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If the World is Saved, It will be Through Charity

By. Fr. Daniel Godefroy, FC

Our founder Fr. Jean-Emile Anizan said: "If the world is saved, it will be through charity! Charity is the marrow of the Gospel." When Anizan speaks about charity he means love: "The source of our apostolate is the Love of God because we are invited to make Him be loved... and the sincere love, the true charity is goodness!"

This is right for all activities of a Son of Charity: our apostolate need to be inspired by charity. As parish priest of Jesus of Nazareth parish which is composed of many and very poor families, I feel that we need to be close to them, to listen to them, to love them, to enter into their homes and allow us to be invited by them... Doing so, I am amazed to discover so many beautiful things, qualities of heart like goodness, generosity, and perseverance inside trials and through poverty of life. People help one another without saying anything and they find it natural.

I am amazed to see how our people and leaders are moved by charity. They receive charity from our patron Jesus of Nazareth, and they want to communicate this love to others. We have so many simple, charitable and generous leaders.. They are doing like:

- Because of their charity, our social area leaders visit the poorest families in order to invite children to have a free week of holidays near the sea during summer time, or to inform poor families about services useful for them.

- Because of charity, our

catechists volunteers or professionals gathers children and youth, teaching them faith and love of God, preparing them to receive the sacraments like confession, communion, and confirmation.

- Because of charity, a team of Family Ministry invite couples to attend seminars on "Marriage Encounter" and regular meetings of Praise and Worship headed by their ministry.

- Because of charity, our Parish Youth Ministry develop activities of discovering and solidarity, giving joy and hope to the youth, developing their talents and expressing their joy to serve people in their parish.

- Because of charity, simple individuals of our area serve as volunteer in our Health Centre in order to offer a good quality of services for sick and handicap people of our community.

- Because of charity, a team organize every week-end, Bible sharing with different Basic Ecclesial Communities...

For us, Sons of Charity, a parish is not an administration. It is the expression of a spirit of charity. We want to deepen our leaders' love for Christ in order



for them to be apostle to other families. People who come to the church have to be welcomed with charity. Those who do not come to the church have to feel that they are taken into consideration too, and who enter the community need to feel the spirit of simplicity and love like in a family.

Charity and mercy guided all the action of our Lord during his public Life: miracle for sick persons, compassion for excluded and forgiveness for sinners. By charity, he gave his life for our salvation. So let true charity, guide our actions of generosity and to make meaningful his Good News today especially to the poorest of the poor.

The Official Visit of Fr. Pierre Tritz and Fr. Calixto Martinez

By: Sem. Christopher Labrador



The Following is an excerpt from the letter of Fr. Pierre and Fr. Calixto to the Philippine Branch as an orientation to the next years to come, dated March 25, 2013.

Here are some things to share after our visit (in the Philippines)

We give thanks to God because you live beautiful things here: a pastoral team in the midst of a people that wants to grow and live their faith, many responsibilities of the laity; the COA (Companions of Anizan). When we see this poor and welcoming people, we believe that our charism has its place here. A team of formators who begin working together and with the help of a layman is very important.

Young people knocking on our door, it is a joy and a responsibility for us.

-Pierre and Calixto

The whole Sons of Charity of the Philippine Branch was filled with joy and gladness as they warmly welcomed the first official visit of the new Superior General of the congregation, Fr. Pierre Tritz, FC. Together with him was his Vicar General of the congregation Fr. Calixto Martinez, FC. The visit lasted for 19 days, from March 7 to 25, 2013. Each member of the branch had a great time of sharing, listening, dialogue, and discernment with Fr. Pierre and Fr. Calixto. After the visit, the Superior General and his Vicar expressed their general orientation to the branch.

Flash From the General Council

On June 22nd, in Abidjan, we will have the joy of the final religious profession of Arnaud-Edouard Bahoua, Hector Lipfou, Alain-Paul N'Gbesso and Darius Simanzondo of the African Branch., and the priestly ordination of the two deacons: Emanuel Aka (Ivory Coast) and Patrice Koudekikissa (Brazzaville). As to the novitiate in France with Gilbert and Etienne, it continues its rhythm toward the final stage.

The new General Council, especially Pierre and Calixto, has visited almost all the Branches except Spain and Quebec. This has allowed the Council to take the pulse of our current reality and insist on the implementation of the acts of the chapter, especially in the search centered of our life in Christ and in the carefulness of the quality of our religious and fraternal life in the dynamics of the Apostolic Community Project.

Deceased we recommend: Pierre Le Clerc, Francis Château and Pierre Aubry.

Inspirational Quotes

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

— Mother Teresa

"Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices."

— Teresa of Ávila

"Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity."

