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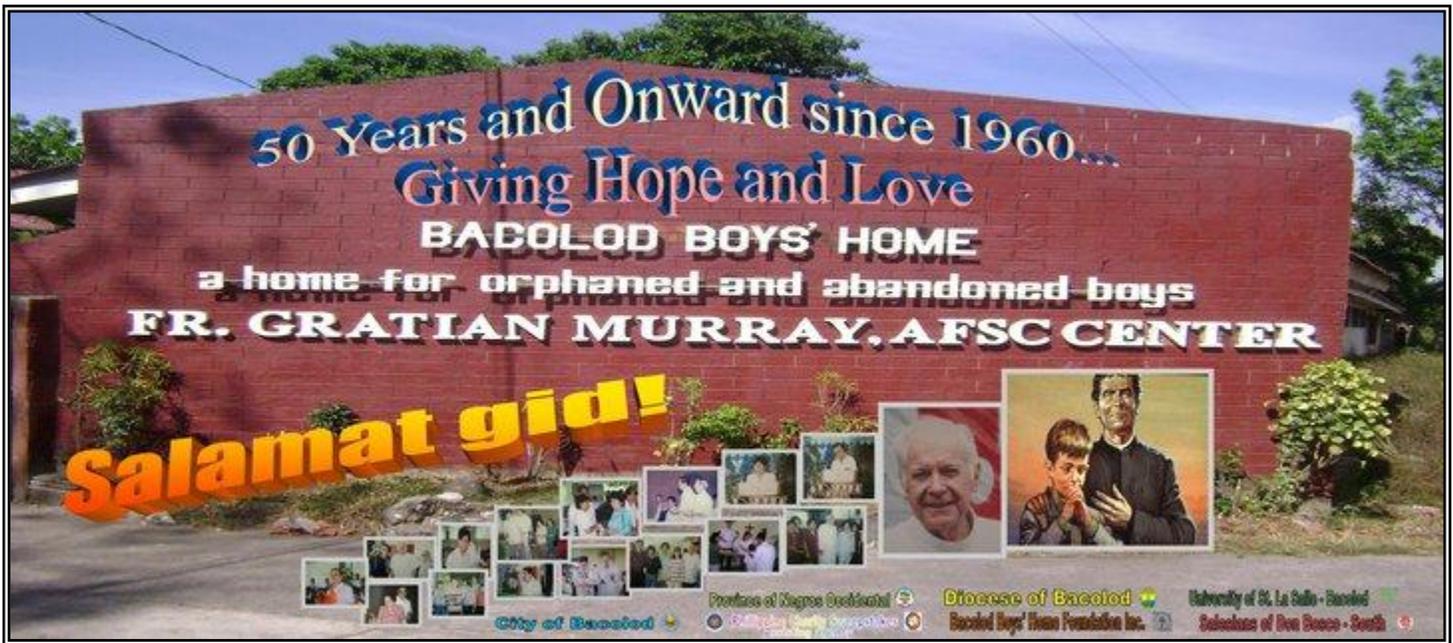


Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

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## “50 Years and Onward since 1960, giving Hope and Love” 50th Golden Anniversary of Bacolod Boys’ Home



Fifty years had passed.

Bacolod Boys’s Home – the social welfare institution founded by the late Fr. Gratian Murray AFSC. in partnership with the Local City of Bacolod continues to provide shelters for the abandoned and neglected boys. The complex is found at Barangay Granada, 12 kms from the City of Bacolod. The children and youth in need of especial attention over 85 of them are housed in the 7 acres of land. Simple facilities that respond to their bio-physical, affective, intellectual and spiritual needs; completing their basic and high school education at the nearby public school of Fr. Gratian Integrated High School. Through the years the institution has sheltered over 2000 kids; helped 11 priests that are incardinated in the different dioceses and members of religious congregations. At the present Boys’ Home continues to help 6 seminarians who are in their philosophical and theological studies. Others are pursuing college degrees at different colleges; and studying vocational training program at Don Bosco - Victorias and government vocational institutions. Many of the graduates are now placed in the mainstream of our society.

Such many success stories ushers us to celebrate with joy the 50 Golden Anniversary of Bacolod Boys’ Home. The golden anniversary is dubbed as “50 years onward since 1960, giving hope and love” celebrated a month ago.

The highlight of the festivity is the concelebrated mass at 10 am in the morning followed by the "Lunch for a cause" whose benefits would be for the college and vocational training studies of the deserving graduates of Boys' Home. Finally, the expressions of appreciation and gratitude for the 7 posthumous major benefactors, 36 major benefactors, and 64 minor benefactors of Bacolod Boy's Home will follow.

The expressions of appreciation for the benefactors will also be featured before the concert of "Michel Jackson Experience" featured by the American singer and dancer Kenny Wizz at the La Salle Coliseum. This is a joint project of the Don Bosco Alumni Batch 86 and the Bacolod Boys' Home Foundation, Inc.

The golden celebration of the complex ushers in a new feature in the running of the complex in the next following years. The ratification by the City Council last August 2009 of the Memorandum of Agreement MOA between the the Local Government of Bacolod and the assisting agencies: University of La Salle Bacolod, Bacolod Boys' Home Foundation Inc., and the supervising agency: Salesians of Don Bosco – South, has given direction in the administration and program implementations for the welfare of the children.



Let's continue to support such profound work that addresses the plight of the marginalized kids. With one mind with the Church: "Within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life" (Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est, 20).

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# SALESIAN MISSIONARIES TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA



**Fr. Darwin Tolentino SDB will help and work as an assistant parish priest in Lariau Province.**



**Fr. Casper Charles is the new catechist of Savio Haus Community in Boroko, Port Moresby.**

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