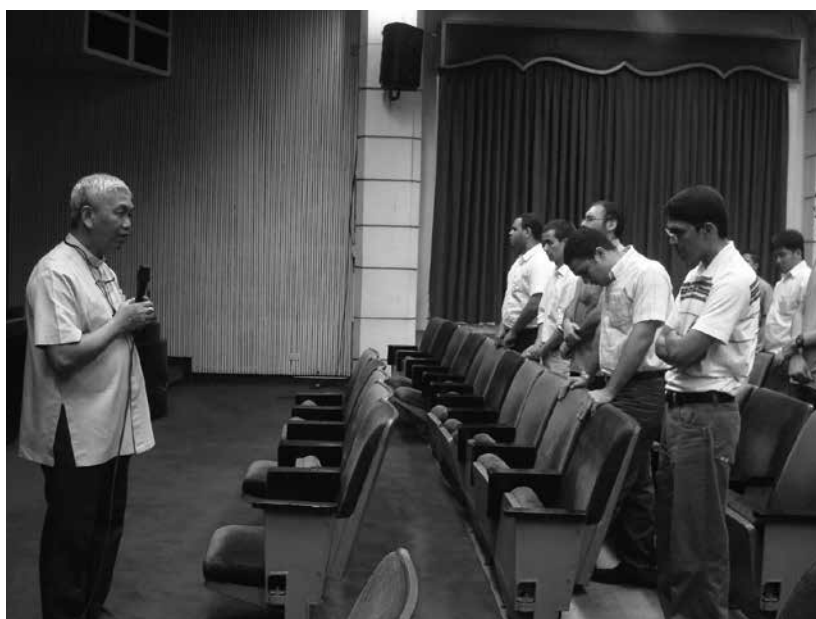
◀ Seminarians in costume presenting characters from the Bible.



▼ The Archbishop of Manila and his auxiliary bishops conduct their pastoral visit.



► Bishop Pabillo holds a conference on the Word of God during the Pastoral Visit.



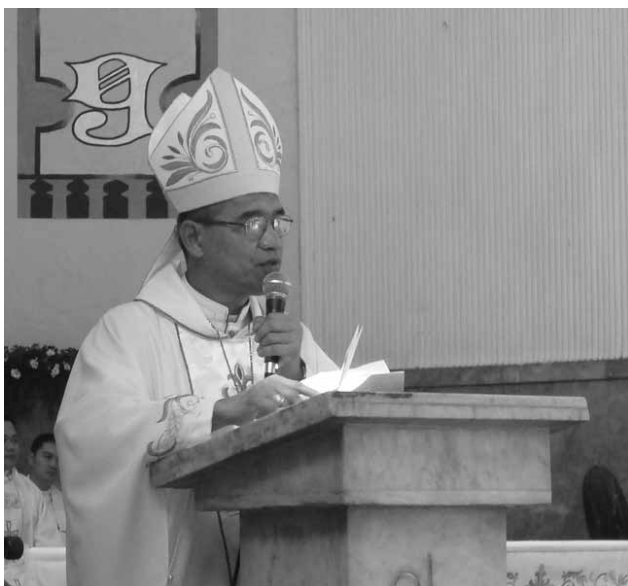
Activities. January-March.



◀ Ordinandi solemnly promise to keep celibacy.

► Bishop Cortez lays his hands on the candidate.

▼ Bishop Cortez exhorts the candidates to live out Christ's example.





▲ The new deacons of 2009.

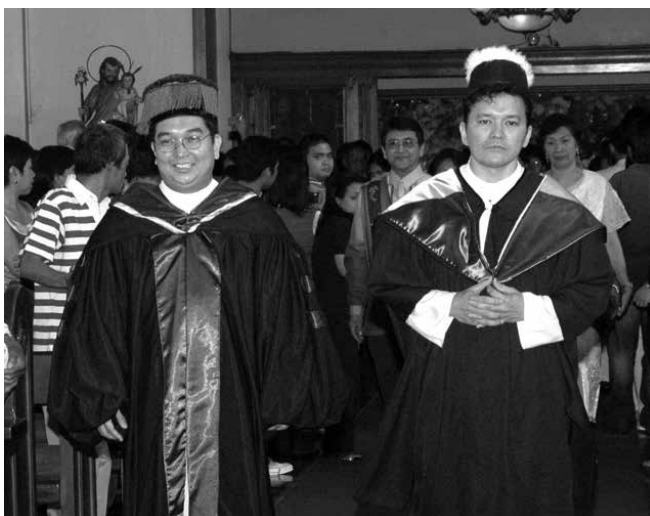
Activities. January-March.