-St. Vincent de Paul

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves."

-St. Francis de Sales

"Love God, serve God; everything is in that."

-St. Clare of Assisi



Love, Responsibility, and Obedience

Reflection on Good Friday, March 29, 2013

By: Sem. Richard C. Adalim

The Good Friday celebration is a way of examining our very selves on how Jesus suffered on the cross just to express His deep love for us and for our salvation. There are three important lessons in life that we can get out of this big event of our church history: the Good Friday. I would like to outline these important lessons in Jesus' suffering: His great love for us, our responsibility as Christians, and being obedient to the will of the Father.

First, most often than not, when we experienced the death of someone we most love we will experienced the pain in our hearts and minds and even if we lost things that are attached to our hearts already, the result is we lamented for it. That is normal. Sadness, pain, grief, are expressions of affections and love for someone or something we valued most when they were lost. Brothers and sisters if we have these feelings of sadness and pain when someone or something lost from our sight and life, how much more when we lost Jesus in our hearts? It is a great pain. The Lord who is our savior and guide, our creator and redeemer died on the cross. How can you imagine that! This is now the time to reflect and examine ourselves how do we contributed such pain suffered by our Lord Jesus only to save us? Are we those persons who crucified Him by not loving our neighbors, our parents, and others? It is hard for us to love someone we don't like and yet that's what Jesus did when He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. To say to our sit mates "I love you" right now is very difficult for sure, right? It is because we are not used to it. It is very awkward for children to show their love to their parents if their parents are not showing

the same love too. The challenge to our parents right now is to become models of love to their children such that this love will spread through the community. We will train ourselves to love. How can we say that we love Jesus and yet we do not love each other? In this modern world, we are challenged to use the term love in our day to day living. Youngsters nowadays used easily the term love especially through texts messages without getting the core meaning of it. Let us be aware of this issue.

Second, Good Friday celebration is a way of redirecting our responsibility not only for ourselves but also to the rest of our community as a whole. Why is it called Good Friday while in fact some of us understood it as a Bad Friday wherein we do fasting, we offer sacrifices and all else? What is in Good Friday that we do all these things? Brothers and sisters, Jesus suffered not because He wanted to become popular or to become a Holly Wood Actor. But it is all because He wanted to direct our life in a right path and right direction towards salvation. That is why it is our responsibility to love also others; it is our duty to spread this love with full submission of ourselves.

Third, the death of Jesus on the cross is the very manifestation of His being obedient to the will of the Father.

Even if He knows the pain already, He did not surrender. The challenge for us right now is to bury our selfishness, our pride, and our negative feelings. It is the time for us to experience death on our selves and to make something new in us. Death on ourselves means to put Jesus at the center of our lives and to make Him our guide everyday. No matter what will happen, we must remember that God is always waiting for us to call His name and to seek His help. Each of us right now bring problems that will hinder us in recognizing that someone who is Jesus is bigger than these problems. We must start living with Jesus right now with the intercession of the Blessed Mother Mary and all the saints.

After all, life is precious than any other matters in this world. Live your life to the fullest and be determined that the love of Jesus will always lead you to salvation. Let us participate this love and become an agent of love.

God Bless Us Always. Amen!

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"One day, my dear, you will meet a man who does not posses beauty or anything attractive to look at as if he was the rubbish of humanity. On that day, do not ran away. Do not be afraid. Approach. Kneel before him and say: 'Speak to me Lord'. The Well-Beloved will then tell you of wonderful and beautiful things... A marvelous secret. And grace will enter your life"

A former prisoner of the Nazis, a worker priest, a missionary of the slum... A Son of Charity

-FREDY KUNZ
1920-2000

The Life of Fr. Jean Emile Anizan the Founder of the Sons of Charity (Part 2)

The years between 1878 and 1886 have been difficult years – a time of darkness and struggle for Anizan due to his continuous desire to enter religious life and to give himself service to the poor. In 1885, he wrote: “When I meet a laborer, adult or child, if he only knew what I feel for him... I have love and sympathy for him.”



Carthusian Monastery

The Trial and the Light

Seeing the new situation and listening to such a desperate cry, the new Bishop of Orleans gave him the permission to leave the Diocese. Right then in June 1886, he wrote to the Superior of the Brothers of St. Vincent de Paul, saying: “How I rejoice in giving myself entirely to God and to the disinherited of this world.” In November of the same year Anizan began his novitiate in the Brothers of St. Vincent de Paul at the Vaugirard neighborhood of Paris.

