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**WELCOME:** to our latest newsletter! If you have any feedback or you would like to ask questions about our activities or mission please email us on: [verbumdeiqc@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeiqc@gmail.com)



**ADIOS AMIGOS!**

With some sadness but also sharing their excitement, we waved goodbye, or "adios", to our 3 Philosophy students, Dan, Steve and Jojo. They will continue their studies in our Verbum Dei Institute of Theology in Loeches, Spain. We wish them well and pray for them in this next step in their missionary lives especially for the wisdom to learn Spanish well! Viva Espana!

**PERPETUAL VOWS OF SR ADRIANA**

One of our Verbum Dei missionaries, Sr Adriana Haro, from Mexico, recently took her Perpetual vows. She chose as her theme "My life is Christ" (Phil 1:21). Each perpetual profession reminds us that our lives are not only of for this short time on earth but ultimately we will be called to live in God, forever. We pray for Adriana in her consecrated life and that her apostolate, especially with the youth, can continue to bear much fruit.



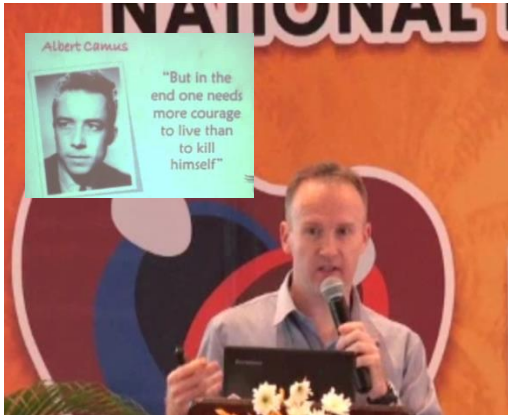
**APOSTOLATE WITH HOMELESS MEN**

Imagine having to live on the streets or under a bridge. This is a reality faced by many of our brothers and sisters who are homeless. Every fortnight we have a school of the Word for homeless men. They are fed, given clothing by generous benefactors and the Word of God is shared to them. One man told us "the worst thing about being homeless is the lack of security and discouragement. I start to find my shelter in the Word." And after the prayer they get a hearty meal to nourish their bodies also! Next time you see that homeless person ask the Lord what you can do to help.



## CONFERENCE ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

Many of us have been shocked at the recent spate of suicides. High profile ones but also closer to home including a young person from our apostolate. To form ourselves better to address this reality some missionaries attended a "National Dialogue on Suicide", organized by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines. Fr James was one of the speakers and gave a talk on the pastoral and moral aspects of suicide. The conference gave us more awareness of this tragic reality and helped equip the participants with tools to help in prevention.



## WORKING WITH THE DEAF

We continue our work with the deaf teaming up with LINK foundation for the deaf and Salesian sisters. Here is a formation session on the faith. Some of the deaf participated also in our overnight Youth activity called "Guts be with u."



## "GUTS BE WITH YOU"

This was the theme chosen by the youth for their summer camp. Two days of high energy action, fun, prayer, bonding and deepening their friendship with Jesus. Thanks to the youth for their testimony of enthusiasm for following Jesus and living their life to the full.



## DISCIPLES' COMMITMENT

Lay members of the Verbum Dei community recently undertook their commitment to live out the Verbum Dei spirituality in their following of Jesus. Fourteen committed for the first time, thirty renewed, and eighteen, with more years of following, took a stable commitment. Congratulations to each and every one of you!



## **BLESSING OF FORMATION HOUSE**

Bishop Honesto Ongtioco, DD, Bishop of Cubao, recently blessed the house of the Formation course of our female missionaries. It was an enjoyable celebration attended by various guests. The four sisters in formation are Sarah, Melaine, Monika and Lisa. Their formators are Sr Jenny and Sr Rachel. We pray for their joyful perseverance!



## **THEOLOGY CLASSES FOR THE LAY**

We are lucky to have the gift of Theology to help us deepen our understanding of God and ourselves. The community here is now offering seminars for lay people. The subjects given are Rhetoric and the theology of preaching, Leadership and management, Spiritual direction and Social Doctrine of the Church. Let us enjoy investing our minds!



## **WORD OF GOD THAT WE CAN TAKE WITH US:**

**Isaiah 40:31**

They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.