## BOLETIN ECLESIASTICO de FILIPINAS

Vol. LXXXI, No. 851

November-December 2005



## Preaching in a Postmodern World



## **BOLETIN ECLESIASTICO DE FILIPINAS**

The Official Interdiocesan Bulletin

EDITOR FR. ROLANDO V. DE LA ROSA, O.P

ASSOCIATE FR. PABLO T. TIONG, O.P

EDITORIAL ELISA S. OPANO
ASSISTANT

BUSINESS FR. MELCHOR SARIA, O.P

MANAGER

PUBLICATION ANGELITA R. GUINTO

BOLETIN ECLESIASTICO DE FILIPINAS, the Official Interdiocesan Organ, is published bi-monthly by the University of Santo Tomas and is printed at UST Publishing House, Manila, Philippines. Entered as Second Class Mail Matter at the Manila Post Office on June 21, 1946 and Re-entered at the UST Post Office on October 23, 1996.

ARNOLD S. MANALASTAS

Unsolicited manuscripts will not be returned. They will, however, be given courteous and scholarly attention. Writers are reminded that the scope of this review is ecclesiastical and broadly archival. While we wish to inform the whole Church, our readership is largely clerical and this should be borned in mind by prospective contributors. Articles herein published do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editorial Staff. Communications of an editorial nature concerning articles, cases and review should be addressed to the Editor.

Advertising and subscription inquiries should be addressed to the Business Manager.

Subscription Rates (Effective January 2003)

Philippines P600.00 P100.00 Foreign: (via Air Mail) US\$50.00 \$15.00

Subscriptions are paid in advance. In the Philippines, payments should be made by postal order, telegraphic transfer or check with regional bank clearing only. All check and postal money order payments should be payable to UST Boletin Eclesiastico. Orders for renewal or change of address should include both old and new addresses, and go into effect fifteen days after notification.

Address all communications to:

ASSISTANTS

BOLETIN ECLESIASTICO DE FILIPINAS

Ecclesiastical Publications Office

University of Santo Tomas

España Blvd., Manila 1015 Philippines

Tel. No.: (63-2) 406-1611 local 8251 • Telefax: (63-2) 740-9710

E-mail: eccpubli@mnl.ust.edu.ph

## Table of Contents

	751	EDITORIAL
FEATURES		
Armando F. De Jesus	757	PERCEPTIONS OF PARISHIONERS ON DOMINICAN PREACHING
Robert E. McNally	771	THE NEED FOR BIBLICAL PREACHING
Charles E. Miller, CM	783	DOCTRINAL SERMONS
Jeffrey Bullock, Ph.D.	789	"PREACHING IN A POSTMODERN WORLD: GADAMER'S PHILOSOPHICAL HERMENEUTICS AS HOMILETICAL CONVERSATION"
MODEL HOMILIES FOR		
ADVENT AND CHRISTMA		
	805	KEEP AWAKE!
		(1st Sunday of Advent)
	808	LETTING GOD FIND US
		(2nd Sunday of Advent)
(*)	811	SINLESS WOMAN
		(Immaculate Conception)
	813	NO ONE GREATER BORN OF WOMAN (3rd Sunday of Advent)
	. 816	MOTHERS OF CHRIST (4th Sunday of Advent)
	818	FROM JOY TO THE WORLD TO JOY IN MY HEART (Christmas Vigil Mass)
	821	"TRYING TO ENJOY THE SEASON"

(Christmas Day Homily)

		IN YOUR FAMILY? (Feast of the Holy Family)
	830	NEW RESOLUTION WITH MARY (Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary)
ARTICLES		
Albert Nolan, OP	833	TAKING SIDES
Joseph K. Horn	843	THE SURRENDER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Donald B. Strobe	849	BEING CHRISTIAN IN TIMES OF CRISIS
†Leonardo Z. Legaspi, OP, DD	859	REFLECTIONS ON THE ROLE OF BISHOPS IN PHILIPPINE POLITICS
DOCUMENTATION		
Simeon Peralta	867	PASTORAL LETTER OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS AND MOST REVEREND DOCTOR ALFREDO VERSOZA TO THE CLERGY OF NUEVA SEGOVIA
CONSULTATIVE WORDS		
Javier González, OP	899	CREMATION: A VALID OPTION FOR CATHOLICS?
Tony Roxas	911	A PROPOSED CAMPAIGN FOR THE BILLINGS METHOD ACCORDING TO CATHOLIC TEACHINGS
INDEX OF VOLUME LXXXI Nos. 846-847-848-849-850-851 (January–December)	921	

828 HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU INVEST