On October 31, 1887, in the second year of novitiate, he was sent as chaplain at St. Anne Charity in Charonne, one of the poorest neighborhoods of Paris, a large workers’ sector of 350,000 people who are victims of unjust labor conditions. At the age of 34, Anizan discovered that it is worthwhile to live in a poor area, where

he would remain for 7 years were perhaps the happiest of his life. He often visited the homes of poor families to assist them in their needs, to hear confession and give communion to the sick and the old, and to console them in their sufferings. On December 8, 1888, Anizan pronounced his temporary vows in the Vaugirard chapel. In 1894, Anizan left Charonne after being chosen as First Assistant of the Brothers of St. Vincent de Paul. During this time, he suffered in not being of direct contact with the people. And in 1898, he was named Vice-President of the Union of Catholic Workers of France.

On September 29, 1907, he was elected General Superior of the congregation. Anizan has an immense apostolic life. His passion for the working world and for the disinherited will give him

strength and hope to move ahead with an evangelization project that will bring a violent rejection from some of his brothers in the congregation. On January 22, 1914, denunciations by some members of the congregation lead to Anizan’s deposition as General Superior by Vatican. During Pius X’s pontificate, the so-called “modernism” was condemned. Anizan was accused of “social modernism” because he had supported the creation of some labor unions that were judged non-Catholic. These were the painful times of his life, which lead to his most significant retreat in March 1914 in a Carthusian monastery with his spiritual director, Fr. Dom Pollien.

*From the Archives
of the Sons of Charity*

The Poor Have Evangelized Me

By: Fr. Joseph Bouchaud, FC

“SHEPHERD”

One day, I was in a shantytown of Rio de Janeiro. I was a witness to a terrible spectacle: in a miserable hut, made of rotten planks, rusted iron sheets and old cardboard cartoons, a woman was agonizing, lying directly on the beaten ground.



Right next to her body, dirty water and sewage of the shantytown crossed the only and tiny room of her hovel in an infected trench. Her three children of eight, five, and two years old, whom she raised alone, were crouched next to her, gripping the body of their mother. They were crying shouting, screaming their

despair of losing the only being that ever loved them.

While I was there, powerless before this abominable spectacle, an old man entered. He walked, his feet bare. His shirt was nothing but a big rag. His pants left his legs to be seen

through open tears. But his face was magnificent. I will never forget the look of that man. He carried a little rice in a wooden bowl for the children.

The three small children rushed towards him to eat. They were very hungry. Speaking with the old man, I learned that the rice was his evening meal...and that he didn’t have a cent to buy more food... neither for that night nor for the following day... “Well, I’m going to go to sleep,” he said to me with a handsome smile, full of peace.

I insisted, worrying myself for him who remained so with nothing. So, redressing himself, he looked at me fixedly and responded with a great nobility: “But what do you take me for? Do you not think all the same that I could have eaten this rice alone when these children are in this situation?”

Suddenly, before that man in rags, I felt thoroughly small, thoroughly greedy, thoroughly empty. That man who knew neither how to read nor write was like the shepherds of Bethlehem, one who does not argue with God when the point in question is loving...

And I, with all my studies, my diplomas and my “wisdoms”, I was there-before him-thoroughly small, thoroughly greedy, thoroughly empty.

This is one of the stories of Fr. Joseph in his little book titled “The Poor Have Evangelized me”. If you are interested to have a copy just send your request at sonsofcharity@yahoo.com

The Companions of Anizan

By: Mr. Boy Llenarizas

Ang Pag-oorganisa, Paghuhubog at Pagdamay ay sadyang kaakibat na ng personal na buhay ng bawat kasapi ng Companions of Anizan Philippines. Isang kaganapan ng buhay para sa kanila ang mga karanasan sa piling ng mga dukha, para sa kanila, ito ay tunay na Pag-ibig at Tinig ng Diyos.

Nagsimula ang kamalayang ito matapos na ang ilang bilang ng mga katoliko ang paminsan-minsan ay nagkikita-kita, nag-uusap, nagninilay at nagbabahaginan ng Salita ng Diyos, at ng lumaon ay naging madalas ito (weekly). At sa kanilang pagninilay at pagbabahaginan, madalas na natutuon ang kanilang pansin sa mga dukha, sa mga naghihikahos, sa mga taong nababaliwala na ng lipunan. Isang inspirasyon din ng grupong ito ang pagtunghay sa mga karanasan ni Fr. Jean Emile Anizan, sa kanyang pagdamay sa mga dukha. Kong kayat ang ginagawa nila, ay nililikom ang anomang naabot ng kanilang kakayanan upang ipamahagi at dumamay sa mga maralita. Naging regular ang kanilang pagdamay lalo na sa mga pamilya na sobra ang kahirapan. Nagdadala sila ng pagkain at nakikisalo sila sa mga ito, nakikipagkwentuhan, at nakikinig sa kanilang hinaing. Sinisikap ng mga ito na maunawaan at maihatid ang Pag-ibig ng Diyos sa kanilang dinadamayan, hangarin din na magkaroon ng Pag-asa at Pananampalataya sa Diyos.

