

## Did you know? The Filipino Ministry at The Holy Name of Jesus Parish is 14 years old!

Mabuhay! Take a trip with us down memory lane of how The Filipino Ministry started at the Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

**In April 1991**, outreach to the Filipino community in the Diocese of San Bernardino began with help of Most Reverend Bishop Phillip Straling ( Bishop of Diocese of San Bernardino, 1978-1995 ), several Filipino priests and lay leaders in the Diocese.

**In January 1992**, the outreach to the Filipino community continued to flourish. Filipinos came together and members of the devotional groups became the grassroots in the formation of a formal Diocesan Filipino Ministry.

**In October 1994**, DSB Bishop Gerald Barnes signed the Constitution and By Laws of the Filipino Ministry - DSB with its Mission statement, Purpose, Goals and Objectives.

**In July 2006**, Bishop Barnes established a new parish, The HolyName of Jesus (THNJ) Catholic Community from the merger of the parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's, both in the City of Redlands. Fr. Jose Goopio, SVD, was assigned by Bishop Barnes to be the Parochial Vicar of the Parish.

The Filipino Ministry of the Diocese wanted to have a stronger base by having a Filipino Ministry in each parish. Fr. Jose, with the help of Fr Tony Abuan, MS (RIP), Naida Castro, and Merci Littaua organized the Filipino Ministry at the Parish. **The Filipino Ministry was born that same year.** Fr Jose has conveyed that he wanted to be of service to the Filipinos, to the Diocese of San Bernardino Filipino Ministry as well as to the Filipino-descent parishioners by preserving the Filipino culture and devotionals, hence the founding of the parish-based Filipino Ministry at THNJ.



From then on to the present time, the Filipino Ministry- THNJ has celebrated annually the following: Flores de Mayo (a Novena celebration in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the month of May), Simbang Gabi or Evening Mass (a devotional nine day series of masses in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ) which our ministry host one evening each year during Advent Season, and the Feast of Santo Nino (the Holy Child Jesus) held in January of each year. This ministry has also undertaken fundraising events, participated in our parish fiesta as well as other significant events in the community. We now celebrate Filipino/Tagalog Mass every 4th Sunday of each month at the Columbia site.

Through all these years, several members of the Filipino ministry- THNJ have taken leadership roles as Coordinators and was made possible with the support and participation of all the members of our Filipino ministry.

The Coordinators were as follows :

2006-2008 - Edith Pagdilao

2008-2010- Leah Beck

2010-2012 - Evelyn Alms

2012-2017 - Susan Protacio

2017-2018 - Margie Alejandro

2018-2020- Susan Protacio & Margie Alejandro

2020- present - Antonio Mendoza

Each member of the Ministry strives to remain good stewards of the Gifts that God has given us. It is our mission to foster our Filipino faith community and keep the Filipino culture alive for the next generation of Filipino families to come in our community.

YOU are invited and are welcome to join the Ministry. Please complete the registration form to find out how to be involved. Salamat Po!

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