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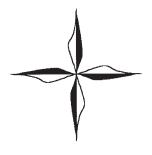
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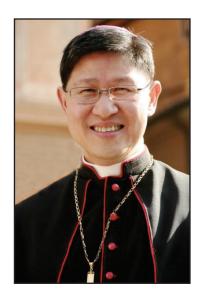
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NEW ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA

His Excellency Most Reverend LUIS ANTONIO GOKIM TAGLE

PERSONAL

Birthday: 21 June 1957

Birthplace: Manila

Baptism: 21 July 1957, Imus Cathedral Sacerdotal Ordination: 27 February 1982 Episcopal Ordination: 12 December 2001 EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Grade School

1969: St. Andrew's School, Parañaque City

High School

1973: St. Andrew's School, Parañaque City

A. B. Philosophy

1977: Ateneo de Manila University and San Jose Seminary

M. A. Theology Candidate

1982: Loyola School of Theology and San Jose Seminary

Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S. T. L.)

1987: The Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

Doctorate in Sacred Theology (S. T. D.)

1991: The Catholic University of America, Washington D. C.

MINISTERIAL BACKGROUND

Diaconal Ordination: 18 July 1981, San Jose Seminary Presbyteral Ordination: 27 February 1982, Imus Cathedral Episcopal Ordination: 12 December 2001, Imus Cathedral

Presbyteral Assignment in the Diocese of Imus:

Associate Pastor, St. Augustine Parish, Mendez, Cavite 1982-1984:

1982-1983: Spiritual Director, Tahanan ng Mabuting Pastol, Tagaytay City

1983-1984: Acting Rector, Tahanan ng Mabuting Pastol, Tagaytay City

Rector, Tahanan ng Mabuting Pastol, Tagaytay City 1984-1985: 1992: Rector, Tahanan ng Mabuting Pastol, Tagaytay City

1993-2000: Member, Board of Consultors and Presbyteral Council

1993-2000: Episcopal Vicar for Religious

1993-1995: Member, Diocesan Commission on the Clergy

1998: Parish Priest, Our Lady of the Pillar Cathedral, Imus, Cavite

OTHER MINISTRIES

1982-85: Instructor of Theology:

> San Carlos Seminary (Manila) Loyola School of Theology (Manila)

Divine Word Seminary (Tagaytay)

1992: Instructor of Theology: Loyola School of Theology (Manila)

Divine Word Seminary (Tagaytay)

1992-1995: Instructor of Theology: Maryhill School of Theology (Manila)

Consultant, Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) 1995: Commission on the Doctrine of Faith, Commission on Seminaries

1994: Facilitator, CBCP National Ongoing Formation of Priests

Member, Editorial Board, Storia del Concilio Vaticano II, Istituto per le 1995:

scienze religiose, Bologna, Italy

1995, 2000: Presentor and Member of the Drafting Committee, VI and VII Plenary Assemblies of the Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences (FABC)

1998: Expert, Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for Asia, Vatican City

1997-2002: Member, International Theological Commission, Vatican City

Rector, Our Lady of the Pillar Seminary, Imus Cavite Member, Office of Theological Concerns, FABC 2003:

Chairperson, Episcopal Comm. on Doctrine of the Faith, CBCP

Delegate of the Philippines, VIII Plenary Assembly of the FABC, Daejeon,

South Korea

2005: Elected Delegate of the Philippines, XI General Assembly of the Synod of

Bishops, Vatican City

Board of Directors, Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation and Chair of the Programs Committee

2005-2008: Elected Member of the Council of the Synod of Bishops, Vatican

2007: Elected Bishop Chair of the Office of Theological Concerns, FABC

Elected Delegate of the Philippines to the XII General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, Vatican City, October 2008

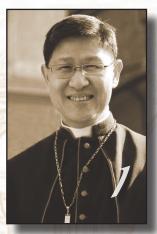
2008: Elected Member of the Council of the Synod of Bishops, Vatican City

Head of Drafting Committee: IX Plenary Assembly of FABC, Manila, August 2009:

2010: Appointed Apostolic Visitator of Seminaries in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.