Nakaranas ng kalungkutan ang magkakapatid na ito nang ang ilang grupo ang nagtangkang hadlangan ang mga gawain nito. Isang may kapangyarihan ang nag-utos na buwagin ang grupong ito, subalit lalong higit na nakita ang kagandahang loob ng Diyos, lalong naging masigasig ang magkakapatid at lalong dumami ang nadamayan.

Sa ngayon, muli ng masigla ang grupong ito at patuloy nilang naisasakatuparan ang kanilang gawain para sa mga maralita. Mayron silang regular na buwanang pagtitipon at sila ay pormal ng tinatawag na Companions of Anizan-Philippines (COA).

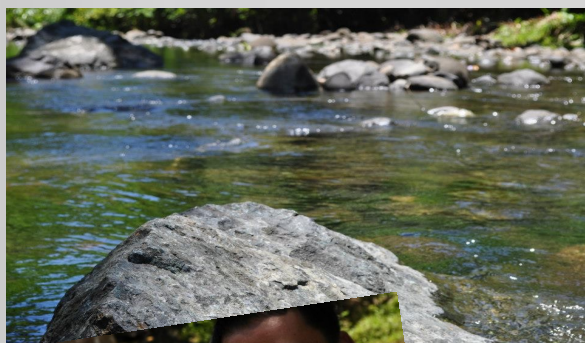
Kamakailan, sa pag-uusap at pagbabahaginan ng Sons of Charity at Companions of Anizan, ay nagkaisa na gumawa ng isang komprihinsibo at sistimatikong pagdamay. Dahil dito bumuo sila at nagparehistro ng isang institusyon, na kung tawagin ay ang Anizan Social Action of the Philippines Incorporated (ASAP).



Photos of Happenings



This photos were taken during the visit of Fr. Jhonas and Fr. Gaby in Monkayo, Compostela Valley Province last January and February, as they participated to the relief operations and medical mission sponsored by the local church and by the different NGOs. Monkayo is a hometown of the three seminarians of the Sons of Charity (Michael Jayson, Christopher, and Leonardo), The town was totally devastated by the typhoon (Pablo) last December 4, 2012



Despite of the very busy schedules of the different communities of the Sons of Charity-Philippines, they still found time to have their prayers, rest and recreation together in Tignoan, Real, Quezon Province on April 3-5, 2013

Vocational Encounter 2013

By Sem. Leonardo Sinoy Jr.

Last April 7 to 14, the vocational encounter was held in Quezon City. The Sons of Charity vocation team prepared a program for the applicants in order to have a fruitful and meaningful encounter. The program started with a recollection and after some visitations of different formation houses and mission areas of the Sons of Charity. There were a lot of sharing and dialogue. It is a way of the Sons of Charity to help the applicants deepen more their call. It is also a time of listening, discoveries and reflection by witnessing the reality of life in the urban poor.

The congregation welcomes the applicants with great love and joy. They are coming from different towns and provinces. Melindo and Johnny of Dumaguete City, Cyrel of Apo Island, Negros Oriental, Osben of Tagum City in Mindanao and Rey of Quezon City. Their experiences were meaningful because they discovered the love of God revealed. It helped them realized that God is present among the poorest of the poor and the community Sons of Charity.



PRAYER FOR THE CAUSE OF FR. JEAN EMILE ANIZAN

O God, You who filled the heart of your servant, Jean Emile Anizan, with generous charity, with an ardent zeal for the evangelization of the poor, with great perseverance in the midst of adversities.

Grant us, we pray, to inflame in us the same zeal and perseverance.

If it is Your will that Your servant, Jean Emile Anizan, be numbered among the saints, grant us through his intercession the grace we ask (your intentions ...).

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

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ANNIVERSARIES AND FEASTS

MAY

- 1-Death Anniversary of Fr. Jean Emile Anizan
- 2-Final profession of Bro. Arnel Bodota, FC
- 5-Birth Day Anniversary of Fr. Gabriel Goullin, FC
- 20-Religious Profession of Fr. Jhonas Enopia, FC
- 21-Religious Profession of Bro. Richard Belga, FC
- 26-Final Profession of Bro. Richard Belga, FC
- 26-Birth Day Anniversary of Fr. Jhonas Enopia, FC

JUNE

- 7-Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
(Sons of Charity Feast Day)
- 8-Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 12-Birth Day Anniversary of Fr. Jean Jacques Bruneau, FC
- 28-Sacerdotal Anniversary of Fr. Gabriel Goullin, FC

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