▲ Archbishop Rosales presided over the Baccalaureate mass.



▲ Thanksgiving address from the graduates.



◀ The deans of the Philosophy and Theology department.



► Cardinal Rosales hands over the diplomas to the graduates.



▲ The graduates do their pledge as recipients of the degrees conferred on them.

*Activities. **Priestly Ordinations.***



◀ Ordination of Rev. Daniel Estacio.



▶ Eucharist presided by Most Rev.
Francisco San Diego, Bishop of Pasig.

▼ Seminarians sing during the
ordination eucharist.



► Ordination of Rev. Peter Thoai.

▼ The kiss of peace to the newly-ordained priest.



▼ Ordination eucharist was presided by Most Rev. Socrates Villlegas at the EDSA Shrine.



*Activities. **Priestly Ordinations.***

▼ Ordination of Rev. Richard Mayo in Taytay, Palawan.



► Thanksgiving mass
of Fr. Richard Mayo.



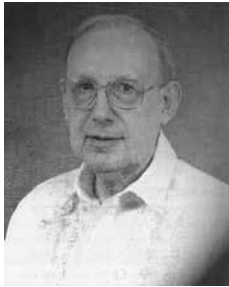
◀ Ordination eucharist was presided by Most Rev. Florentino Lavarias of Iba.

◀ Ordination of Rev. Arwin Ysonza.

▼ Solemn procession at the beginning of the ordination rites.



*In Memoriam. **Fr. Jan Zwaenepoel, CICM.***



His Life

An excellent Philosophy Professor eminent for his legendary way of teaching Philosophy, Fr. Jan Zwaenepoel, CICM, was one of the last CICM Formators in San Carlos Seminary.

He was ordained a CICM Priest on August 6, 1950 and made graduate studies at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium where he earned his Licentiate in Philosophy in 1954. He left his native land for the Philippines on September 27, 1956 and arrived on October 22, 1956. He was assigned in San Carlos Seminary in 1957 where served as Professor of Philosophy until 1959. In 1959, he earned his Doctorate in Philosophy at the University of Santo Tomas, Manila. His thesis was entitled The "Quaestiones in Librum de Causis" Attributed to Henry of Ghent according to the Escorial Manuscript. An unedited text with introduction. In 1969, he was back in San Carlos Seminary, serving as Professor of Philosophy. He handled the following Philosophy courses: Philosophical Anthropology, Ethical Anthropology, Ethics, Social Philosophy (1976-1991), Twentieth Century Philosophy (1976-1985); Moral Philosophy (1992-1994); General Psychology (1978-1980); and Phenomenological Psychology (1981-1991).

He has untiringly shared his knowledge to his students that his course practically is not only Philosophy but encompasses Seminary Formation-related topics as well. He has truly lived out his mission faithfully that he was considered not only as Professor par excellence but primarily as Formator par excellence. As Priest-Professor, he was not remiss in reminding his class about the importance of Spiritual life over any other aspect of seminary formation—yes, including Intellectual Formation.

Through him, Carlista seminarians realized the rewards of the virtue of diligence and hard work. He always retorted that "in my course, it is diligence not intelligence that matters!" Those who were used to procrastinating were sure to find his subject crucifying. His students would never forget hours of outlining, underlining, and studying for his course. In spite of the painstaking hours of study, those who studied under him cannot help but remain grateful.

In 1980, he wrote a book entitled Readings in Phenomenological Psychology and in 1985, he authored three books: Ethical Anthropology, History of Twentieth Century Philosophy and Phenomenological Psychology. All these books were used as books for his lectures. In 1987, the seminary library, which used to be housed on the fourth floor of San Carlos Seminary, was moved to its present location at the first floor of the San Carlos Graduate School of Theology. It was named Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes Memorial Library. Fr. Jan became the first Library Director and he served in that position until 1990. As library director, he made sure that the library is supplied with new books and journals. He even tried to read and review every new book to be displayed in the shelves.