The New Archbishop of Manila



Our maiden issue for 2012 greets His Excellency Most Reverend Luis Antonio Tagle, the new archbishop of Manila. We bid His Eminence Gaudencio B. Cardinal Rosales our sincerest gratitude for having been our shepherd and father in the archdiocese, and we pray that he will forever be at our side wherever he goes.

Monstra Te Esse Filium

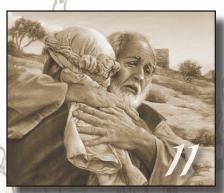
BEF is fortunate to feature in this issue *Monstra te esse filium*, a pastoral letter by His Grace Leonardo Z. Legaspi, OP, DD, Archbishop of Caceres. The letter signals the 300th year of devotion to *Ina* of *Peñafrancia* together with the image of the *Divino Rostro* in the spirit of repentance and gratitude for the divine



blessings received. The letter includes recommendations for the faithful to

follow in their pilgrim journey of faith during this blessed season. *Viva la Virgen, Viva el Divino Rostro*!

Your attitude must be like Christ



This is a homily delivered by His Excellency Mylo Hubert C. Vergara, D.D. on the occasion of the admission to candidacy to the Holy Orders and installation to the ministries of Lector and Acolyte at the Lorenzo Mission Institute, San Carlos Pastoral Formation Complex on September 25, 2011. The Bishop of Pasig inspires the candidates with his lengthy admonition of being

expected more as they prepare for the priesthood in terms of "generosity of mind, heart and spirit...for the good of the Church, for the love of the Church."

Documentation

The first document is entitled Families Open to Life, a Resource for the Future is a translation of the Pope's homily addressed to families in particular on the occasion of the National Day of Croatian Catholic Families. This homily of the Holy Father exhorts the priests and pastors to be dedicated to the work of the "faith



formation of future generations." The family is described as an "intimate community of life and love at the service of the Church and of society."



The Church embraces all the peoples is our second document. It is a homily delivered by the Holy Father on the Solemnity of Pentecost, Sunday, 12 June, 2011. "The Pentecost is the feast of creation" and so for us Christians, "the world is the fruit of an act of love by God who has made all things..." "Lord show yourself!" "Make us the gift of

your presence and we shall have the most beautiful gift: your joy."

In this catechesis entitled *On the* cross face to face with God of Benedict XVI, the Cross is presented as Jesus' prayer. "In the journey of faith, to avoid the divine mystery by constructing a comprehensible God who corresponds with one' own plans, one's own projects is a constant temptation." "Christ stands before God and is praying for me." "He



prays for me, he suffered and suffers for me, he identified himself with me, taking our body and the human soul."



Fabio Colagrande writes on Global Communication online in an interview session with Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli, President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. The first Blog Meet was a gathering of bloggers – Catholics and non-Catholics – held on 2 May at the Vatican. The Meet

discussed among other things new communication technologies along with its positive points on openness and interactivity. This is in keeping with the call of discipleship to bear witness to his/her environment in favor

of the mission of evangelization. There is a need for the Church to enter into various forms of respectful dialogue with the contemporary times.

History



We feature FACEBOOK FLASHBACK: The Archives and the Story of the University composed and delivered by Regalado Trota Jose during the Discurso de Apertura at the opening of classes at the University of Santo Tomas on June 6, 2011. The Archives of the University is the repository of its soul and spirit. This piece which highlights certain nostalgic topics such as the grades of Jose Rizal, the Gym, the Chapel and the Central Seminary, etc., is a sort of a modest précis anticipating the awaited magnum opus of Fr. Fidel Villarroel, O.P., the

former archivist, on the history of the University, made up of 8 books, divided into four volumes, of and two appendices. Enjoy reading this short piece which assuredly only the pen of Regalado Trota Jose can conjure.

The Canon Law Section

The Canon Law Section features the New competences transferred to the Roman Rota concerning matters of marriage and ordination. Certain changes were meant "to adapt structures of governance to the pastoral needs what arise in the life of the Church in every period of history..." As a consequence, this has led to the modification of structures and competences



of the Dicasteries of the Roman Curia. A new office organized at the Tribunal of the Roman Rota will henceforth exercise "the competence for processes of dispensation from ratified and non-consummated marriage and cases concerning the nullity of sacred ordination." Hence the amendments declared in this document.