After having served as Library Director, he continued to give his assistance to the Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes Memorial Library by serving as Library Consultant from 1990 to 1994. From 1991 to 1993, he served as Associate Spiritual Director of the Philosophy Department. He was mindful of his directees' complicated stage, that he supervised the careful selection of books to read and meditated upon. As a man of prayer, he was known as the advocate of the holy hour and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament in the seminary. While his first two hours after breakfast were reserved for teaching Philosophy, the next hour was spent in the chapel. He was quite consistent with his chapel routine. At first he would be seated on one of those chairs near the main entrance, reading the scriptures and later his breviary. Afterwards, he would walk around the chapel praying his rosary.

*In Memoriam. **Fr. Jan Zwaenepoel, CICM.***

In 1994, he retired as Professor because he wanted to give way to younger professors. He continued serving as Spiritual Director and Confessor, ever mindful of the seminarians' spiritual, academic, and emotional development. He retired at the CICM House in Torhout, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium in 1994 until the time of his death.

He passed away on September 25, 2008. Alumni Bishops and priests of San Carlos Seminary came to the Requiem Mass offered for Fr. Jan in the Main Chapel on October 6, 2008.

His Legacy

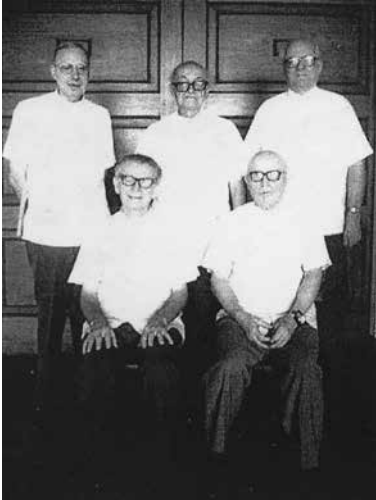
The vast library of San Carlos Seminary, which is presently called the Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes Memorial Library, traces back its history together with the history of San Carlos Seminary itself. When the Seminary moved to Makati in 1953, the library was housed at the third floor of the main building where the oratory of the Formation Year Department is now to be found.

According to Rev. Fr. John P. Zwaenepoel, CICM, the first directors of the San Carlos Seminary Library were Vincentian Priests and then followed by the CICM Priests. He was assigned as Library Director upon his arrival in 1969. With the foundation of the Holy Apostles Senior Seminary in 1985 and the Lorenzo Mission Institute in 1988, there arose the need to transfer the SCS Library to a new location. The old site became too small for the growing community as well as for the increasing number of books. Consequently, it was then decided upon that it would be transferred to the first floor of the San Carlos Graduate School of Theology that was constructed in 1987 and is its present location.

The SCS Library in its new site was named Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes Memorial Library, in honor of the first Filipino Archbishop of Manila. It was intended to serve as a lasting memory of him who provided a more spacious and permanent home for the Carlista seminarians.

In its new site, the Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes Memorial Library became the Archdiocesan Library. Its principle aim is to promote the intellectual and spiritual formation of seminarians residing at the San Carlos Pastoral Formation Complex. Nevertheless, it is not only for the exclusive use of the seminarians and Priest-formators of San Carlos Pastoral Formation Complex, but also for the Clergy, Religious, and Lay people who may need references for their apostolate and catechetical work.

A major part of the vast collection of the library was put together through the dedication, initiative, and efforts of Fr. John P. Zwaenepoel, CICM, the first Library Director (1987-1993). Acquisition of new books, publications, periodicals, and various donations to the library are made possible through His Eminence, Jaime L. Cardinal Sin, D.D., Archbishop of Manila, and the Father John Zwaenepoel Foundation, Inc. The Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes Memorial Library is a living testimony to the untiring endeavors of Fr. John in promoting the Intellectual Formation of a seminarian.



Ral Jaden C. Paguergan

▲ (standing from left to right:) Fr. Jan Zwaenepoel, CICM; Fr. Albert Meerschaert, CICM; Fr. Francis Te Marvelde, CICM; (seated from left to right:) Fr. Leon Cornerotte, CICM; Fr. Leo Vandromme, CICM.

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*In Memoriam. **Fr. Jan Zwaenepoel, CICM.***

A Tribute

Who is Father Jan Zwaenepoel? I guess a number of seminarians today are wondering who this man is. After all, it's not unusual to hear his not so usual name in San Carlos Seminary. Karlistas love to tell stories about his legendary way of teaching philosophy. Most of them take pride in having been in his class. And those who eventually ended up working in the academe have adopted and assimilated some of his educational methods. Who could ever forget the "outlining" he required for each of his lectures? As far as I recall, that's the first lesson one gets from his class. It's not that simple though. One has to use green ink for underscoring important words in the outline and red ink for the more important ones, not to mention the difference between single underscoring and double underscoring.

But that makes sense, doesn't it? Not all the words we utter are equally significant. In fact, even in the way we speak, greater stress is placed on those we want to emphasize. Human life is not far different. Not every event in one's life is equally important. And given the temporal character of human existence, one has to make a choice of what to underscore and what to ignore.

That's what Jan Zwaenepoel taught us in class — philosophy, yes, but one that has a great bearing on our lives. And because he presupposed that his students wanted to become priests someday, he wasn't remiss in reminding his class about the importance of spiritual life over any other aspect of seminary formation—yes, including intellectual formation. Perhaps, more than anything else Jan Zwaenepoel has come to be known for his erudition.

But that's only one side of Jan Zwaenepoel. He was first and foremost a man greatly devoted to prayer. I remember him once telling us how he got that morning habit. He was inspired, he said, by the great Archbishop Fulton Sheen. What impressed him the most was the devotion the Archbishop had to his daily holy hour. More than his intellectual prowess and the eloquence with which he was able to articulate his thoughts, it was the Archbishop's prayer schedule that really had an impact on Fr. Jan.

Fr. Jan might readily come across as exacting. But that was only because he wanted his students to excel and to actualize their potentials to the fullest. He never wanted us to end up becoming mediocre priests. And that applied not just to academics but to all aspects of seminary formation.

Of course, Fr. Jan had always loved to teach. Teaching was his passion. He enjoyed it so much especially when he saw his students learn and develop a taste for study. Professors who are demanding are rarely appreciated. It's only when they are faced with the hard realities of life that they begin to be grateful for having been trained by a devoted teacher. That's how many felt about Fr. Jan. He might have made their student life less comfortable in San Carlos Seminary, but he has surely helped them for the rest of their lives. So thank you very much, Fr. Jan!

Fr. Lorenz Moises J. Festin

▼ Bishops came to celebrate the mass in memory of Fr. Jan.







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Butihing San Carlos, mithi mo'y imulat
Bagong kaparian sa pagkaalagad:
Banal sa pangarap, bayani sa sikap.
San Carlos na ganap, Borromeong payak.

1. Halina't magdangal, magbunyi't umawit
Anak ng San Carlos tayo na't tumindig.
Makihamok tayo, hamon ng daigdig
Ay buong tiwalang haraping makisig;
Kalasagin nati'y diwa ng pag-ibig
Sa Bayan ng Diyos ay ipananagip.

2. Mabunying San Carlos ating ipahayag
Seminariyo natin ay tagapagmulat
Nitong kabataang magpari ang hangad;
Palihan ng diwa ng tagapagligtas.
Pandayan ng buhay ng Kanyang alagad
Ng paring uugit sa bayang 'ting liyag.

3. Taga sa panahon batibot matatag.
Sa bigat ng tungkuli'y di nasidadak.
Punong umaakay gurong namamansag
Ng salita ng Diyos na S'ya nating lakas;
Tagapagpabanal tagapagpaunlad
Ng Kristiyanong buhay na mithi ng lahat.

4. Carlistas na pari ay lingkod ng Diyos.
Lakas, kakayahan at dunong ay handog;
Pag-ibig sa kapwa'y ibinabantayog.
Handang makipasan sa bigat ng Krus.
Hirap ng tiisi't tarik ng pagsubok
Ay sasalungahin bilang sugong lubos.

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